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**We all finish for the summer break today and the pupils return on Wednesday 3rd September .  
Wishing all our families a lovely summer .**

***Dear Families,***

**Thank you Year 6, you are such a great year group and have been a pleasure to teach—we wish you all the very best as you go forward with the next stage of your education. We are very proud of you—all your achievements (of which have been many over the years) a brilliant production this week—so confident and talented and your outstanding academic achievements.**

**Mr Moore also leaves his position as site maintenance today—I am delighted to say that we will not be saying goodbye to Mr Moore though as he will be staying with us every midday to support and supervise the children over lunchtimes.**

**We have achieved the gold award for sports 24 25—lots more information about this on page 3. This is a great achievement and we are very proud to be recognised for our participation and successes in sports.**

**As we live so close to an easily accessible railway line we have been discussing with our classes rail safety—we have earned a bronze award for making this a priority before we finish for the summer break.**

**Before and after school clubs :** booking forms available on school website

[http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve\\_file/48433](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/serve_file/48433)

**School uniform official supplier - other options are available, please see the school website for more information.**

[www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)

**On-line payment website address** [www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop](http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schoolshop)

**SENCo** [mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)

**Income Related Free School Meals:** [freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk) or visit website for further information

[https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free\\_school\\_meals.aspx](https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx)

***Term dates for 25-26 and 26-27 are on our website***

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**The PTA have Facebook for information** Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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## End of the Year House Points

Wow - what a year for house points!

The children have worked so hard and achieved a whopping **35, 289** house points this academic year! Truly amazing – well done each and every one of you. You have all contributed to this total.

The overall results for the year were as follows:

**Garner:** 10, 079

**Mallory:** 8,737

**Harding:** 8,276

**Lovell:** 8,197

A particular Well Done to Oliver Hughes (Year 4) who achieved the highest number of house points throughout the year.

Well done everyone for all your hard work.  
Mrs Beardsworth



**Arthur Howells** (Y2) started karate at Easter and has worked hard to pass his first grading to become a white belt.

**Rory** won a rosette at Rose Day for his jam jar of flowers! He loved cutting down all the flowers in the garden and was very proud of his award!



**We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.**

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

Our sporting achievements this year include: gold medal winners in athletics rugby and football with excellent sportsmanship and attitude for all events we entered. We also hire our own swimming pool with 2 coaches every summer for 2 weeks.

With many of our pupils competing in local inter-school competitions this year, we are extremely proud of them and their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to: our sports coach Mrs Murdock, Sports Coaching Group and Thrive Sporting Company

We look forward to applying once again in 2026





# CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

Congratulations on achieving your Bronze  
Rail Safe Friendly award.

Thank you for educating your young  
people about Rail Safety and keeping  
them safe.

*Stuart Heaton*

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Managing  
Director



## Summer Photo Competition – linked to our next exhibition

It's time for another photo competition! For a chance to win lots of house points, get out and about over the holidays and see what amazing photographs you can take.

This time the theme is: **A Good Book / My Favourite Book**

Please make sure that anyone in your photo has given their permission to be included in the competition.

Photos will be displayed at the exhibition in October.

Please email your photographs to [mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:mrs.beardsworth@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) by Monday September 15th

We're excited to see what wonderful photographs you can take linked to a good / favourite book.

**Summer holiday home activity**  
**For our annual October exhibition**

# **Your Favourite Book!**

## **Design your own book spine**

**Your holiday homework**

Designing a book spine for your favourite book gives you the chance to highlight what makes it special to you—whether it's the characters, the theme, or a striking moment in the story.

Here are some ideas to get your imagination flowing:

- **Use bold colours and words** that reflect the tone of the book—mysterious, adventurous, funny, or magical.
- **Add illustrations** of key characters, symbols, or scenes. If it's *Harry Potter*, you might draw a wand or the Hogwarts castle; for *The Gruffalo*, perhaps footprints winding through the woods.
- **Incorporate quotes or a mini title design**—a few standout words that capture the book's energy.
- **Try texture or collage** using bits of fabric, foil, or old pages to give your spine some extra pop

**You can use the template provided or create your own. The book spine can be any size from 30cm, but no bigger than 50 cm in length.**

**Please will you bring your pieces to school on the week beginning 22nd September, so we can display them in the school hall.**

# TAKING CHILDREN ON HOLIDAY DURING TERM TIME

## A guide for parents and carers

### Frequently asked questions

#### Am I entitled to take my child out of school for a family holiday?

**No.** Parents have a legal duty to ensure that their children attend school or the alternative provision on a regular basis

**New regulations came into force on 19<sup>th</sup> August 2024:**

[The School Attendance \(Pupil Registration\) \(England\) Regulations 2024](#)

The Education Act 1996 makes it a criminal offence for a parent to “*fail to secure their child’s regular attendance at the school*”

The School Attendance (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2024 make clear that **Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence (holiday) during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances**

The Head Teacher and Governing Board will determine what the exceptional circumstances are

#### If we decide to take a holiday during term time what should we do?

The parent/carer with whom the child resides must apply in writing to the school

The letter/application must explain the exceptional circumstance surrounding the request for the leave of absence

#### What will the school do then?

The Head Teacher will determine whether the exceptional circumstance ruling applies, if not the application will be declined

Only the Headteacher (or the Deputy) has the power to approve leave of absence applications. When making the decision the protocols and criteria laid down in the school’s attendance policy must be followed.

Each academic year, schools inform parents/carers via a letter, newsletter or some other communication; that they may receive a Fixed Penalty Notice if their child has unauthorised absences in term time

You will receive a written response from the Headteacher (or the Deputy) letting you know if your application has been approved

If the holiday goes ahead after the application has been declined the absence will be recorded as unauthorised

## With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes came into force on 19th August 2024.

### **Penalty Notices will be issued for Term time leave:**

Penalty Notice fines will be issued for term time leave of 5 or more consecutive days.

**10 Sessions of Unauthorised absence in a rolling 10 week period:** A Penalty Notices may be considered when there have been 10 sessions of unauthorised absences in a 10 week period. However, we retain the discretion to issue a Penalty Notice before the threshold is met. For example, where parents are deliberately avoiding the national threshold by taking several term time holidays below the above thresholds.

#### **Per Parent/Per Child**

Penalty Notice fines will continue to be issued per parent per child. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

#### **First Offence**

The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for term time leave or irregular school attendance the fine will be charged at:

£160 per parent, per child if paid within 28 days of the issue, reducing to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

(Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### **Second Offence**

Where it is deemed appropriate to issue a second penalty notice to the same parent for the same pupil within 3 years of the first penalty notice, for either term time leave or irregular attendance the second penalty notice will be charged at:

£160 if paid within 28 days. (Unpaid penalty notices may result in a parental prosecution)

#### **Third Offence**

On the third time that an offence is committed within 3 years of the first penalty notice for either a term time leave or irregular attendance a penalty notice will not be issued. The case may proceed to Parental Prosecution under the Single Justice Procedure. If found guilty of the offence of 'Failure to send a child to school' the Magistrates can impose a fine up to £1000 or legal proceedings under Section 444 (1a) can include a fine of up to £2500

## Do you have a concern about a child?

Anyone can make a call if they have concerns about a child. This call can be made confidentially.

### Cheshire East Consultation Service

The Cheshire East Consultation Service (ChECS) is the 'front door' for access to services, support and advice for children and their families.

### General public

Phone ChECS on **0300 123 5012 (option 3)** Callers will be directed to a Unit Coordinator who will ask if the concerns are early help or safeguarding. You will then be directed to either Practitioner Support Officer for Early Help requests for support or a Social Worker ( ChECS ) for safeguarding concerns. The worker will gather your information and advise you of the next steps.

If you need to contact someone out of hours and you believe it to be an emergency that can't wait, please call our Emergency Duty Team on **0300 123 5022**.

**If you have something that you would like putting in our newsletter please email it either to [head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or [admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk)**

**It needs to be with us by 12.00 on Thursday and attached to your email on a WORD document so once approved we can easily cut and paste. Thank you**

**We always welcome pieces about Goostrey pupils and their achievements outside of school. I love to hear what our pupils are celebrating and achieving outside school so we can celebrate in the newsletter and assembly.**

**The responsibility to get permission for other people's children to be on photographs lies with the sender not with the school.**

**We will usually allow local events to be advertised in the newsletter, especially if we think they will be of interest to our pupils and their families.**

**However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.**

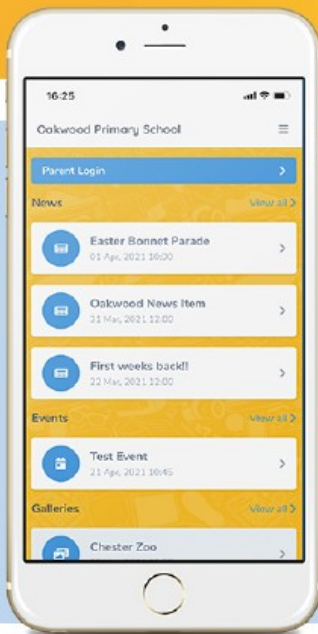


# GUIDE TO OUR APP FOR PARENTS & CARERS



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and make payments.

Select your school to get started!



## LOGGING IN

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

**You must have your email linked with the school**

## TAKE A LOOK AROUND

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:  
- Switch between areas  
- Edit your profile  
- Logout

### DOWNLOAD NOW





Keep up to date with PTA news and events on our social media pages:



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Please click on the link below for full details of our after school provision and electronic copies of our registration and booking forms.

We are open Monday to Friday - 3pm to 6pm.

If you would like to see what the children have been up to this week, please follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

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## Useful contacts and numbers.....

If there's any other information that you feel should be added to this page, as a weekly standing item, please let me know.

[www.goostreypreschool.org.uk](http://www.goostreypreschool.org.uk)

**Telephone: 07471 756720** - available during pre-school hours only.

The local clinical network has devised a website where they have put all of the organisations nationally and locally that support children and families that are neurodiverse  
[Neurodiversity support pathway - NHS Cheshire and Merseyside](#)

The Chair of Governors and the Head teacher meet at least once a week. If you have anything you would like them to discuss / consider please let us know. We will always respond to you.

The web address for ordering school uniform is:  
[www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey](http://www.myschoolstyle.com/school/goostrey)



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### Before School Club

If you would like to enrol your child for Goostrey Before School Club, please either download a booking form from our website [www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or collect from the reception desk. The cost is £4.00 per session and the club operates on each school day, from 8.00 AM to 8.50 AM. Please note no food is served at this club.

Class pages, on the school website have lots of up to date information for your child's class. Please keep looking at these as they are updated every week for you.  
Thank you

### Compliments and Comments and Suggestions.

If you wish to give school general feedback about any aspect of school life, please email either Miss Atkins on [head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk) or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>