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Dear Families,

Welcome back everyone, we hope you've all had a great summer. Our pupils are truly outstanding, they have come back so well and ready for another great year. Reception what an excellent start you have made too.

We have two open mornings, this term, for any families who are thinking about applying for a place. There is no booking system—all welcome.

Wednesday September 24th at 9.15, tour starts at 9.30.

Wednesday October 1st at 9.15, tour starts at 9.30.

We are also very happy to do individual tours, families are very welcome to contact us and arrange a visit, for any year group, whether they have been to the open morning or not.

We now have a Facebook page for Goostrey Community Primary School which will celebrate the children's achievements. Please add to our followers and share our many excellent achievements with family and friends. Our Facebook page is not for general communication between home and school, this will still be through School Spider.

Our July Evening raised £940.75—well done children this is an excellent amount.

We have passed the Eco-Schools Green Flag once again—brilliant. Well done to everyone on the Eco Team.

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

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

SENCo mr.warhurst@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk

Income Related Free School Meals: freeschoolmeals@cheshireeast.gov.uk or visit website for further information
https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

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

The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters.

The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>

Over the summer **Ciaran (Y5) and Aoife (Y3)** took part in Young Lives vs Cancer's Kids Summer Challenge. In doing so they completed over 31 miles and raised over £1000 to support children and young people with cancer. We are so proud of them both.



Eliza loved playing the role of Molly in Annie the musical at Crewe Lyceum in August. She has also been cast in the Nativity at Regent Theatre in December. Break a leg!



REMINDERS

The school day starts at 08.45 for the infants and 08.50 for the juniors.

Juniors should not be arriving before 08.40 unless they are in the before school club.

Please understand that if your child is on the play-ground, before the start of the school day, they remain the responsibility of their families as there are no school staff on duty until the bell.

Pupils are not allowed to use phones or any other smart devices eg smart watches in school. If they have these items they must be in their bag, switched off and not used until they are off school premises.

Thank you

Summer Photo Competition – linked to our next exhibition

It's time for another photo competition! Every photo = 10 house points.

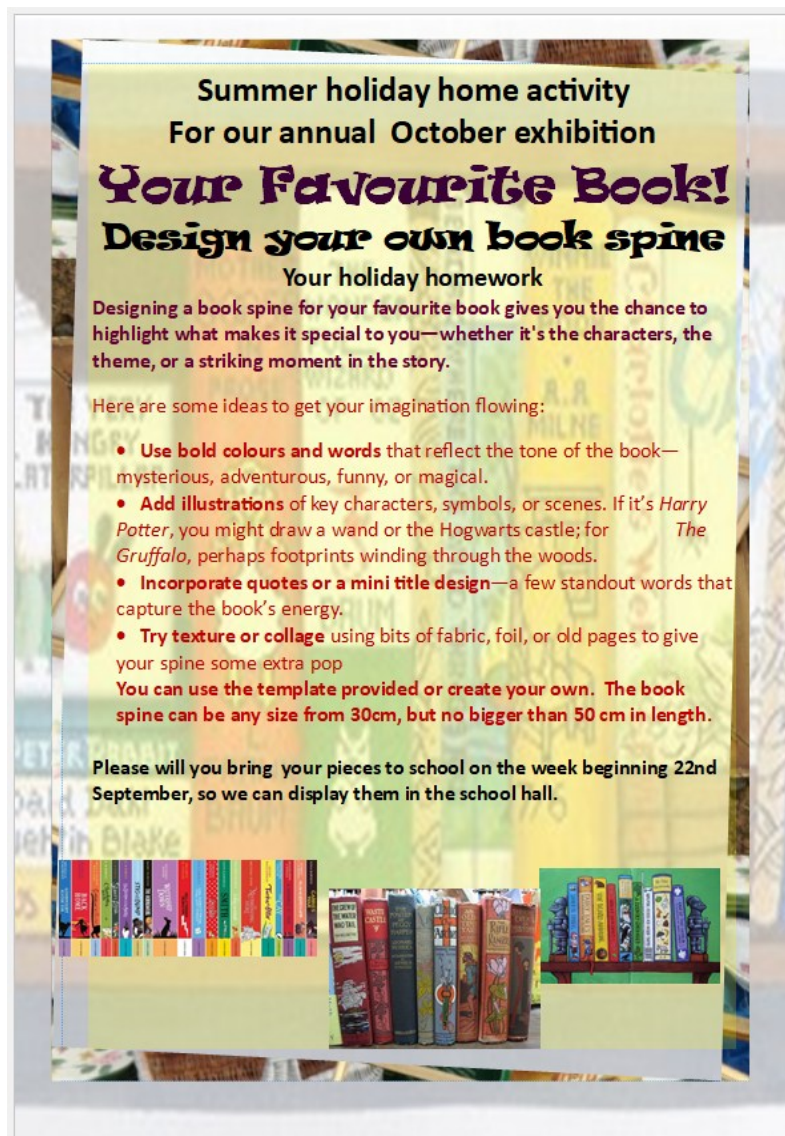
This time the theme is: **A Good Book / My Favourite Book**

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 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.



Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

**CAN YOU HELP
YOUR PTA?**



AGM

Wednesday 10th September



6pm at The Crown

(Tap Room)



At our AGM we will celebrate our past achievements, elect any new committee members and discuss ideas for events for the upcoming year

All Welcome

GOOSTALES :

Mini Saga Writing Challenge for young writers Aged 5–10

Can your story take flight in just 100 words?

We're inviting all budding storytellers to take part in **GOOSTALES**, a creative writing challenge that starts in a magical place:

The Goostrey Playing Fields. Please visit if possible

What's a Mini Saga?

It's a short and powerful story told in **200 words or fewer** — filled with imagination, adventure, or fun!

Where Can Your Story Go?

Every tale begins in Goostrey's playing fields — but where it ends is up to YOU!

- Discover buried treasure beneath the grass
- Travel through time with a football, tennis racket, pickle ball racket, table tennis adventure or even bowling on our gorgeous crown green bowling green.....
- Meet talking animals or robots
- Find a magical door to another world
- Invent a game that brings the people together

There are **no limits but your imagination!**

Who Can Enter?

Children aged **5 to 10**

Stories may be **typed or handwritten with pictures, whatever you want to do**

How to Submit:

- Upload your entry at: www.goostreyplayingfields.uk
- Or hand it in at your school

Deadline:

Friday 31st October, 12 noon

Exciting Prizes!

- Winning stories featured on our website. (IF CONSENT IS GRANTED)
 - Shared with schools, families & the community
 - One grand prize winner will receive:
 - A Lucky Bag worth £200 and a family VHPFF membership allowing full access to all sports 365 day of the year (2026)
 - Top three free family use of Goostrey Playing Fields for one year (as above)
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Let your imagination take the lead — where will your Goostale go?

Brought to you by :-

Inspiring creativity in our local community

Jason Lynch

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 19th 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/carers 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

The new National Framework for Penalty Notices came into force in 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 or 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.

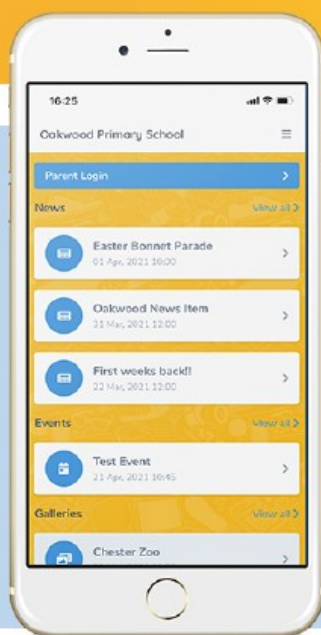
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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:



goostrey_primary_school_pta



Goostrey Community Primary
School PTA

<https://www.facebook.com/GCPSPTA>



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.

<https://www.goostreyallstars.co.uk/>



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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

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



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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 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 or class teachers, whose email addresses are on each class page on the website; <http://www.goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk/classes>