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Dear Families,

Key dates for the term are on page 4—please keep checking as new dates will be added as the term progresses.

As well as the key dates we also have many extra curricular clubs—last year we offered 30+ across the school as well as the sports competitions and tournaments. It looks like it will be similar this year—these clubs offer a variety of opportunities for pupils.

We have been awarded a distinction for our Eco work and retain the Green Flag. The beginning of the report states:

It was a pleasure to read about the increased use and interest in your outdoor environment and the involvement in the community with hedge planting. Outdoor environments foster an appreciation for nature, promoting environmental awareness and stewardship. Bringing the community together for planting projects fosters a sense of belonging and shared responsibility – well done to everyone involved!

Surveys for parents / carers will be going out in then next 2 weeks and we will be asking you:

Top things we do well at Goostrey School

How can we improve?

Holiday homework—reminder on page 3.

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.

Aoife (Y3) took part in her first silks competition and achieved first place in her category. Well done, Aoife.



Bella Warren loves swimming and at the start of the summer holidays she moved up to stage four! She is a little fish!

Well done to **Iris** for passing her grade 3 Acoustic Guitar exam.

Jack attended the Holmes Chapel Cricket Club awards on Friday where he received a medal for his efforts for both winter nets and playing matches over the summer. He loves cricket and we are really proud ☐



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.

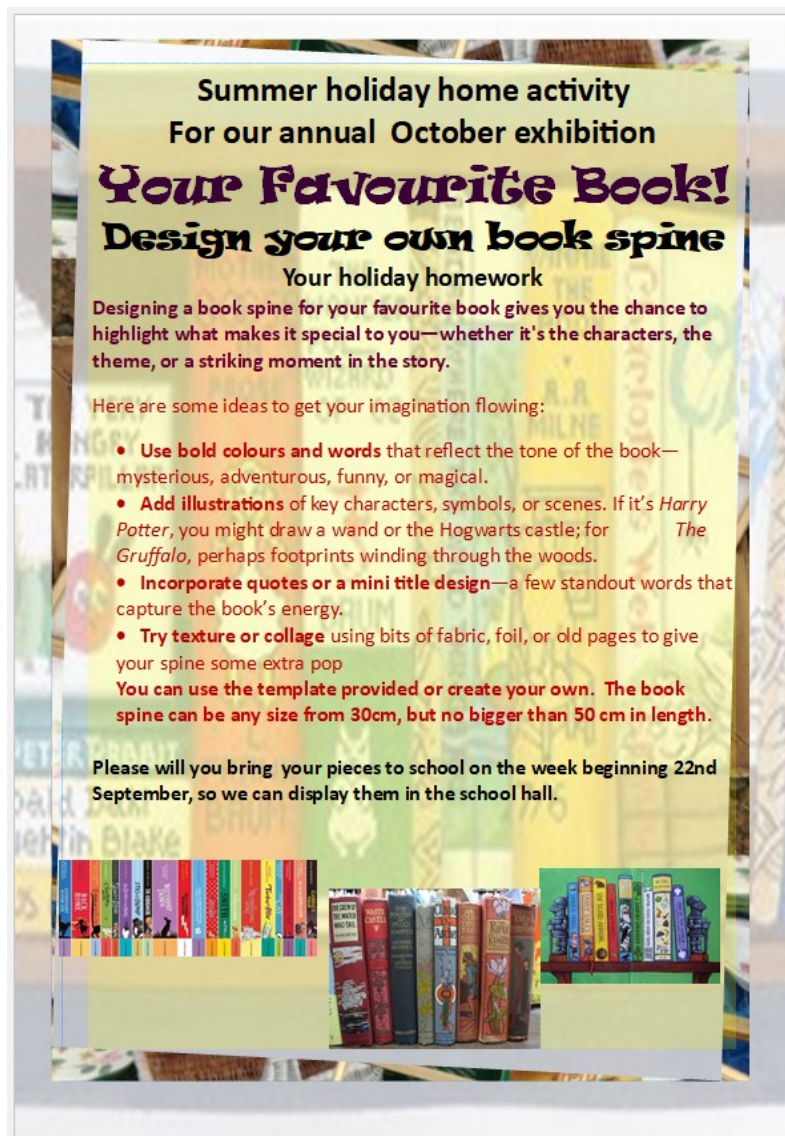
This time the theme is: **A Good Book / My Favourite Book**

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 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.



Key dates for the autumn term

Thursday 25th September	Individual photos
Wednesday 1st October	Open Morning 9 15am
Wednesday 8th October	Rugby tournament Y3 and 4
Friday 10th October	Y6 Cake Sale
Monday 13th October	PTA meeting—all welcome The Crown 6.30
Wednesday 15th October	Rugby tournament Y5 and 6
Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd October	EXHIBITION 2pm to 6pm
Wednesday 22nd October	Football tournament Y5 and 6
Thursday 23rd October	Pupils finish for half term
Monday 3rd November	Pupils return
Thursday 6th November	Recycle for School bags
Wednesday 12th November	Dance workshop Y1 and 2
Friday 14th November	Y5 Cake Sale
Wednesday 19th November	Dance workshop Y3 and 4
Friday 21st November	PTA Beetle Drive
Wednesday 26th November	Dance Workshop Y5 and 6
WB 8th December	PTA Christmas Shop for pupils

SEND Drop Ins

SEND 0-19+ health practitioners (On behalf of health visitor/school nursing services Cheshire East) for parents of children & Young people for support, signposting and guidance with all SEND related issues and helping to understand why your child may be struggling and ideas that may help. Think your child may have SEND and not sure where to go or what to do? Need support around toileting, sleep, behaviour or development – feel free to drop in for a chat??

September –

Tues 2nd September 10-11.30am Nantwich Childrens centre (appts only)
 Tues 9th September 10-11.30am Oakencrough Family hub (Little Stars) (drop in)
 Fri 12th September 9-11am Congleton Family hub (drop in)
 Mon 15th September 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
 Wed 17th September 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
 Thurs 18th September 9.30-11.30am Monks Coppenhall SEND hub (appts only)

October –

Fri 3rd October 9-11am Congleton Family hub (drop in)
 Wed 8th October 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
 Mon 13th October 9-11am Ash Grove Family hub (drop in)
 Thurs 16th October 9.30-11.30 Monks Coppenhall SEND Hub (appts only)
 Fri 17th October 9.30-11.00am – Disley Library and community centre (drop in)
 Fri 24th October 9-11am – Knutsford family hub (drop in)

November –

Tuesday 4th November 9.30-11.30am - Nantwich childrens centre (appts only)
 Tuesday 4th November 10-11.30am Oakencrough Little Stars (drop in)
 Monday 10th November 9-11am – Ash Grove Family hub (appts only)
 Wed 12th November 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
 Thurs 20th November 9.30-11.30am Monks Coppenhall SEND hub (appts only)
 Fri 28th November 9-11am Congleton Family Hub (drop in)

December –

Tues 2nd December 9.30-11.30am Nantwich childrens centre (appts only)
 Friday 5th December – 9-11am – Knutsford Family hub (drop in)
 Monday 8th December 9-11am Ash Grove Family Hub (drop in)
 Wed 17th December 1.30-2.30pm Alsager Library (drop in)
 Thurs 18th December 9.30-11.30am Monks Coppenhall (appts only)

Venues and contact numbers for appts where needed

Alsager Library, Alsager ST7 2QH
 Ash Grove Family Hub, Macclesfield SK11 7TD Tel: 01625 374484
 Congleton Family Hub, Congleton CW12 3AH Tel: 01260 371061
 Knutsford Family Hub, Manor Park North Knutsford WA16 8DB
 Monks Coppenhall SEND Centre of Excellence, Crewe CW1 4LY Tel: 01270 371240
 Nantwich Childrens Centre, Nantwich CW5 5GX Tel: 01270 371240
 Oakencrough Family Hub, Wilmslow SK9 2PZ Tel: 01625 374180

For future dates please see –

[Special Educational Needs and Disability \(SEND\) - drop-in sessions in Cheshire East - Wirral Community Health and Care NHS Foundation Trust](#)

The Educational Psychology (EP) Service is offering appointments for parents and carers at Cheshire East Family Hubs, held every half term in both North and South localities. These informal sessions are an opportunity to discuss concerns, seek advice and explore strategies to support your child or young person. Our focus areas are **Cognition and Learning** and **SEMH (Social, Emotion and Mental Health)** needs. They are not sessions for local authority processes (e.g. EHCPs or placement changes) or child assessments.

Examples of Topics include:

- Literacy, Maths or Executive Function difficulties
- Anxiety or school related issues
- Play, social skills or friendship needs
- Transitions and/or difficulties with change/loss
- Preparing for Adulthood

Parents/Carers can book a 30 minute slot by calling their local Family Hub - [Family Hubs](#).
Dates and locations are as below:

Date	Location	Times
07.10.25	Oakenclough Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
09.10.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
10.12.25	Ashgrove Family Hub (Macclesfield)	9.30am – 4.15pm
11.12.25	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
03.02.26	Congleton Family Hub	9.30am-4.15pm
05.02.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
24.03.26	Oakenclough Family Hub	9.30am - 4.15pm
26.03.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
19.05.26	Ash Gove Family Hub (Macclesfield)	9.30am – 4.15pm
21.05.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
30.06.26	Congleton Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm
02.07.26	Monks Coppenhall Family Hub	9.30am – 4.15pm

**SUN 14TH
SEPT 2025
1-5PM
FREE ENTRY!
FUN FOR ALL AGES!**

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Bring your friends,
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SEE YOU AT:
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Booth Bed Lane, Goostrey
CW4 8NA



Talking Walk-In

Follow us:
Cheshire East Chatters 

Looking for advice about your child's communication?
Here you can chat to a Speech & Language Therapist to gain helpful hints and tips
to support your child's speech and language.

Tuesday 16th September	Nantwich Children's Centre	10-11.30am
Wednesday 17th September	Oaktree family Hub	10-11.30am
Friday 19th September	Lacey Green School	10-11am
Monday 29th September	Crewe Lifestyle Family hub	10.30-11.30am
Tuesday 30th September	Congleton Family Hub	10-11am
Wednesday 1st October	Oakenclough Family Hub	10-11.30am
Thursday 2nd October	Ashgrove- CANCELLED	1-2.30pm
Thursday 23rd October	Ashgrove NEW DATE	1-2.30pm
Tuesday 14th October	Monks Family Hub	10-11.30am
Wednesday 15th October	Handforth library	10-11am

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
- ☐ 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 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.

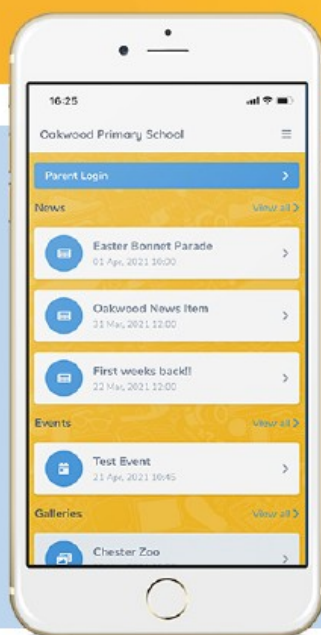
However we do not endorse or take responsibility for anything not directly organised by the school.

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

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Goostrey Community Primary
School PTA

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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.

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



The school's official communication with families comes through the newsletter, website, class pages, messages through the app, email and occasionally paper letters. We do not have an official Facebook account for information.

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>