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Dear Families,

OPEN MORNING for all families interested in a place
at our school—everyone welcome

Wednesday 1st October—Sunshine Room at 9.30

Private tours of the school welcome, please email
admin@goostrey.cheshire.sch.uk and we will be happy to arrange a suitable
time for you to come and visit.

Please keep liking and sharing our celebration photos and information on
Facebook and Instagram—they are full of the wonderful and varied lessons
and opportunities our pupils have in school.

Health and Safety—please observe the speed limit as you drive through the
village, especially when passing the school.

Parking is not permitted on the zig zag lines outside the school between 8am
and 5pm—parking here is dangerous as it restricts the vision of both
pedestrians and drivers.

Goostrey is always looking for volunteers for Speed Watch. If you are
interested in doing this please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council

clerk@goostreyparishcouncil.gov.uk

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

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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>

Jack walked 6.5 miles on the Chester Charity Walk for Adoption Matters to raise funds for children who benefit from play therapy. Along with another fund raiser, they raised over £1000 for this amazing charity. We are so proud of Jack's love of helping other people and fundraising for children's charities.



Malachi with his 50m badge and certificate that he achieved last weekend—50m front crawl

Year 3 & 4 Football Tournament

The Year 3 & 4s played brilliantly in Wednesday's football tournament at Holmes Chapel Comp.

Against strong opposition, the team won a couple of games and were narrowly defeated in two. The team gelled quickly together and played some great football. With some mazy runs from the talented Stanley and Felix, great passing from Freddie; Romilly and Florrie were fantastic on the wings, Artie provided some brilliant assists, and Heath was a rock in the middle. Well done everyone!

Mr Campion

Tristan (Y4) has passed his stage 3 swimming! He worked extremely hard to get through the last few challenges, well done Tristan!



Key dates for the autumn term

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
Sunday 2nd November	Bonfire Scout Hut
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

Goostrey Scouts and Goostrey Primary School PTA

SAVE THE DATE



SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
Bonfire & Fireworks @ the Scout Hut

More details coming soon

Income Related Free School Meals information for all pupils from Reception class upwards.

You should claim eligibility for free school meals for each child who attends school in Cheshire East if you receive one of these benefits:

- Universal Credit with no earned income or with net monthly earnings less than £616.67
- Income Support
- Income based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income related Employment Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit - as long as you have a yearly household income of less than £16,190 (as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs) and do not get Working Tax Credit
Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)

The current rules that protect free school meal eligibility have been extended until the end of the 2025/2026 school year.

This means that if a child becomes eligible for free school meals based on their family's benefits during this time, they will keep getting free meals until the end of that school year even if their family's income goes up or their situation changes.

This also means schools are funded correctly, as eligibility provides additional Pupil Premium funding.

The date this information is collected for next year's funding is next Thursday, 2nd October.

Starting from the 2026/2027 school year, these protections will end. At that point, only families who meet the updated eligibility rules will be able to get free school meals.

If your child is **already** receiving Income Related Free School Meals, **(this is not the same as Universal Free School Meals for Infant pupils)** there is no need to submit a new application when they move to a new class or school. Their school and year group details will be updated automatically once the new school completes its registration process for the September 2025 school year.

To register visit https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/school-meals/free_school_meals.aspx

Where you will be taken to the parent portal to register or log in first.

You will need your National Insurance number and your child's date of birth to complete the form. The form will take 10 minutes to complete.

CE use the Government eligibility checker to confirm your entitlement. Successful claims can begin the same day. If your claim is not successful or you need to send more proof we will contact you by phone or email, your entitlement will only begin once this information is provided. If you feel that a deadline has passed and you haven't heard from us, you can call the Contact Centre team on **0300 123 5012** to discuss your application status.

CE **cannot backdate claims** for Free School Meals to cover unpaid dinner money, or to refund any dinner money paid prior to the date of a successful application.

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/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

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.



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>

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.

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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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.

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Before School Club

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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>