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Dear Families,

PTA MEETING MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER AT THE CROWN 6.30—all welcome

Thursday 16th October—free dress day for sweets for CUP U LIKE at the Scout Bonfire. Please bring wrapped sweets in for the cups—our target is 150 cups to sell on the 2nd November.

REMINDER GOOSTALES COMPETITION—more information page 3

We are all looking forward to reading the great stories of no more than 200 words and inviting the lucky top 10 stories to our sports / writing prize day on Sunday 22nd November at the Goostrey Sports Pavillion at 13:00 along with parents, guardians, family and friends. Please note we need all entrants to be sent to : www.goostreyplayingfields.uk or posted to : Jason Lynch. Southlands, Sandy Lane, Goostrey, Cheshire. CW48NT on or before Friday 31st October 2025.

OUR ANNUAL EXHIBITION IS OPEN TO ALL ON:

Wednesday 22nd October 2pm to 6pm

Thursday 23rd October 2pm to 6pm

EVERYONE WELCOME PLEASE COME AND SEE THE CHILDREN'S WONDERFUL WORK.

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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The PTA have Facebook for information Goostrey Community Primary School PTA

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

Year 3 and 4 Tag Rugby on Wednesday 8th October

Ollie, Stanley, Bryony, Bethany, Charlie, Freddie, Henry and Heath were on fire on this chilly evening. They played so well as a team and we were so impressed with their skills, determination and endless energy. We want to thank Stanley for stepping in and joining in Chelford's team for one game to make up the numbers and he helped to score two tries for them. Bethany was a wonder as we had not seen her play tag before. Wow that young lady gave it her all and made every effort to get tags. Bryony was weaving and running like she was born to it and made some spectacular tries. The boys were a delight to watch as they used their skills effortlessly. We are very proud to say we were the overall winners. They can be so pleased with their efforts and their behaviour. Well done!

Mrs Flint and Mrs Murdock.



Lara in Reception is very pleased to have got her Level 1 swimming certificate.

Heath loved being part of the Goostrey Rugby team this week coming 1st! With his fish and chippy celebratory tea!



Since September, our classes have read

Y3 182,593
Y4 1,246,795
Y5 1,456,684
Y6 1,636,066

Total - 4,522,138

That's 1,110,145 more since last week.



Alfie and Ezra trying a new sport last Friday. Well done boys.

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

Key dates for the autumn term

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
Tuesday 16th December	Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall
Wednesday 17th December	Infant Nativity 9.30 Village Hall

A poster for 'Goostrey Bonfire Night' with a dark blue background featuring a string of warm white lights at the top and a large, bright bonfire in the center. The bonfire is made of logs and has a large flame. The text is arranged around the bonfire.

● Brought to you by Goostrey Scouts and ●
Goostrey Primary School PTA

**Goostrey
Bonfire Night**

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
GOOSTREY SCOUT HUT, CW4 8PE

Gates 4.30pm
Bonfire 5pm
Fireworks 6.30pm
Event ends 7pm

Fireworks and bonfire
BBQ and drinks
Cup-U-Like
Bidlea Dairy stall

Tickets cost £6 per adult, £5 per
child (up to 12 years old) or £20 for
a family of four. Scan the QR code
to book your tickets today!



**Fundraiser for Goostrey Community
Primary School PTA**



OLIVER'S PUMPKINS

Oliver of Year 5 and his family would like to help
raise funds for the school PTA.

Either present your voucher or mention you're from
the school when making a pumpkin purchase, and
we'll donate 20% of all the proceeds to the PTA.

Thank you for supporting a local business and the
school PTA.

Oliver and family

The stall is open every
weekend in October
(10am-4pm)
at CW10 9ND
near the Three Greyhounds
pub and Shakerley Mere,
Allostock



our food parcels
contain more
than just food.



packed with
support,
kindness &
friendship

Your food parcel is essential. It is filled with the nutrition you need to feed yourself and your family. But it's so much more than that. Middlewich & District Foodbank gives you access to the support you need.



middlewichdistrict.foodbank.org.uk
0771 227 9949

October Half Term Fun for children



**MONDAY 27th OCTOBER - FRIDAY
31st OCTOBER (9.30am-1.30pm)**

**FUN-FILLED CAMPS OF COACHING AND GAMES FOR ALL
ABILITIES**



'Camps' are run by an LTA qualified tennis coach and held at



Booth Bed Lane Tennis Courts, Goostrey

EMAIL play.tennis@hotmail.co.uk or call 07885 804246 for details

Frequently asked questions about holiday requests in term time.

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
 - o 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.
 - o 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

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

IF A FAMILY GOES ON HOLIDAY IN TERM TIME SCHOOL WILL NOT PROVIDE ANY WORK FOR THE PUPILS. TIME OUT OF SCHOOL, FOR A HOLIDAY WILL RESULT IN THE CHILD/REN MISSING TEACHING AND LEARNING AND THEY MAY FIND IT CHALLENGING TO CATCH UP WITH THEIR PEERS ON THEIR RETURN.

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/>



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

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>