



**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**

Faith, Love and Learning

3rd October 2025

Dear Families,

What a wonderful first month we have all enjoyed back at school! The children have become quickly familiar with their new teachers, support staff and classrooms.

We have already enjoyed some wonderful experiences with the children: *PE and outdoor learning, All Rise Workshops about keeping safe online, STEM Workshops for Science where we explored gas bubbles and other amazing investigations, preparing for harvest- and harvesting some of our school-grown butternut squashes, visits to St Mary's Church, writing school ambassador applications to becoming values champions in our Friday celebration Worship.*

Needless to say what amazing work the children have already celebrated as part of their 'Wow' learning, displays in the hall and Friday Values Assemblies since the start of term.



Finding our feet in Robin and Finch Class!

Our Early Years children have amazed us with their settling in and are getting to know each other and routines well now.

We hope that families found the recent Reading and Maths Workshops in school helpful! Here are some of the children absorbed in self-initiated learning!

Our school Value for this half term is **RESPECT**.

The children have been talking in class and in their Class Collective Worship about how we can be respectful to one another in our words and in our deeds, just as Peter from the Bible taught us.

We have encouraged the children to think about what respect is...

"Respect is about listening carefully to others.." Frances, Y5

Respect is about remembering to do right thing." Lex Y6

We have already talked together in our year groups about our 3 simple school rules:

Be Safe Be Respectful Be Your best

Our 3 rules are embodied in Respect and remind us that by being kind and respectful to one another we can all feel safe and happy and to try our best at all times, wherever we are and in whatever we are doing.

Please ask your child about our 3 rules and how they can also follow these at home.

**SHOW RESPECT
TO EVERYONE.**

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Year 4 - Lodge Hill Fun and Adventures!

Last week brought a lot of adventure for Seagull and Puffin Class as they enjoyed 3 days of residential excitement at Lodge Hill. All adults have commented on how brave the children were at facing new challenges such as abseiling and tunneling. We cannot thank them enough for their teamwork, determination, and for demonstrating our school values through and through.

Everyone enjoyed a wonderful last evening singing around the campfire and looking up at the stars – to rejoice in God's wonderful world.

During my stay overnight James told me ***"This is just the best"*** and Andrei wished we had ***"the opportunity of being together like this in nature every day!"***

I would like to express my gratitude to the wonderful staff that gave up their own time (and much needed sleep!) to make the children feel so comfortable being away from home during their time at Lodge Hill.

Our thanks also to parents/ carers for your kind words and emails post-event. These were well-received by our staff!



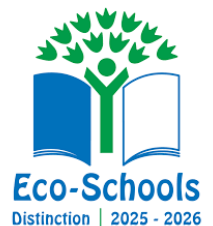
Eco-School with Distinction!

We are delighted to announce that our Eco-Schools Green Flag award has been upheld for another year, with distinction!

The Green Flag award recognises how we have empowered our pupils to drive change within our school and local community. It has been a pleasure to hear about the creative ways the children have taken ownership and initiative including:

- ***setting up crisp packet counting***
- ***caring for birds and bats***
- ***conducting field-work and organising a beach clean-up to protect marine life***
- ***Calling the school to action to protect our precious pollinators – through an interactive bee display!***
- ***Transforming our prayer garden, turning this into a sensory-rich space that nurtures calm and a connection with nature!***

A huge well done to our school Eco-Committee for their efforts and to Mr Daniel, Mrs Coe and Mrs Brockwell for their leading roles in organizing the committee. We are already proactive in thinking of new initiatives and ideas to uphold our commitment to protecting our community and planet for this academic year!



So the competitions begin!

Both boys and girls from Year 5 and 6 have represented their school proudly over the last two weeks in football competitions.

They showed determination, concentrated on team work and had lots of fun whilst competing against schools from across Worthing. Players' Players were Freddie E and Lorelai S.

Congratulations to all involved - we are proud of you! Thank you Mr Ireland for your continued leadership and support in organising these exciting events!

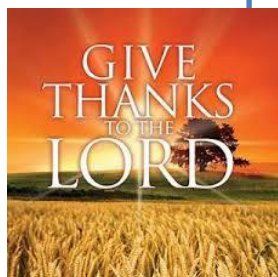


Thank You for our Harvest!

It was wonderful to see so many of you at St Mary's Church on Wednesday and what a special Harvest Service both Swallow and Kingfisher Classes led for us all in Year 3! Our children all contributed to the beautiful singing of Harvest hymns and songs, clear and audible voices with the addition of drama to demonstrate how carefully our farmers prepare and work hard for Harvest time.

We would like to thank Father Keith for allowing us to celebrate at St Mary's and to Rev. Bev who blessed our offerings and praised the children for their efforts during the morning.

Thank you to Miss Finlay, Mr Ireland and our supporting adults for making the services run so smoothly for our children. With your generous donations of food and money (over £55), we have really supported the ongoing work of Turning Tides, our Worthing Charity for the homeless. Scroll down for two Harvest prayers from Olive and Emily.



Applying for and Starting School 2026 –Some important dates!

For children starting Primary and Secondary school in 2026, applications are now open!

For Secondary Schools online applications must be submitted by **31st October** (please note this date is during the half term break).

For children starting Primary School, the online application closes by **midnight on 15th January 2026**.

Please make sure you have applied in time!



Our One-way system into school for EYFS and KS1

Our school has a one-way system to ease congestion in and out of school and support the safety of our children during drop-off and pick-up times. Please can **Key stage 1 parents enter school via the Mulberry Lane gate and then exit via the office gate**. Staff will be available to guide parents in the right direction, especially for newcomers to the school.

For safety reasons we expect all children to dismount from scooters and bikes prior to entering the school site and use the dedicated shelters for storage, not the fence area.



Please can families encourage all toddlers and younger siblings to climb off scooters and pushbikes on their way into/ out of school. We don't want any collisions, thank you!

Communication

Please can we ensure that all emails, including those for Class teachers are directed to office@goringprimary.org.

Our office/ admin staff are very efficient at ensuring messages are swiftly received by teachers. Teachers will aim to respond as soon as is possible, although this may not always be on the same day due to their teaching commitments.

To save on emails- if may be quicker to speak to the teachers at the end of the day after pick-up times.



Wraparound Care

Premier education are still taking bookings for October sessions via this link [Goring-by-Sea CofE Primary School – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](#). This provision is not managed by the school office but by Premier Education themselves. If you have any queries please call direct on 01953 499040 or email info@premier-education.com.

Medical

If your child has a health care plan and your child's plan has not yet been returned please complete and return forms asap.

All medication required by your child in school must be sent to the office in its original labelled packaging. Remember to make a note of expiry dates beforehand so that you can provide replacements as necessary. This remains your responsibility.



A gentle reminder please not to send your child into school with **any nut-based products into school**. We have children whose allergies include contact as well as the consumption of nuts. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

School Absence

If your child is absent for any reason, please notify the school office before the school day:

telephone 01903 241175 OR
email office@goringprimary.org

Headteachers are NOT allowed by law to authorise absence in term time except for 'exceptional circumstances'.

Children are expected in school for 190 days per year. Holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless in 'exceptional circumstances'.

In the exceptional case where you may have to request absence from school, please collect a form from the school office.

This should be at least a month in advance of the date of the first absence.



Sickness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not come in to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

Interested in Volunteering?

We warmly welcome volunteers back into school to support the children's learning including Forest School, starting up again.

We are grateful for any time parents/carers and other family members can give to come and support/ volunteer in school with *reading, art activities, sewing, cooking etc.*

This may only be for a short time each week but we are grateful for any help you can offer.

If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis, all volunteers must have an up to date DBS check and must sign in/out at the start/end of their session.

You will also receive a leaflet about keeping our children safe. Please come to express your interest at the School Office.



If your child has won an award or has done something really special that they would like to share, please let us know so this can be added to any monthly Newsletters!

Parent Support Association PSA



You will already have enjoyed a wonderful welcome picnic during the first few weeks back into the Autumn Term.

Thank you to our fabulous team for organizing such a lovely, friendly event with food, music and fun for our school community! We hope new families to our school enjoyed meeting and greeting new people!

We consider every member of our school community to be a member of the PSA, however if you are keen to be an active member of the PSA, in any capacity or have specific skills you can offer, please contact the school office.

We are blessed to have such strong community support and involvement from our school family, and who organize and run some great events for our children during the year.

Interested in becoming a Parent Governor?

Want to know more about what the role of a Governor involves?

We have sent out a letter today regarding a parent governor vacancy we have in school.

The letter includes information about the exciting benefits of being a Governor.

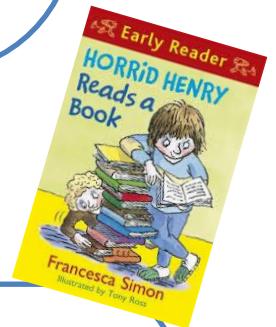
If you are interested, please apply!

A PLEA FOR DONATIONS:

If you have any 'Early Reader' books at home that are unwanted but still in good condition, please bring them into the school office. We will certainly use them in school!

Reception are in need of any unwanted buggies and/ or pushchairs for their dolls and babies. They are proving very popular this term!

MANY THANKS!



Our weather is slowly on the turn from Summer to Autumn!

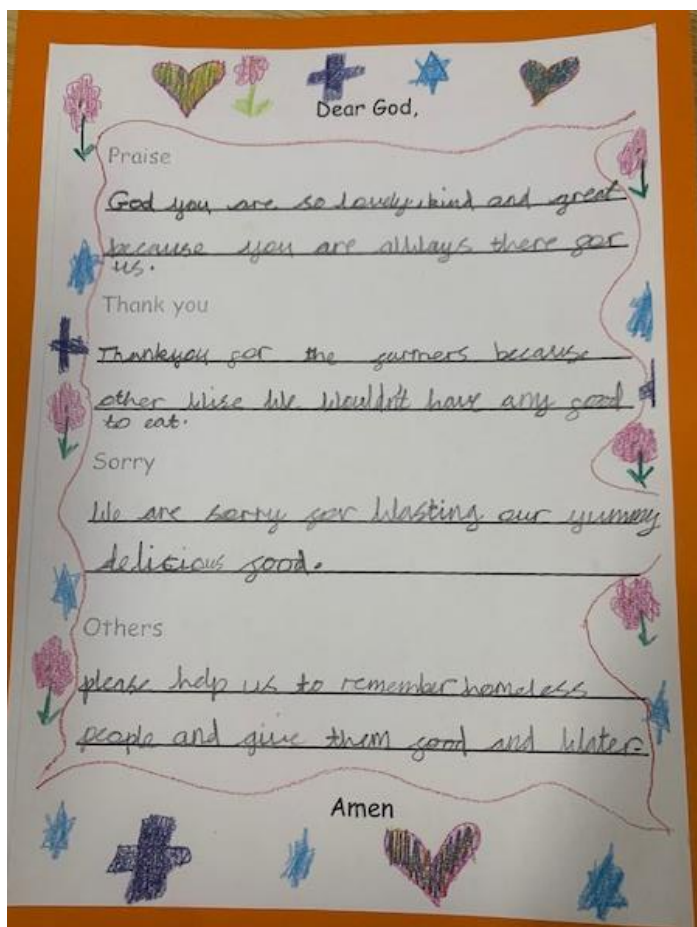
It won't be long now before the change to full winter uniform.

Please do provide a raincoat for your child to school each day, just in case.

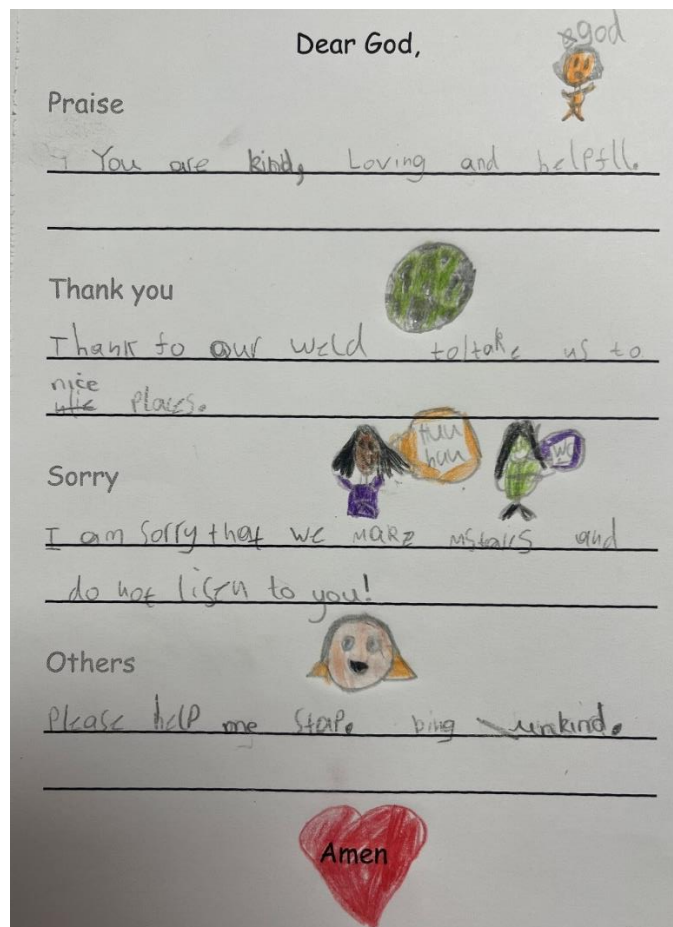


Please scroll down for Diary Dates (a continuation of our latest dates sent out).

I close with two thoughtfully beautiful prayers from Olive in Kingfisher and in Emily D Swallow Class, written for Harvest time.



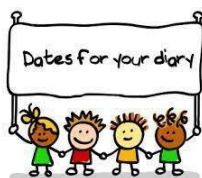
Olive, Kingfisher Class



Emily D, Swallow Class

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Brockhurst
Headteacher



Dates are subject to change. Parents will be notified if changes are necessary.

Autumn Term 2025

Tuesday 7 October	Zoolab year 3 and 6
Wednesday 8 October	Year 5 Planetarium trip
Monday 20 October – Friday 24 October	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Tuesday 21 October	Year 2 Arundel Castle trip
Thursday 23 October	PSA Discos various times
Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October	Half Term
Friday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications
Wednesday 5 November	Year 1 Wild Science Workshop
Tuesday 11 November	Remembrance Day
Thursday 13 November	Parents/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.45-6.45pm
Wednesday 19 November	Parents/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.45-6.45pm
Thursday 20 November	Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP)
Wednesday 26 November	Year 1 History Workshop/ Worthing Toy Museum Non School Uniform Day Donation for Tombola PSA Christmas Fayre
Friday 28 November	PSA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 2 December	Year 4 Egyptian Day
Wednesday 3 December	Rocksteady Concerts
Tuesday 9 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performances classes and times TBC
Wednesday 10 December	EYFS and KS1 Nativity Performances classes and times TBC
Friday 12 December	Flu vaccinations information to follow Year 3 Ukulele concert 10-10.30
Wednesday 17 December	KS2 Carol Service times TBA
Thursday 18 December	Christmas parties information to follow
Friday 19 December	Last day of term
Christmas Holidays Monday 22 December – Friday 2 January	