

4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Spring term has been a very busy one at Goring and it is hard to believe we have already reached the Easter holidays. It has been a pleasure to have been involved in the wide range of events and activities that have taken place across all year groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the whole community for making these experiences happen for our children. I wish you a restful and restorative Easter break and hope you spend it enjoying the many blessings God has given us.

### **Mrs Jee's Leaving Celebration**

On Monday 31<sup>st</sup> March, the school held a Leaving Celebration for our headteacher Mrs Jee. This included children in all classes leading assemblies in our school hall and an extremely well attended Community Collective Worship on our playground. It was wonderful to see everyone at Goring C of E Primary join in their thoughts, prayers and good wishes for Mrs Jee as she embarks on a new adventure. We pray that her time with her family is blessed and she is able to rest and look back on the wonderful memories she has made over the past 20 years she has been at Goring. We will miss her enormously, but are excited to see the next chapter of life at Goring. Mr Ireland will continue in his role as Acting Headteacher until the appointment of a permanent headteacher, with interviews for this post taking place early in the summer term. Our school governors will keep you updated on this process.



### **Year 4 – Pirates of the Currybean**

Our Year 3 and 4 children put on two incredible performances of Pirates of the Currybean to a full house at St Mary's Church Hall last week. It was a real pleasure to see skills and talents, which are not usually as visible in a classroom setting, on display. The obvious sense of fun and enjoyment helped to make moments that we know the children will not forget anytime soon. Many staff came together to help the show to be the success that it was, but special thanks must go to Mrs Whittaker and Miss Leach for the giving of their time to ensure children received such a positive experience.

### **Easter Service**

On Thursday this week, our Year 5 children helped us reflect upon the meaning of Easter and why Christians around the world join in celebration of Jesus' life at this time. I was incredibly proud of the children's confidence when speaking, the thoughtful prayers they had written and their dramatic performance, which showed what happened on Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Mrs Jee and I both would like to express our gratitude to those who came to St Mary's and supported this service, and the members of Year 5 staff who planned and encouraged the children.

## **World Wildlife Fund – Non-School Uniform Day**

We have finished this term in style with our 'Wear it Wild' day to raise money for the World Wildlife Fund. In total the school have raised nearly £400 and this money will be used to save animals, protect nature and help fight problems like pollution. It has been wonderful to see the children taking ownership of our charitable focus this term, and we will be doing something similar in the Summer term, but altering our focus to allow us to think of ways of supporting charities which are local to us.



### **Lamb Week – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2025**

This year, our school is engaging with the 'Loan a Lamb Project' which is set up and organised by The South of England Agricultural Society. We will receive a ewe and her lambs on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April and the children will be engaging and interacting with the animals throughout the week. The hope is that this will give our children practical, hands-on experience with animals, enhancing their understanding of animal care and agriculture as well as teaching children how to take responsibility for animals and how we can nurture living creatures. Further information about this week will come out after Easter, as well as times that parents will be able to come into school to see the lamb as well.

## **Online Safety – Smartphone Free Childhood Movement**

I am aware that in some class/year group WhatsApps information around the Smartphone Free Childhood Movement has been shared. This is a grassroots movement which aims to bring parents together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.



The idea is to create pacts with parents, creating families who will go through the later years of primary school, and into secondary school without a Smartphone, thus eliminating the peer pressure that parents give in to. Children cannot miss out or be excluded from something their friends also don't have.

It is not about never giving your child a smartphone, but delaying until they are mature enough to handle the Internet and social media by respecting boundaries and understanding the impact of what they do online.

When I was last informed, 47 parents of our school had already signed up to the pact. If you would like further information about this, please visit the website below:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

## **WSCC Road Safety Page - Facebook**

West Sussex County Council have asked us to inform you that they are currently working on ways to better support and protect our children in relation to road safety. To assist with this they have set up a dedicated Facebook page. Please see the link below:

[https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC/?locale=en\\_GB](https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyWSCC/?locale=en_GB)

All ages can benefit from the information we post, which in turn could help to make your children's journeys to and from school, safer, healthier, and overall easier for everyone.

## **SEND and Inclusion at Goring C of E Primary**

Have you seen our Inclusion Zone section on the Goring CE Primary School website? It provides information and advice about all things linked to SEND and Inclusion, and is updated regularly to include details of courses and trainings that parents may find useful. It also contains advice on how to support your child with their social, emotional and mental health, learning, and language and communication needs as well as strategies to help develop their fine and gross motor skills at home.

Find it at <https://goringprimary.org/the-inclusion-zone>

## Sport Competitions



Southern Sussex Cross Country



Year 5 Time to Dance



Riley Chichester Corporate  
Challenge Winner



Southern Sussex Cross Country



Year 4 Gymnastics

The last two and a half weeks of term have been full of sporting action at Goring. We have seen children complete in a range of different competitions and festivals and it has been a pleasure to see the enthusiasm they have taken into each event and the enjoyment these have brought. Goring has been successful in both Worthing and Southern Sussex based competitions with individual and team champions earning medals certificates and trophies. We are incredibly proud of our young athletes and look forward to what the summer brings with athletics, cricket, rounders and more already planned for them. I am extremely grateful to Mrs Howlett, Mr Wilkins, Mrs Porter, Mrs Oliver, Mrs Vachhani and all other members of staff who have taken a leading role in organising these events. Without them these events and successes would not happen.

## Reminders

### **Ukulele Club with Chris Eaton**

In the summer term, Chis Eaton will be running 'Ukulele Club' on a Friday morning from 8.15am. In total, there will be 11 weeks of lessons and the cost of these is £93 per child. You may be eligible for funding towards this through West Sussex Music and can find out further information about this by following this link: <https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/bursary/>

### **McGregor's Uniform**

We have recently signed an agreement with schoolwear retailers McGregor's who have a shop in Goring Road. From the end of June, parents will be able to purchase school uniform from their store, as well as our existing provider: Broadwater Sports.

### **PSA Pom Pom Hunt**

The PSA are kindly running their annual pompom hunt once again this year when children can collect pompoms in exchange for an Easter treat! The PSA will be running this event on Wednesday 23rd April and Thursday 24th April on the KS2 playground.

### **Year 1 Phonics Screening information meeting**

All parents of Year 1 children are invited to attend a short phonics screening presentation on Wednesday 30th April at 2:50pm. This will be an opportunity for teachers to share details of the forthcoming national phonics screening and to answer any questions you may have.

### **Community Page**

Please remember to regularly check our community page for information on local events, clubs, and activities. While we share these opportunities for your information, please note that we do not recommend or endorse any advertised content. This information is provided solely for your awareness and consideration and is updated frequently.

<https://www.goring.w-sussex.sch.uk/parents/community-information>

Yours sincerely

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Attendance Award  
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