

16th May 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

There is still one more week of learning before a well-deserved half term break. However, this shorter half term has already been filled with new experiences and activities for the children. The sun has been shining and we have been blessed to be able to spend so much time enjoying our outside areas to enrich our learning.

In our Collective Worships we have considered carefully how we speak to others and God, reminding ourselves that *"With God all things are possible!"* This is something we have seen acted out each day, with children challenging themselves and aspiring to be the best that they can be.

Today, you will have been notified from Mr Ransley (Chair of Governors) of our school's exciting new headteacher appointment. The school's existing leadership team look forward to spending time with Mrs Brockhurst over the coming weeks so we are best prepared for a new beginning for the school in September.



Adur and Worthing Council – Cost of Living Support

At Goring C of E Primary, we recognise that many families throughout West Sussex are feeling the impact of rising living costs. In response, Adur and Worthing Council have produced a concise leaflet offering practical tips for reducing household expenses and guidance on claiming available benefits. We have included this leaflet as an attachment with our newsletter, and we encourage you to review it to see if there are any strategies that could benefit your family.



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Goring Heritage Trail

Two new leaflets that celebrate the history of Goring were unveiled to an audience of residents and our children at Goring Library earlier this term. Both leaflets were created by local historian Chris Hare, who grew up in Goring. Chris came into school and gave a talk to our Year 4 and 5 children about the history of Goring with images comparing Goring past and present. Quotes from some of our children's reactions are featured in the heritage trail leaflet, including this one from Wakeley in Year 5: "I found looking at the old photographs really interesting and cool, because I drive past these places every day and could recognise them."



Year 6 – SATs and Cobnor

This week has been a particularly busy one for our Year 6 children. They have completed their national assessments in math and reading, as well as grammar, punctuation and spelling. We are extremely proud of their attitude, effort and determination, as they have worked hard to achieve their very best.

They now have the exciting prospect of a week at Cobnor Activities Centre, where they will challenge themselves in a different setting. This time they will be testing their teamwork and resilience on the water. We look forward to hearing about how they have got on after the half term break.

Loan a Lamb Week at Goring C of E Primary

Two weeks ago, we were delighted to host our very own 'Loan a Lamb' experience. Welcoming a ewe and her lamb, named Petal and Sage by our children, created a real buzz throughout the school.

During their stay, children enjoyed hands-on opportunities to meet the animals, learn about their care, and speak directly with a local farmer, deepening their understanding of animal welfare and life on a working farm. We were also fortunate to have members of the Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers join us for special workshops. Through these, pupils learned about the fascinating history and importance of spinning and weaving, taking part in whole-school weaving activities that brought learning to life in a creative and tactile way.



At the end of the week, we said a fond farewell to Petal and Sage as they returned to their home at Lancing Farm. We are very grateful to the South of England Agricultural Society for helping to organise this enriching experience and to the Guild of Weavers, Spinners and Dyers for volunteering their time and expertise.

For families interested in learning more, the Guild is holding an Open Day on Saturday 14th June at the Friends Meeting House, 34 Mill Road, Worthing, from 11am–3pm. The children thoroughly enjoyed their time with the Guild in school, so this event is a wonderful opportunity for families to explore weaving, spinning and dyeing together.

Online Safety – Balancing use of Technology

As part of our online safety focus for this half-term we have been talking with children in all year groups about making sure they are balancing the use of technology they are accessing both in and out of school.

Recent research from the UK Safer Internet Centre highlights that children who take regular breaks from screens—especially before bedtime—sleep better and feel happier overall.

It is suggested that you encourage your child to have at least 30 minutes screen-free time before bed, and try setting a family rule to put devices away during meals. Creating these routines not only supports healthy sleep but also gives children a chance to talk about their day with you. For more tips on healthy screen habits, visit the UK Safer Internet Centre website.



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>



There will be lots of exciting things added to the 'Community Page' next week including the Oscar Romero Run and Rave Run, which is on the 29th June. Please see the flyer attached for a Kite Flight and Bake for Gaza on Sunday 18th May, which will build upon our work in the autumn term on supporting those people in war torn countries.



Sport Competitions



Year 3 & 4 Worthing Tennis Champions



Year 6 Netball **County Finalists** – 2nd Place



Year 5 & 6 Quad Kids – 2nd Place in Worthing

At Goring, we have achieved more sporting success at the start of the Summer term. The children have continued to show their incredible sporting talent, which has been paired with sportsmanship and our school values. I am incredibly grateful for the parental support we have received, as well as the members of staff who have voluntarily given of their time to enable the children to have these experiences. We are excited for the weeks to come and the many events that we have signed up for.

Safety Notices

Please note the following important safety reminders

1. Children (including toddlers) must **not** use scooters, bikes or other modes of wheeled transport on the school site at any time.
2. If you plan for your child to be collected by another adult please notify the classteacher or office staff in advance
3. Once children are dismissed by classteachers at the end of the day please ensure they are swiftly accompanied off the school site and do not play on school equipment including the playtrails

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KITE FLIGHT & BAKE SALE FOR GAZA

Sunday 18th May
11am - 1pm

**Meet: Goring Green
(opposite Alinora
Avenue), Worthing
BN12 4HR**

**Join us in solidarity
with Palestine for kite
flying, pebble painting
and bubbles.**

**Bring a kite or make
one with us.**

**There will also be a bake sale with
funds going to support families in Gaza.**

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