



**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**
Faith, Love and Learning

20th March 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

The last few weeks at Goring have been filled with exciting opportunities for the children and many different learning experiences. We have enjoyed celebrating World Book Week, which sparked a love for reading across all year groups, and welcoming Chris Hare, who captivated our Year 4 and 5 students with fascinating insights into Goring's heritage as part of the a Goring Heritage Trail update.

As we embrace the welcome arrival of spring sunshine, we are reminded of the vibrant energy it brings to our school community. Looking ahead, we have a busy schedule for the remainder of the term. Please take a moment to read through the following reminders carefully. Your involvement is key to making these experiences enriching for all our children.

Mrs Jee's Leaving Celebration

On Monday 31st March, we invite you to join us for a celebration of the time Mrs Jee has spent as headteacher of our school. We are holding a Community Collective Worship at 2:40pm on the Key Stage 2 playground and all are encouraged to attend. This service will include prayers and songs and will be a chance for Mrs Jee to speak with all the children and adults in attendance.

No amount of words can summarise how much of an incredible impact she has had upon our community, and the children whom she has championed each day. Her last official day with the school will be on Friday 4th April, but we know that she will remain a close part of our school. We hope that Mrs Jee will be supporting Year 5 in leading the Easter Service on Thursday 3rd April and more information about this is below.

School INSET Days – 2025-2026

I am pleased to inform you that we have scheduled 4 out of the 5 INSET days for the next academic year. The dates are listed below:

Wednesday 3rd September 2025

Thursday 4th September 2025

Monday 5th January 2026

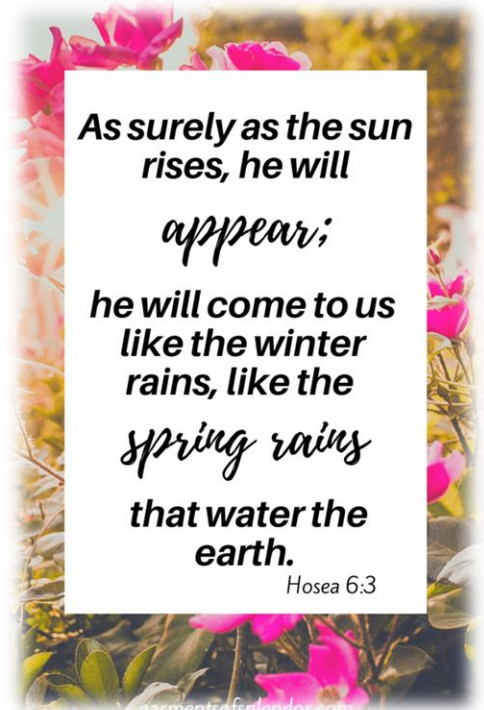
Friday 19th June 2026

We still have one remaining INSET day to finalize, which will be decided in the summer term after the appointment of our new headteacher. We will aim to provide as much notice as possible once this date is confirmed.

Important Notice about Parking

In our ongoing efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community, we remain concerned about the parking on the approach road to our school. It is crucial that all drivers, especially parents, exercise caution and consideration when driving and parking in this area. We are particularly concerned by instances of parking across the school's 'Keep Clear' yellow zigzag lines.

Additionally, please be considerate of our local residents by not blocking access to their properties. These actions not only cause inconvenience but also jeopardize the safety of some of the most vulnerable members of our community. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter.



Ukulele Club with Chris Eaton

In the summer term, Chris Eaton will be returning to Goring to continue his ukulele lessons with our Year 3 children. In addition to this, he 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 following this link:

<https://www.westsussexmusic.co.uk/bursary/>

To find out more about Chris Eaton and the Friday morning Ukulele Club, please visit his website - www.chriseatonguitar.com.

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. The branding, make and material of the uniform will be identical, but we hope this additional stockist will make purchasing school uniform more convenient.

World Wildlife Fund – Non-School Uniform Day – Friday 4th April

At the start of this term, Explorer House Team decided that they would like the school to have a non-uniform day, with all proceeds going to support the World Wildlife Fund (WWF).

This date has now be confirmed as the last day of this term, Friday 4th April 2025, and the theme for the day will be 'Wear it Wild' where children can come dressed as animals, plants, or other parts of nature. The work undertaken by WWF links closely to our eco-committee's ongoing focus on becoming more

sustainable as a school, and our school's vision around

loving all of God's creation and we are extremely excited about the day. More information will follow in a separate letter next week.



Easter Service – Thursday 3rd April

We invite you to join us for our Easter services on Thursday 3rd April, which will be led by our children in Year 5. The 9.15am service will be led by Kestrel class and the 10.30am service by Osprey Class. Everyone is welcome but please bear in mind capacity in St Mary's Church is limited and parents are asked to sit in the side pews.

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 and everyone is welcome to join in! As Easter weekend sits at the end of the Easter holidays this academic year, the PSA will be running this event on Wednesday 23rd April and Thursday 24th April on the KS2 playground.

Online Safety

The UK Safer Internet Centre recently published a report focusing on the online interactions occurring within gaming platforms, such as Roblox and Fortnite. The report highlights that while these platforms offer rich social experiences, they also expose young gamers to potential risks, including cyberbullying and inappropriate content.

At Goring, we are committed to supporting our community with understanding and implementing online safety practices. Please view the Online Safety section of our website - <https://goringprimary.org/parents/online-safety> for up-to-date guides and information. We have recently added a document based on police awareness campaigns which highlights acronyms, words, emojis and hashtags that parents should be mindful of if their child is accessing any form of online social media.



Sport Competitions

The spring term is always a busy time for sport at Goring. Our children have had the opportunity to engage in many different competitions and festivals and we are incredibly proud of their efforts and achievements. Thanks goes to all the adults who have worked hard in preparing children for these events and for giving of their time to enable them to go ahead.



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>

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