

24th October 2025

Dear Families,

Can you believe we have already reached the end of our first half term back at school! What an exciting time we have had in school, routines now very established, children continuing to 'be their best' and enjoying the new learning opportunities presented to them.



AGAPE MEAL AND SERVICE

We enjoyed a wonderful Worship with Bible Readings and prayers on Wednesday, led by Father Keith and our Liturgy Team. Father Keith talked about Agape Love, the highest form of love, one that is selfless. He talked about how we should look out for those who really need us and show our love for them in different ways.

The children were given tissue paper hearts and enjoyed their Jammy Dodger 'meal', to help them to think about the amazing things they have achieved this half term and to think about God's Love.

Thank you to Imogen, Seb, Alice, Emiley, Austin A and Austin I for their readings and to Lois, Ellie and Flo for their thoughtful prayers. Our blessing was to go serve the Lord in our work and in our play, expressing this selfless love to one another.



School Tours

It has been a pleasure welcoming prospective parents to our school for next September, as they enjoy tours with our wonderful team of Year 6 School Ambassadors.

Our Ambassadors have led these tours so efficiently and comments have been shared on how well they know their school! Thank you, children!

Our visitors have given so much praise for the school, including how calm, polite and kind the children were and how enthusiastic they were to share their learning!

Our next School Tours are:

Friday 7th November 10.00-11.00

Tuesday 18th November 6.00-7.00 and

Monday 15th December 10.00-11.00



Year 5&6 Netball Team

The children played different matches across schools from the local area during a Netball Festival!. They worked hard to develop their skills and enjoyed the opportunity for competitive matches - with some children experiencing this for the first time.

Well done to our player of the competition - Alice in Year 6.

Year 4 Football team

Our Year 4 Football Team played superbly, winning 4 of their 5 matches, with goals and assists coming from children from across the team. Each child worked for each other, and this allowed them to control possession.

The Player's Player of this festival was Jasper in Year 4.

What a busy few last few weeks for sport at Goring, with so many children representing their school and through a range of different competitions. It has been a pleasure to see the children challenge themselves to '**Be their Best**', whilst also demonstrating our school values through encouragement and teamwork.

Table Tennis

It was great to see 18 of our Year 5 and 6 children represent the school in this year's Table Tennis event, run by Worthing Table Tennis Club. The children participated in a range of skills, ranging from power hitting to control of the ball. These skills were new to many but Goring's two teams placed **2nd and 3rd out of the 10 schools attending.** An incredible achievement.



Worthing Schools' Cross Country Competition

Last Saturday, 76 children from across KS2 came together at the Gallops in Findon for the annual Cross Country competition. Over 100 children participated in each race.

We saw determination, courage and real talent watching our athletes complete the course and could not have been prouder of their achievements but also the support they received. Out of the 17 Worthing schools, Goring placed third for overall team finishes!

A few special mentions go to-

Hannah - Year 3 - 3rd Place

Lizzie - Year 6 - 2nd Place

Austin - Year 6 - 3rd Place

Year 4 Girls Team - Worthing Champions

A huge congratulations go to all involved.



Congratulations to our musicians!

We say a huge CONGRATUALIONS to our budding musicians for their success and achievement in lessons with West Sussex Music.

For: Recorder Foundation Stage

Enzo K
Olivia K
Esmae S

For: Saxophone Preparatory Stage

Darcy C
Betty K

For: Saxophone Foundation Stage

Natalia S

For: Saxophone Stage 1

James B

Well done children! The saxophone is not an easy instrument to play! We are proud of each one of you for your musical achievements this half term!



Bikeability for Year 6!

Well done to our Year 6 children for completing their Level 1 and 2 Bikeability training this week.

We were incredibly proud of our children as they took to the roads safely mid-week to demonstrate their skills in independence, risk awareness and cycling proficiency. A wonderful opportunity for our children to develop independence and promote the physical and mental health benefits of cycling.



Remembrance Service

On **Tuesday 11th November**, we will be hold our Remembrance Service with the children in school.

Here, we will explore those who have served to keep us safe and how we can and should remember them. To mark this day, the children may dress in their Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs, Brownies, Sea cadets uniforms etc.

Thank you to Mr Chilton who has volunteered again to play the Last Post as part of our service on the playground, if the weather is on our side.



Poppies will be on sale after the half term break. These will be brought round to each class **from 3rd November**.

Please send your child in with a donation if they would like to purchase one in school.

Come and Join us for School Grounds Morning!



We are holding a School Grounds Morning on **Saturday 8th November**
from 9.00-1.00pm

for anyone keen to lend a hand digging, weeding, putting garden beds to rest for winter, sweeping leaves and helping with a general tidy up around our school playgrounds and fields!

We promise tea/ coffee and biscuits in return for your hard work!
If you are interested in helping (even for an hour), please let the school office know.

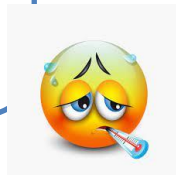
Children are welcome to help too, but can we remind you that they will be required to stay with you at all times and remain your responsibility for the morning.



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



Attendance Matters



Attendance

We are delighted to see that our Whole School Attendance is showing a healthy: **96.8%**

Congratulations to **Year 4**
who had the highest attendance this week with 97.6%,
followed closely by Year 1 with 97.4%!



Thank you to our PSA and to DJ Dick
for putting on a brilliant disco
yesterday evening for all our
children!

We all put on our dancing shoes
and enjoyed sharing our groovy
moves!

What a wonderful way to end the
half term with a good old dance!

Our warmest THANKS to Stuart Williams, who works with Marston Holdings, for his kindness and generous donation of 30 Surface Pro Laptops for our school!

This donation allows for a whole class of children to have access to a device during lessons and will really support our children in enriching their learning experiences.

...and from our Digital Leaders:

Jago: This will really help with our Internet safety and computer skills.

James: In jobs, we will use computers and now we can practice our skills thank you!



A thank you goes to the Year 9 Language Leaders and Year 12 students who visited the school on Wednesday from St Oscar Romero Catholic High School.

The students led some language activities with our Year 3 children in German, Spanish, Romanian and using British Sign Language!

Students told our Year 3's that they were incredibly welcoming, delightful to work with and engaged well with all the planned activities.

Thank you so much for giving our children such a fun afternoon of Language!



Don't Forget!

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



Lost Property

We have a lot of unnamed, lost property items from the end of this half term.

If your child has lost an item of school uniform, please come and check the lost property boxes.

These will be placed out after school and available during two of our parent consultation evenings on **Tuesday 4th Nov (EYFS)** and **Thursday 13th November (Y1-Y6)**.

After this time, any unclaimed items will be sent to charity as the school cannot store these items.



No Lipsalves or handcreams

We ask that children do not bring in lip salves, lip balms or handcreams into school please as many of these are nut and oil based.

We must be mindful of those with allergies, especially nuts.



Please be Kind and Respectful

Recently we have dealt with a high number of concerns regarding parents approaching other parents about something that has happened during the school day. In some cases parents have even approached the children!

No-one enjoys a confrontation and this can be quite upsetting for those receiving, especially our children. This also breaches our school's Parent Code of Conduct guidelines and Safeguarding Policy and procedures.

We cannot stress enough how important it is to come to speak about a concern, to a member of staff in school. This way, we can aim to resolve the concern swiftly.

Let us remember the importance of being respectful and kind to one another. We are all role-models for our children, whose future we are shaping.

In a world where
You can be
anything, be
kind.

Governors' Corner

We've had a busy first half term in our new roles as co-chairs of governors.

We have taken some time to work with Mrs Brockhurst and the governing board to think about the different governor roles and responsibilities, ensuring that we are in the best position to fulfil our duties as the schools 'critical friend'.

We are delighted with the number of parent governor applications and would like to thank the candidates for their putting themselves forwards. Many schools struggle to recruit parent governors and the high levels of interest show clearly what a fantastic community there is supporting the school.

On Wednesday, governors spent an enjoyable and informative day in school - taking part in the whole school Agape meal and spending time talking to children in each of the year groups. The children talked about their time in school and shared work they are proud of.

This really is the best part of the governor role - hearing the pride and enthusiasm from the children as they talk about their experiences in school.

As always, governors were really welcomed by staff and we would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for everything they have done for the children and families this half term.

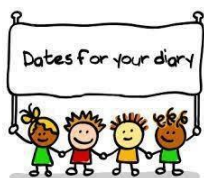
*Kirsty and Mel
Co-Chairs of Governors*

Parent Governor update

Ballot papers have been sent out yesterday for the Governor Vacancy we have in school currently.

Please make sure you vote for your chosen representative, via the link on Google Forms.

Voting closes **9am on Friday 7th November.**



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

Autumn Term 2025

Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October	Half Term
Friday 31st October	Deadline for Secondary School applications
Tuesday 4 th November	NSPCC Virtual Assembly for the children Reception Parents/Carer Consultation Meetings
Wednesday 5 November	Year 1 Wild Science Workshop
Friday 7 th November	Starling Class: 'Bring your Teddy to school day' Prospective Parent Tours of School (Sept 2026) 10.00-11.00
Tuesday 11 November	Remembrance Day Reception Parents/Carer Consultation Meetings
Thursday 13 November	Parents/Carer Consultation Meetings 3.45-6.45pm
Tuesday 18 th November	NSPCC Workshops for Year 2, Year 5 and Year 6 this week Reception Parents/Carer Consultation Meetings Prospective Parent Tours of School (Sept 2026) 6.00-7.00pm
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
Monday 15 th December	Prospective Parent Tours of School (Sept 2026) 10.00-11.00
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	
Monday 5 th January	INSET DAY (School closed for pupils)
Tuesday 6 th January	First day back of the Spring term

If you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing or progress, please come and speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the school day. Alternatively, contact your child's class teacher via the school office.

We are here to help and we cannot act on what we don't know.

We wish you and your families a lovely half term break. We all look forward to seeing the children again on **Monday 3rd November**.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Brockhurst
Headteacher