



Goring Church of England (Aided) Primary School

Faith, Love and Learning

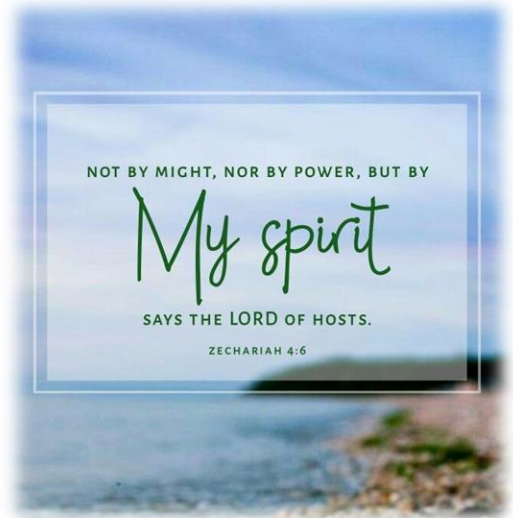
25 October 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

It is hard to believe that we have only had one half term with children in their new classes. Routines have been established and children are enjoying the new learning opportunities presented to them.

Over the past few weeks, it has been a pleasure to invite prospective parents for September 2025 around our school. Our wonderful team of Year 6 School Ambassadors have led these tours and there has been so much praise for our children's learning, kindness and the overall sense of calm.

I am sure by now you have read the letters sent out on Monday 14th October, which outlined Mrs Jee's decision to resign at the end of the spring term. No words can express the impact that she has had in shaping our school community over her term of headship. The sense of family and belonging that is instilled within the school is testament to her compassionate and influential leadership and she will be missed tremendously. I will continue to support the school moving forward, until the permanent appointment of a new headteacher. As a school, we continue to pray for Mrs Jee and her family, throughout her ongoing treatment and ask that you would do the same. I know how much Mrs Jee means to so many of our community and will update you regularly on her progress.



Restart a Heart Day

On Wednesday 16 October, the Air Ambulance Charity trained thousands of pupils across Kent, Surrey and Sussex on how to save a life. Our Year 4 and 5 children participated in an online session, and discovered about the importance of early CPR and defibrillation.

Children brought in a range of teddies from home to act as their patients and it was great to see the children having fun, whilst also learning about such an important and valuable skill.



Staffing

Sadly, we say goodbye to an incredible member of staff as Mrs Harman will be leaving us at the end of this half-term. She has always shown a complete commitment to supporting the children's wellbeing and learning and we will miss her kindness, passion and smile tremendously. Mrs Brown will be taking over Mrs Harman's class responsibilities and supporting the children as a teaching assistant all day in Starling class.

We have welcomed a new Learning Support Assistant to our team; Mrs Wherrel has joined us and will be supporting children in Hawk class each morning.

We recognise that there has had to be some flexibility with our support staff team over recent weeks, and our hope is that our continued efforts to recruit will result in a full staff team by Christmas.

Lost Property

We have a significant amount of unnamed lost property at school at the end of this half term. If your child has lost an item of school uniform, please encourage them to look in the lost property boxes. Lost property will be placed out during the two parent consultations on Thursday 7th November and Wednesday 13th November. Anything unclaimed following this time may be sent to charity due to the school's capacity to store these items.

Important Notice about Parking

Concerns have been raised by local residents regarding the use of the approach road to school in relation to speed and parking. I ask that you take particular care when driving in this area, being mindful of the movement of children. Please ensure that you do not impact upon residents' access to their properties. As well as being an inconvenience, this could significantly impact the safety of some of the most vulnerable members of local community. I appreciate your ongoing support in being considerate to our neighbours.

Remembrance Service

On Monday 11th November, we will be conducting a remembrance service with the children in school. We will explore the people who have served to keep us safe and how we can remember them. As in previous years, children may dress in their Rainbow, Beaver, Sea cadet etc. uniforms on Monday as part of this event. We are grateful to Mr Chilton who will be playing the Last Post as part of our service on the playground if the weather is favorable. Poppies will be on sale and brought round to each class during the first week back after half term. Please send your child in with a donation if they would like to purchase one in school.

Sport Competitions



It has been an incredible last few weeks for sport at Goring. Children across the school have been involved in cross-country, netball, football, handball, multi-skills, gymnastics and more. The values displayed by our children have shone and I would like to express my appreciation to the staff who have worked tirelessly to offer them such a wide range of experiences.

Starting School 2025 - Important dates

Transition to Secondary School: The online application system is open between Monday 2 September and **Thursday 31 October (please note this date is next week during half term)**

Primary School starters September 2025: The online application system is open between Monday 7 October 2024 and Wednesday 15 January 2025.

Uniform

Please be aware that after half term children will need to wear winter uniform as follows

Reception children

Winter:

Navy blue tunic, skirt or trousers/culottes	Grey trousers
*School cardigan or jumper (navy blue with red stripe)	*School jumper (navy blue with red stripe)
White polo shirt	White polo shirt
White socks or navy tights	Grey socks
Sensible black shoes (not trainers, boots or high heeled shoes)	Sensible black shoes (not trainers, boots or high heeled shoes)

Year 1-6 children

Winter:

Navy blue tunic, skirt or trousers/culottes	Grey trousers
*School cardigan or jumper (navy blue with red stripe)	*School jumper (navy blue with red stripe)
White blouse	White shirt
*School tie	*School tie
White socks or navy tights	Grey socks
Sensible black shoes (not trainers, boots or high heeled shoes please)	Sensible black shoes (not trainers, boots or high heeled shoes please)

School Nativities

Group 1: Magpie/Woodpecker/Finch

Group 2: Owl/Starling/Robin

Performance times

Group 1: Tuesday 10th December 9.20am and Wednesday 11th December 1.30pm

Group 2: Tuesday 10th December 1.30pm and Wednesday 11th December 9.20am



Christmas Lunch

We are having our school Christmas lunch on Tuesday 17th December. Please see the attached poster. If you would like to book a lunch, please scan the QR code on the poster no later Thursday 5th December 2024. Children may wear a Christmas themed outfit on this day eg: Green/red outfit, Christmas jumper, hair decorations etc. Parents do not need to buy an outfit specially but rather use whatever they have at home.

Diary Dates

We have amended and added some diary dates. Attached is an updated version.

Yours sincerely,

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