

27th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have enjoyed plenty of sunshine and happy faces during this final half-term of the academic year. So much has taken place over the past few weeks, both inside and outside of the classroom. I would like to take this moment to thank our children, staff, and the wider school community for everything you do to enrich the learning journey for our children.

In our collective worship sessions, we have been reflecting on making choices in line with God's guidance and values. Across the school, everyone has embraced challenges such as listening carefully to friends, putting others' needs before their own, showing humility, and celebrating one another's talents and achievements. These choices will be even more important than ever in the coming weeks, with all the excitement and other feelings that we all experience during periods of transition.



Recent School Events

Year 6 – Cobnor Sailing Residential, Fiver Challenge and the Diocesan Leavers' Service

Earlier in the summer term, our Year 6 pupils took part in an unforgettable residential visit to Cobnor. This was a fantastic opportunity for the children to develop their teamwork, learn new skills, and—most importantly—demonstrate the school values that are at the heart of everything we do at Goring. During their stay, the children took part in a range of exciting activities, including kayaking, paddling, archery, and more. One of the main focuses of the trip was enabling our pupils to work towards their RYA Level 1 certification—a brilliant achievement that highlights their determination and hard work.

Throughout the week, we saw the children encouraging each other, tackling challenges together, and showing real resilience when things got tough. A huge thank you goes to Miss Jones, Mrs Howlett, Mrs Vachhani, Miss Weare, Mrs Macara and Mrs Durr for giving up their time to support and enable the children to have this valuable experience.



Two weeks ago, the Year 6 children took part in the Fiver Challenge, an enterprise initiative designed to develop creativity, teamwork and business skills. We were incredibly proud of the imaginative ideas and careful thought they put into their games and products. This year's cohort raised more money than any previous Year 6 group—a remarkable achievement! The funds raised by the children will

support our school's ongoing charitable donations, contribute to their Leavers' Party, and help purchase legacy items for future pupils at Goring C of E Primary. Over the coming weeks, children will be brainstorming ideas for what these special legacy items might be.

Amidst a busy schedule of enrichment activities, our Year 6 pupils also joined with other Church of England schools from across West Sussex for this year's Diocesan Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral. Over 400 children and their families came together in a spirit of prayer, song, and worship to celebrate the end of their primary school journey. We were honoured to be invited to lead the prayers looking forward to the future, with Bobby and Saffy reading their prayers clearly and thoughtfully. It was a wonderful opportunity for our Year 6 children to reflect on their time at Goring and to appreciate the friendships and experiences they have shared.

Although the last few weeks have been filled with activity, there is still more to look forward to, with the production of Peter Pan and our own Leavers' Service coming up soon.

Year 2 – Arundel Wetlands & Legacy Games

Year 2 have had a very active start to the term, already enjoying two trips outside of school. On their very first day back, they set off to Arundel Wetlands Centre to learn all about the fascinating creatures that call wetlands home and to explore what makes these environments so special. A particular highlight of the visit was pond dipping, where the children discovered some extraordinary animals living just beneath the water's surface.

Year 2 recently took part in the KS1 Worthing School's Legacy Games, an exciting event that began with torch bearers and oath takers, reminding everyone of the value of fair play and embracing new experiences. The children enjoyed a variety of activities, from parachute games to energetic Zumba sessions. We were incredibly proud of their positive attitude and enthusiastic participation throughout the day. The event finished on a high note, with our Year 2 Relay Team being crowned Worthing Champions for the second year running—a fantastic achievement!



Year 3 – Camping and Bush Craft

Earlier this half term, our Year 3 pupils enjoyed the exciting experience of camping on the school field. Their day was filled with bushcraft activities such as fire making and shelter design, team-building games, and a variety of other outdoor adventures. In the evening, the children were treated to a delicious dinner of sausage and chips before gathering for a singalong and settling down for the night in their tents. Special thanks go to Mr Daniel, Mrs Finlay, Mrs Woodward, and Mrs Robertshaw, as well as all the other staff members who supported to make this

memorable event for the children possible. We would also like to thank Mr Brown and the parents and carers who so efficiently helped set up and pack away the tents.

Post Box to Heaven – Marine Gardens

We have been asked to inform our school community of the newly created "Post Box to Heaven" in Marine Gardens. This offers a thoughtful and accessible space for anyone wishing to remember a loved one. This special letter box allows children and adults to post letters, drawings, or cards to those they miss—whether it's for a birthday, anniversary, or simply to share a memory. The post box is located on the left side of the Marine Gardens restaurant, in a quiet, secluded spot. It is available 24/7, with wheelchair access and free parking to ensure everyone can visit. All messages remain private, as letters are never opened—instead, they are respectfully shredded and turned into compost for the gardens.





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West Sussex Music – Summer Holiday Activities

West Sussex Music are keen to encourage as many children as possible to have the opportunity to develop and explore their musical talents over the summer holiday. They have planned for a range of workshops, for children between the ages of 8-16, to take place. The sessions range from cinema soundtracks to beat-making DJ sessions. The venues are spread out across the West Sussex area and more information can be found in the flyer attached with this newsletter. If your child is in receipt of Free School Meals, these sessions are available free of charge.

Online Safety – Spotlight on TikTok

Children now have more access to technology than ever, and apps like TikTok are especially popular among young people. At Goring, we have noticed some pupils discussing TikTok and sharing their knowledge of it.

While TikTok offers creative opportunities, it also comes with risks—such as exposure to inappropriate content or unwanted contact. It's important for parents and carers to stay informed about what children are accessing and the age restrictions of particular apps (TikTok should not be used by children under the age of 13).

West Sussex has produced a helpful guide for families. It covers setting privacy controls, monitoring screen time, and recognising when your child might need extra support.

We encourage all parents and carers to talk regularly with children about their online experiences. Staying involved is the best way to support your child's safety and wellbeing online.



Upcomming Staffing Changes

Mrs Larsson will be leaving us at the end of next week – Friday 4th July. Throughout her time at Goring she has worked incredibly hard to enrich the lives of the children within her class with her kindness, creativity and passion for teaching. Mrs Larsson will be moving on to take a leading role in managing the Therapies in Schools Service, which runs throughout West Sussex. Although we are saddened to see her go, we are pleased that she will continue to make a significant impact on the lives of young people in our local community.

Sport at Goring

The past three weeks have been the busiest and most exciting period in our sporting calendar, offering children a wealth of opportunities to get involved and show their talents. Thanks to the dedication of Mr Wilkins and Mrs Howlett, pupils have enjoyed a busy schedule of events, including both Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 sports days. For inter-school events, children have represented our school at athletics, tennis, and cricket competitions. The sporting season culminated in this year's Legacy Games, the largest event organised by the Worthing Schools Sport Association of the year.

Our children have excelled, winning medals, trophies, and certificates, and have been consistently praised for their positive attitude and outstanding effort. Special congratulations go to our Innovator House for their impressive victories in both the Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Days. We are also incredibly proud of our Year 6 Legacy Games Squad, who were crowned Worthing Champions in athletics—a special achievement, especially considering the strong competition from much larger schools. Well done to all our pupils for representing Goring with such enthusiasm and sportsmanship.



Year 5 & 6 Legacy Games Squad



Year 6 Winning Relay Teams



Year 3 & 4 Tennis Squad



Legacy Leader Celebration



Innovator House - Sports Day Winners

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>

Please note that there are many activities and clubs on the 'Community Page' offering activities during the summer holiday. There is also information about the **Oscar Romero Run and Rave Run**, which is taking place this weekend, on the 29th June.



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