



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

27 September 2024

Dear Parent/Carer

The last four weeks have been filled with wonderful experiences for the children as they have become more familiar with the adults that are supporting them and their new classrooms. Our Early Years children have continually amazed us and we are very proud of how they have settled into our school community.

Robin Class 2024/5



Finch Class 2024/5



Mrs Jee's treatment continues to progress, and we continue to pray for her as she spends alternate weeks in London preparing for her stem cell transplant, which is likely to take place within the next month. Her love for the children, staff and families helps to strengthen her and we ask that you continue to keep Mrs Jee and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

This week has seen the weather become more changeable. Please do feel free to encourage your child to wear a vest or tights as appropriate until half term when winter uniform should be worn. A raincoat should be brought into school each day.

Year 4 - Lodge Hill

This week has been full of adventure for our Year 4 children. They have braved the weather and had days full of excitement on their three-day residential at Lodge Hill. All adults have commented on their teamwork, determination, and also how they have consistently displayed our school values in all that they have done.

One of the organisers at Lodge Hill emailed the school today and said, "Each child is a credit to their school, their family and a real credit to themselves. They have all been wonderful."

I would like to express my gratitude on behalf of all our school towards the wonderful staff that have given up their own time – and some sleep - to make this happen!



Eco Schools



We are delighted to announce that we have earned our Eco-Schools' Green Flag award in 2024! This award recognises that we have empowered young people to drive change within our school and the local community. It has been a pleasure to see the creative ways we have helped support our environment, wildlife and also protect our planet. Well done to the Eco-Committee for their efforts and to Mr Daniel, Mrs Coe and Mrs Brockwell for taking a leading role in its organisation. We are already thinking of new initiatives and ideas to help strengthen our commitment to protecting our planet for this academic year.

Black History Month

At Goring, we are proud to be constantly thinking about how we deliver the curriculum to our children. We realise that Black History Month is much more than a time to reflect on visibility, culture and traumatic events. We appreciate that Black History should not be confined to a single month but is an opportunity to show mutual respect between nations and races as well as starting point to a broader perspective on race relations.

This year's theme is "Reclaiming Narratives." This invites us to explore and acknowledge the rich history, culture, and contributions of Black individuals that have often been overlooked or misrepresented. By "Reclaiming Narratives," we aim to empower our students to discover and share these stories, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of Black heritage. Through engaging activities and discussions, we will explore how these narratives shape our world and inspire us to embrace diversity and inclusivity within our school community.

Starting School 2025

In recent years, West Sussex have found that parents of a large number of children already attending nurseries, or have siblings in a school already, do not apply for school places on time.

We have been asked to notify you that all the parents of children who need a school place have to apply on time.



Important dates

Transition to Secondary School: The online application system is open between Monday 2 September and Thursday 31 October.

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

Sport Competitions

The school has already participated in two inter-school events this year. One competition was a new opportunities festival and the children thoroughly enjoyed Ultimate Frisbee, skateboarding, tag rugby and dodgeball. This week, our Year 6 football team performed excellently at Broadwater C of E, playing 6 games and remaining unbeaten throughout. William B was nominated Players' Player of the tournament. We are excited about the upcoming sporting opportunities for the children in our school and providing these to as many of our children as possible. Thank you to Mrs Howlett and Mr Wilkins for their continued leadership in this area.



Local MP Visit

Yesterday, Dr Beccy Cooper, MP for West Worthing and her aide, Ella Turner, came to visit us to hear about the challenges that schools and parents are facing in ensuring that children with SEND receive what they need to make progress and thrive. They met with Miss Senior and some parents before having a tour of the school. Both were impressed with what they saw, and the provision that was in place for those children who needed it. Both Dr Cooper and Ms Turner listened to the concerns that were raised and have made plans to raise these with other professionals. We felt that it was a positive meeting and that hopefully by raising our concerns, we can help make things clearer and easier for our children with SEND. We are very grateful to those parents who came to share their experiences, and hope that Dr Cooper and Ms Turner will be able to return later in the year to meet with other parents and also some of our children.

Harvest Service

The 9.10am service will be led by Kingfisher Class

Other classes attending: Robin, Woodpecker, Magpie, Kingfisher, Puffin, Kestrel, Hawk

The 10.45am service will be led by Swallow Class

Other classes attending: Finch, Starling, Owl, Swallow, Seagull, Osprey, Eagle

Priority seating will be given to Year 3 parents/carers.

This year we invite you to make donations to Turning Tides at the end of the service. This is a Worthing based charity which provides a range of homeless support services within West Sussex.

Early Years - Maths and Phonics Workshop

Parents of Reception children are invited to attend our forthcoming maths and phonics workshop on Tuesday 1st October at 6pm in the school hall. Please do not bring children to this meeting.

Yours sincerely,
Mr R Ireland
Acting Headteacher

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" - Galatians 6:9

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