



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

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Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to thank you for your involvement in the recent parent consultations. The opportunity to discuss your child's progress, strengths, and areas for improvement is essential in building a strong partnership between home and school. I enjoyed the opportunity to speak to many of you and get your feedback on the many positives you have experienced over the last term and a half.

Mrs Jee continues to be in contact with us regularly, and is due to be undergoing another round of chemotherapy, starting at the end of this month. She has continually expressed her gratitude for the love and warmth shown to her, and wishes the school community to know that you are firmly in her prayers as we approach the festive season.



**Anthony Nolan Charity - Fundraising**



The Anthony Nolan charity is a UK-based organisation that saves lives by matching individuals willing to donate their blood stem cells or bone marrow with patients in need of transplants. Through its efforts, Anthony Nolan gives hope and a second chance at life to many individuals.

Mrs Jee's family are showing their support for this charity, that has helped Mrs Jee so much over the

recent weeks and months by participating in the 'Three Peaks Challenge' next June. If you, or your family, would like to contribute with a donation you can do so by using the link below or the QR Code:



<https://gofund.me/20d0f584>

**Remembrance Service**



On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November, we held our Remembrance Service on the school playground. We were grateful to Mr Chilton who played both The Last Post and Reveille, before our children sang a song of remembrance and thanks. Members of the Liturgy Team shared prayers with the school community and children in Year 2 and Mrs Whittaker read a selection of poems.

In the lead up to Remembrance Day, Year 5 worked with St Oscar Romero to create their own wreaths and on the day Year 4 and 6 participated in a themed poetry workshop led by Nikita Gill.

## Birthday Favours and Gifts

This year, we have received an increase in parents asking about distributing birthday favours or sweets at the end of the school day. I want to take this opportunity to remind you that we will not be distributing birthday favours or sweets in the classroom. This decision helps us manage classroom time effectively, address allergy concerns, and promote a healthy schools approach.

If you wish to celebrate your child's birthday with favours or treats, we kindly ask you to arrange this without involving staff or classroom time.

## Bikeability

This half term, our Year 6 pupils took part in a West Sussex-run Bikeability course. Our aim is to equip them with lifelong skills that promote safe and responsible cycling, encouraging an active and healthy lifestyle. The instructors were delighted with the exemplary behaviour shown throughout these sessions, where they learned essential cycling skills, road safety awareness, and the confidence to ride independently. We are incredibly proud of their achievements and look forward to seeing them apply these skills in their everyday journeys moving forward, and as they prepare for secondary school. Thanks needs to go to our wonderful instructors for supporting the children, and also Miss Jones and Mrs Howlett for taking the time to carefully organise this experience.



## Sport Competitions



It has been another busy few weeks of sport at Goring. Children have participated in table tennis competitions, gymnastics routines, cross-country relays and more.

It has been a pleasure to see the dedication, determination and teamwork consistently on display by our young athletes as they have represented the school with pride and been excellent ambassadors of our school values. Thank you to Mr Wilkins, Mrs Howlett, Mrs Allwright, Mrs Walker and all other staff who have given up their time to support their development. A huge thank you must also go to Mrs Oliver who has continued to

coach our children in gymnastics, helping them to shine and display their talents.

We are excited for upcoming sporting events, which include basketball, football, benchball and more.

## Farewells

Sadly, over the next few weeks, we will say goodbye to a few wonderful members of staff who have helped improve children's outcomes, for which we say a huge thank you. We wish Mrs Smith and Miss Hills well in the future ahead as they embark on new journeys and we hope Miss Coombes has a maternity leave filled with love and joy.

Miss Coombes – (Learning Support Assistant) will leave for her maternity leave on 29.11.24  
Mrs Smith - (Kingfisher Teaching Assistant) will be leaving us on 20.12.24  
Miss Hills - (Learning Support Assistant) will be leaving us on 20.12.24

### Key stage 2 Carol Service

We are looking forward to Year 4 children leading our Key stage 2 Carol service at St Mary's Church on Wednesday 18 December. The classes attending each service will be as follows:  
9.15 Puffin (leading), Kingfisher, Seagull, Kestrel, Hawk, KS2 Choir  
10.30 Seagull (leading), Swallow, Puffin, Osprey, Eagle, KS2 Choir  
All parents are invited to attend but should be aware that seating in the side aisles is limited.

### Christingle Service with West Park

As part of our Growing Partnerships agreement between school, community and St Mary's Church, we will be joining with our other church school in our locality – West Park – for a Christingle Service. This will take place on Monday 9 December 2024 at 5:30pm at the church. The service will be organised by West Park and supported by Mrs Whittaker and members of our Liturgy team. I would encourage you to attend this service if you can, so that together we can focus on the real meaning of the festive season.

### School Nativities

Group 1: Magpie/Woodpecker/Finch  
Group 2: Owl/Starling/Robin

#### Performance times

Group 1: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 9.20am and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm  
Group 2: Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 1.30pm and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.20am



### Christmas Lunch

We are having our school Christmas lunch on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Reminders

- Children should NOT bring trading cards of any kind into school
- Hair which is longer than shoulder length to be tied back
- No extreme hair styles, these include unnatural colour, shaved lines or patterns, distinct changes in length in the hair (changes should be graduated)
- No hair-wraps/ holiday-style hair

Yours sincerely,  
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