



Dear Families,



We see how every day is blessed with new surprises and wonderful joys (including the weather!).

In the words of Jeremiah, "God knows the plans he has for us to give us hope and a future", even when the path may be unexpected.

This verse wonderfully encapsulates what our school life can be like, reminding us that when we do not always know where to turn, unforeseen moments can still be delightful, can shape the journey that we take and still lead us forwards in hope.

I pray that the Lord continues to guide us forwards, through good times and challenging times, and watches over our whole community, helping us to make the right choices through his endless care and love.

Learning Spotlight on Year 1

Year 1 have been clever Scientists this term, investigating the properties of different materials. The children have especially enjoyed investigating which materials were hard and those that were soft by seeing how easily they became scratched with metal spoons!

"When I scratch the crayon the colour comes off, this means it is soft." - Freddie

"The brick is not making a scrape because it is hard." - Delilah

"The elastic band is turning white and that means it's stretching and soft." - Levi G

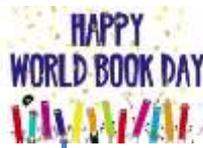
They have also investigated which items are: waterproof, opaque, transparent, translucent, absorbent, and will sink/float.

What a lot of grown up vocabulary you have used Year 1- amazing as always!



Learning Spotlight on Year 5

Year 5 are comparing materials and their properties. We will be looking at separating materials during this topic. We invited Jo as part of a British Science week. Jo told us all about water and what Southern Water do to make the water safe for us to drink. She showed photos of the different methods that have been used over time. Some of the children discussed how they have to buy water in bottles in other countries, as the tap water is not safe to drink. The children asked lots of interesting questions- they found out we are drinking the same water the dinosaurs drank! Jo also talked about how she became a scientist.



World Book Day fun!

Our whole school enjoyed a wonderfully exciting 'World Book Day' last Thursday!

The children enjoyed different book-related activities during the day and our teachers swapped classes to share and read well-known and new favourite stories to the children. We celebrated the children's wonderful costumes, props and comfy clothes during morning Worship. Thank you for helping to make this day so successful!

Thank you!

Thank you to the children and staff for a very successful lockdown at school on Monday. The staff and children practiced a full lockdown as per our school's annually amended 'Emergency Plan'. The children were excellent at remembering what to do and how, and did their absolute best to stay quiet, still and calm, waiting for the all clear and safe to resume their school day.

Please talk to your child about this practice- they were very articulate during Worship in explaining the many reasons why practising for a lockdown is just as important as practising a fire drill. **Austin in Seagull Class shared "We know what we have to do and we are always ready for any possible emergency situation. I felt quite safe."**

What are we still looking forward to this term:



..... **our upcoming RE and Art days** on Tuesday 24th and Wednesday 25th March.

Over the two days, we will be exploring Art through the lens of spirituality. The children will explore various art forms, thinking deeply about the artwork itself. Then, they will plan and create their own piece of art that represents what they 'treasure' (*looking in*), where they get their strength (*looking up*) and/or what lights their way (*looking out*).

We look forward to the children's thoughtful discussions and representations during these spiritual two days as a school community.

..... **our Easter Services, led by our Year 5 children at St Mary's Church on Monday 23rd March.**

Everyone is welcome but please bear in mind capacity in St Mary's Church is limited and parents are asked to sit in the side pews.

where your treasure is, there your heart will be also / Matthew 6 : 21

..... **our upcoming Year 4 production of 'Jill and Fred's Hysterical Historical Adventures'** with Year 3 joining us for the songs as choir.

The Year 4s are in full swing with rehearsals at school and in the Church Hall, working so hard with their acting, learning lines, stage scenes and positions in preparation for what I am certain will be two fantastic performances next week.

We hope you have booked tickets for our evening performances at 6.00 on **18th and 19th March at St Mary's Church Hall.**

PSA Pom Pom Hunt

The PSA are kindly running their annual pompom hunt once again this year where the children can collect pompoms in exchange for an Easter treat.

As Easter and the Easter Holidays fast approach, the PSA will be running this event, for us to look forward to, in the first week back of our summer term on **Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th April** on the KS2 playground!

Sporting Competitions

The children have continued to excel in many different sporting events over the Spring Term including Athletics, Netball and Football tournaments and competitions.

Last week we took 40 of our Year 3 and 4 children to the indoor athletics competition held at St Andrews High School. As always our children practised hard and were amazing during the evening, coming first place overall and following in the footsteps of our Year 5 and 6 team last month. We celebrated their success during Worship!

We are so proud of the children's efforts, the values they have displayed at each event and their sportsmanship during the event.

So far this year, over 50% of children across Years 3-6 have represented our school in an inter-school event, across a wide range of sports. There are more to follow!

I would like to express my gratitude for the continual dedication of our staff, who, regularly and voluntarily give up their time to provide these wonderful opportunities for the children. Thank you and well done Team Goring!

Parking

Thank you for your ongoing support with regards to parking outside school.

Please can you continue to take particular care when driving and parking 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. THANK YOU.





Congratulations!

What a superstar Tennis player Alani is! Alani has put a lot of effort into training recently. She was selected for the Sussex U9 girls' team, to play against Middlesex, Kent, Hertfordshire and Essex on 28th February in the County Cup. It was a very competitive day and playing against some of the strongest girls in the country. Our Sussex girls finished bottom however Alani contributed to 3 of the 4 wins the girls got on the day from her doubles matches.



On 20th February, Alani competed in a National Tour Grade 2 tournament up in Leeds, and finished 4th against some of the top 16 girls in the country...Alani won all her group matches, quarter final but then pipped in the semi- final against the overall winner, but Alani did beat the other finalist during the group stages!



Amazing effort and achievement, Alani –we are thrilled for you!



Updates to our website:

Community Page

Don't forget to regularly check our community page for information on local events, clubs, and activities.

[Community Information | Goring-by-Sea C of E Primary School](#)

We share these opportunities for your information, but please note that we do not recommend or endorse any advertised content.

The information we provide is solely for your awareness and consideration and is updated frequently.

Christian Distinctiveness

Over the past few weeks, we have updated our school website to include information pages on our Christian Distinctiveness.

Please follow the link:

<https://www.goringprimary.org/christian-distinctiveness/mission-vision-values>

Please take a look at the information linked to this, which includes:

- Our Mission, Vision and Values
- Worshipping Together
- Promoting Pupils' spirituality and
- St Marys' Church.

We would be interested in any feedback from you! regarding this.

I will be praying for our school and community next Thursday 19th March, as we embrace our SIAMS inspection and demonstrate how we fulfil our school's vision so that everyone can flourish.

Mrs Brockhurst
Headteacher



Spring Term 2026

Mon 16 – Thurs 19 March	Mock SATS week
Tuesday 17 March	Year 3 Parent/carer Zoom meeting- re Y4 Lodge Hill residential (in Autumn 2026)
Wednesday 18 March	Year 4 Production 6.00pm at St Mary's Church Hall
Thursday 19 March	School SIAMS Inspection with Richard Blackmore Year 4 Production 6.00pm at St Mary's Church Hall
Monday 23 March	Easter Services at St Mary's Church - 9.15 and 10.30
Wednesday 25 March	Rocksteady Concerts
Thursday 26 March	PSA Easter Discos (3.20-4.00 Reception, 4.15-5.15 Y1/2, 5.30-6.30 Y3/4, 6.45-7.45 Y5/6)
Friday 27 March	Last day of Spring term
Easter Holidays Monday 30 March – Friday 10 April	

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13 th April	Inset Day (School closed to pupils)
Tuesday 14 April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 15 April	PSA Pom Pom Hunt
Thursday 16 April	PSA Pom Pom Hunt
Wednesday 22 April	Year 1 Phonics Screening Parent/Carer Talk 2.50
Wednesday 29 April	Year 1 locality Fieldwork trip
Monday 4 May	Bank Holiday- school closed
Wednesday 6 May	Year 4 Butser Farm Trip Year 1 Beach Trip am
Mon 11 May - Thur 14 May	SATS week
Tuesday 19 May	Year 6 Highdown Trip
Half Term - Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May	
Wednesday 3- Friday 5 June	Year 6 Beach Trip, Premier Sports day of events and Residential to Cobnor Activity Centre
Wednesday 3 June	Year 2 Wetlands trip
Friday 5 – Saturday 6 June	Year 3 Camping TBC
Monday 15 June	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 1pm – 3.15pm
Tuesday 16 June	KS2 Sports Day 12.45-3.10pm
Wednesday 17 June	KS2 Legacy Games times TBC
Friday 19 June	Inset Day(School closed to pupils)
Monday 22 June	Reserve EYFS/KS1 Sports Day 1pm – 3.15pm
Tuesday 23 June	Reserve KS2 Sports Day 12.45-3.10pm
Wednesday 24 June	Year 6 Diocese Leavers service 10.30am
Thursday 25 June	Year 5 Parent Meeting time re Cobnor Residential
Wednesday 1 July	Transition morning Open Evening 4.30-6pm and Book Fair
Thursday 2 July	Book Fair 3.20-3.50pm
Friday 3 July	PSA Summer Fair
Wednesday 8 July	EYFS trip to the Woods Year 6 Production time TBC
Thursday 9 July	Year 6 Production time TBC
Friday 10 July	Year 3 Ukulele Concert 10-10.30am
Wednesday 15 July	Rocksteady concerts times TBC
Tuesday 21 July	Year 6 Leavers Service
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of summer term
Summer Holiday Thursday 23 July+	

A few upcoming events you may be interested in for St Mary's Church and St Laurence's Church:



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