



27 March 2026

Dear Families,

The Spring term has been a shorter, but very busy time at Goring and it is hard to believe we have already reached the Easter holidays! It has been a pleasure to have been involved in the wide range of events and activities that have taken place and engaged the children, across all year groups. From sports competitions and County Finals, creative writing, visits to see 'Matilda' in London, singing at the O2, World book Day, Science exploration to wonderful performances and Easter preparation and Services at St Mary's Church.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the staff and our whole school community for providing so many enriching and special experiences for our children so that they may flourish.



**'OscWarts' Day of Magic and Wizardry for Year 5**

We would like to say a huge thank you to Headteacher, Mr Byrne and his amazing Science Team for such an exciting day at St Oscar Romero (aka Oscwarts) on 13<sup>th</sup> March as part of British Science Week!

Our Year 5s were immersed in a range of activities: from 'Potions' to 'Wind and Flame' class and as if this wasn't exciting enough, the children competed for the golden snitch in a fabulous game of Quidditch, with hockey sticks as brooms!

Our children and staff could not have enjoyed a better science day and would like to send special thanks to the attentive Year 10 Leaders who were an absolute credit to St Oscar Romero High School!  
THANK YOU



**A heartwarmingly, magical production of 'Jill and Fred's Hysterical Historical Adventures'**

Where do we begin to share how wonderfully exciting, humorous and incredibly moving our Year 4 production was last Wednesday and Thursday! Children -we were simply inspired by your performances, acting and singing and I am certain there was not a dry eye amongst the audience as you shared a particularly poignant moment and song during the WW1 scene.

Thank you Year 3 for your wonderfully smiley faces and beautiful singing and again to all the staff who helped the children to prepare, practise and perform so, so well.

Of the many comments we received, we would like to share one from Mr and Mrs Hollis:

*"Not a dry eye in the vicinity. Thank you for all the lovely experiences you're providing our children. The assemblies are just so lovely to be a part of and hearing you celebrate each child in the way Goring does. Super proud parents here and love that our children get to be raised in such a lovely school."*

Thank you everyone for being a part of these special evenings.





## SIAMS Inspection

The children and staff demonstrated to our inspector what school life in a Church school is really like, during our SIAMS inspection last Thursday. The children were able to articulate their experiences of RE learning across the school. Our inspector, Richard Blackmore, joined the school for Collective Worship, learning and break-times, speaking to various pupil and adult groups over the course of the day.

Thank you to our families who gave up their time to come in and speak to the inspector and to those of you who expressed their well wishes both during and after the day.

We await the draft report, which will be sent some time after the Easter break. Once this is finalized, you will all receive a copy of our Inspection Report. For Church schools, the SIAMS inspection is as important (if not more so) as the inspection carried out by Ofsted.

## Easter Services led by our wonderful Year 5's!

On Monday, our lovely Year 5 children helped us reflect upon the meaning of Easter and why Christians around the world join in with the celebration of Jesus' life at this special time.

I was incredibly proud of the children's confidence when speaking and sharing their creative writing of the Bible story of The Three Trees and the thoughtful prayers they shared to close our Service.

Through this dramatical story retelling we learnt that great plans don't always take place the way we expect them to, but with God's guidance, we learn to use things in wonderful ways. We saw how one tree became the manger that held the Special One, baby Jesus, one became the boat Jesus used to calm the storm and the final tree became the cross – a symbol of God's amazing and everlasting love.

I would like to express our gratitude to those who came to St Mary's and supported this service and to Mrs Allwright, Mr Wilkins and our Year 5 staff who made this service a very poignant and memorable one for us all.



## Congratulations!

A huge well done to our children who took their first Holy Communion at St Mary's Church last Sunday:

**Arthur, Austin, Rae, Alana, Hettie, Isabella, Arty, Joseph, James** and to **Moyosola, Monisola and Arlie** who were also Baptised before they took their first Holy Communion.

Children we are so happy that you have begun your spiritual journey and have now received Jesus through this very special occasion of Holy Communion. We were glad to have shared this special occasion with you and your families.

Thank you to one of our parishioners who baked the beautiful cake in the shape of a Bible to mark this special morning.

### **Dance Time Extraordinaire!**

A huge Congratulations go to our fourteen Year 5 Dancers who performed beautifully on stage at Worthing Pavilion on Wednesday evening, to The Killers 'Are we humans or are we dancers'!

What wonderful comments we had from our audience  
**"AMAZING", "...a REAL WOW MOMENT!", 'This blew us away!'**.

Thank you to Mrs Porter for her enthusiasm and flair and to Mrs Vachanni who supported all the children in practices and preparing for this wonderful performance to other schools!

We know the children will hold on to this memory for a long time and it was fabulous to see them perform their dance once more, to our school today!

### **Cross-Country Finals and Netball Tournament**

Thank you to Miss Evans who oversaw our Year 5 Netballers compete in a series of matches at Worthing High yesterday evening. Out of 7 games, our team won 5 and drew 2! Amazing efforts Team Goring!

Well done to our Cross Country runners who also competed last night in the County finals in Crawley! Our Girls came in at Bronze level (Congratulations Lizzie) across the County and our Boys (Congratulations to Caspar and Austin) brought home Gold! What an incredible effort all round for our sporting achievements.

### **Online Safety**

As parent/ carer you play a really key role in helping and teaching your child to remember to stay safe online. The UK Safer Internet Centre's website is very informative and has useful and updated advice and resources for how to help keep your child safe online. You don't even have to be an expert when using the internet.

[Parents and Carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

Please be aware of the legal age limits for particular social media Apps. Whilst some platforms may offer social experiences for children, WhatsApp, TikTok, YouTube and Instagram are only for children age 13 or over.

At Goring, we are continually committed to supporting our community with understanding and implementing online safety practices. We are aware there are many children in Years 5 and 6 accessing WhatsApp. The situations we are having to deal with at the start of the school day are increasing and this adds anxiety and upset to both friendships and impacts upon their school day and curriculum, especially if a situation has arisen the evening before.

The UK Safer Internet Centre outlines the many potential risks, including cyberbullying and inappropriate content. Please take a look via the link.

## School Uniform

Please can we ensure that for the Summer term, our children are all wearing the correct school uniform again, including:

- black school shoes on uniform days
- navy tracksuits/ shorts on PE days and no branded clothing
- small stud earrings only (no hoops or dangly earrings)
- no nail varnish
- all shoulder length hair or longer tied right back

We wish for our children to feel connected and part of our school community and this is why we take pride in looking smart wearing our school uniforms. Please find the link below to our school uniform policy.

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



## Community Page

Please check our community page for events and activities that are taking place over Easter. There are lots of lovely opportunities for your child and some at discounted rates.

[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.

## A plea for spare clothing!

We are very low on stock for little accidents that occur during the day for our younger children! If anyone has spare trousers, skirts, tights, PE shorts/trousers, underwear, socks etc. suitable for Reception, year 1 or Year 2.

We are particularly low on boys' underwear and uniform items. Any ages from 4 – 8 would be very much welcomed.

Please can we also ask, if your child has borrowed spare clothing for any reason, please can these items be washed and returned to school.

Our PSA would always welcome spare donations too! Many thanks for your support.



## Goodbye and Good Luck Miss Evans

We said our final farewells today, during our end of term whole school Worship, to Miss Evans, our class teacher in Eagle Class who has been with the school for nearly 2 years. Miss Evans is moving to a Leadership position at a smaller primary school in West Sussex. She will be very much missed by the staff and children.

Goodbye and good luck Miss Evans. We wish you well in your new position!



## THANK YOU!

A thank you to our wonderful PSA for their hard work and support this term and who helped our children wind down towards the Easter break with a good old Boogie last night at the Disco! Amazing DJ skills as always, from DJ Dick- thank you.

A huge Thank you to our parents/carers who have helped with trips, sporting events and volunteered in school regularly. We appreciate the time and care you can give for our children.

Please remember that you are all a vital part of our school family, and I ask that you reach out if you require support at any point.

If you have any concerns about any aspect of school life, and/ or you wish to discuss something with your child's class teacher, please contact the school via telephone 01903 241175 or email the school office on [office@goringprimary.org](mailto:office@goringprimary.org). As always, we ask that everyone uses the office@ email, rather than email the staff directly. Mrs Coe, Mrs Francis and Mrs Sweeney are swift to ensure emails are forwarded to the correct member of staff.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a restful, restorative Easter break and a very Happy Easter. I hope you can spend this time with family and close friends whilst also enjoying the many blessings God has given us (and hopefully some fabulous weather!).

We look forward to seeing everyone back together again as a school community on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**.

I would like to close with a poem from Jorgi in Swallow Class and an Easter prayer written by Mr Wilkins and read by Enzo in Kestrel Class during our Easter Service at St Mary's Church.



### **Dear God,**

*Thank you for Easter and the hope it brings.*

*We remember the story of the three trees—  
each one dreaming to do something great.  
Even though their plans didn't happen the way they expected,  
you used them in wonderful ways:*

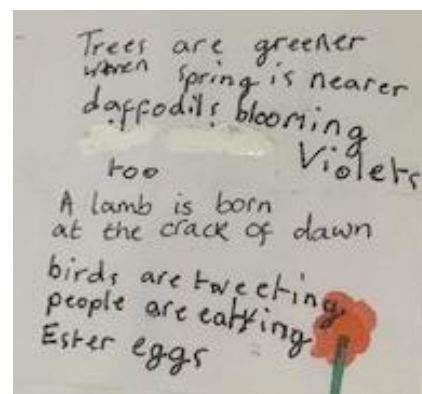
*one became the **manger** that held baby Jesus,  
one became the **boat** Jesus used to calm the storm,  
and one became the **cross** that showed your amazing love.*

*Help us trust that you have a plan for us too.  
Help us to carry your love, bring peace to others,  
and point people towards Jesus through the way we live.*

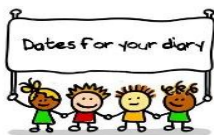
*Thank you that Jesus rose again  
and gives us joy and hope every day.*

**Amen.**

Mrs Brockhurst  
Headteacher



Please scroll down for our updated School Dates list for the Summer Term, with our confirmed 2026-2027 INSET days, upcoming events to be aware of from St Mary's Church and St Laurence's Church, Premier Education and Goring Library.



## Summer Term 2026

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Inset Day (School closed to pupils)</b>
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
<b>Monday 4 May</b>	<b>Bank Holiday- school closed</b>
Wednesday 6 May	Year 4 Butser Farm Trip Year 1 Beach Trip am
Monday 11 May to Thursday 14 May	Year 6 SATS week
<b>Half Term - Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May</b>	
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 12 – Saturday 13 June	Year 3 Camping
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
<b>Friday 19 June</b>	<b>Inset Day (School closed to pupils)</b>
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/Carer Meeting time re Residential to Cobnor TBC
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	Year 6 Production to parents/ carers time TBC
Thursday 9 July	Year 6 Production to parents/ carers time TBC
Friday 10 July	Year 3 Ukulele Concert 10-10.30am
Wednesday 15 July	Rocksteady concerts times
Tuesday 21 July	Year 6 Leavers Service
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of summer term
<b>Summer Holiday Thursday 23 July+</b>	

### Inset Days 2026-2027 (confirmed)

Autumn term 2026: Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026  
 Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2026  
 Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2026

Spring term 2027: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2027

Summer term 2027: Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2027





## Easter Sunday Service

All are welcome to celebrate the Resurrection

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**8am Said Eucharist**  
**10am All Age Worship**

St. Mary's Church  
 Join us for joyful worship,  
 music, and community



YOU ARE WARMLY  
 WELCOME TO OUR


# Easter 'Eggstravaganza'


**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April**  
**2.00-4.00pm**

**St Laurence's Church**  
**Sea Place**  
**Goring by Sea**

Crafts      Activities

Facepainting      Tea, cake and more!





## Unusual Animals

Are you passionate about pangolins, infatuated with iguanas or an axolotl admirer? Scuttle to the library for stories of weird and wonderful creatures, plus a fun craft activity!



**Wednesday 8 April**  
**3.00 - 4.00pm**  
 Suitable for children aged 4+ years

Booking essential - please speak with staff to reserve a place.  
 Parents and carers must remain with their child during this activity.



West Sussex  
Library Service

Goring Library  
 Mulberry Lane, BN12 4NR  
 01903 244300  
[goring.library@westsussex.gov.uk](mailto:goring.library@westsussex.gov.uk)

# Premier Education: Stay and Play Session



Come and join us for our Free 'stay and play' session on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April at Goring CofE Primary School.


This session is perfect for families who are new to our clubs and would like to see what we offer in a fun, relaxed environment.


The session will run from 3:30pm till 4:15pm, where parents will accompany their children and are encouraged to join in with the activities!


To book a space please use the link below or scan to QR code to take you to the booking page.

<https://www.premier-education.com/parents/venue/courses/2750-949970/>

 Business Whatsapp Number: 07842 563764

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