



**Goring Church of England
(Aided) Primary School**
Flourishing Together in Faith & Love

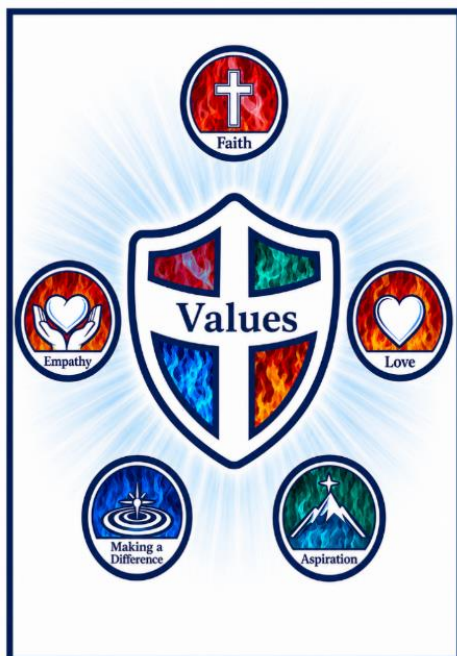
25 September 2026

Dear Families,

We have all enjoyed a fabulous month (nearly!) back at school. The weather has been on our side and it has been nice to enjoy some warmer September days again this week outside in the playground, on the field and in Forest School!

We have been very impressed at how well the children have settled back into their new classes and become familiar with their routines and our Goring expectations again.

Well done children, we are proud of your efforts and we are keen to observe you being responsible role models for behaviour, showing positive and resilient learning attitudes and living out our Values of **Faith, Love, Aspiration, Making and Difference** and **Empathy** this year.



May the Lord make your love increase
and overflow for each other and for
everyone else, just as ours does for you.
- 1 Thessalonians 3:12 -



Here's what our new children have to say about our school so far:

"I have made new friends.." Luna, Robin Class

**"I love playing in the outside school!" Amina,
Robin Class**

**"We have milk and fruit together and we have
to put our rubbish in the bin." Eleanor, Finch Class**

"There are so many things to play with!" Jesse, Finch Class

**A smooth settle into School life for
Robin and Finch Classes!**

An official Welcome to Goring to our
Early Years children!

They have amazed us with their
settling in and are getting to know
each other and classroom routines
very well now.

We have been so impressed with
their lunchtime and eating skills!

Well done Finches and Robins- we
are so proud of you!

We hope that families found our
recent Reading and Maths
Workshops helpful in school this
week!



**Our theme for Collective Worship this half term is about
‘God of new beginnings....’.**

With the children and through various Worship and Bible stories, we will be exploring how much God loves His world, and the ways in which He is always giving us opportunities for new starts!

We will learn about being positive, hopeful, respectful, responsible and courageous in our lives, and understand that making a difference, however big or small can make others happy and especially God !

Our Bible verse this half term is:

“For I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you a hope and a future...” declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29v11.

We will learn about Jesus being there always, at the beginning and at the end.

Our school Value for this half term is:

FAITH

Already, the children have come up with some great interpretations for what Faith means for them and how we can share Faith together. Please ask your child about their ideas!

To be respectful, we:

- Look out for and look after one another
- Use kind words and actions
- Listen and support with an open heart

Be Respectful	Be Safe	Be your Best

To be safe, we:

- Keep ourselves and others safe
- Stay safe and kind online

To be our best, we:

- Have courage when faced with new challenges
- Always tell the truth
- Try to make a difference within our school and community

Be Safe Be Respectful Be Your best

Our 3 rules are embodied in Respect and remind us that if we can be kind and respectful to one another, and the adults around us in school and outside of it can model the same attributes, we will all feel safe, valued, happy and can be our best at all times, both in our work and play.

In our classes, we have explored how we can demonstrate our 3 rules, and in many situations. Please talk with your child about these and ask your child how they have already demonstrated this in school.

We have amended our Positive Behaviour Policy to reflect our new school vision with our 3 rules.

https://files.schudio.com/goring-by-sea-c-of-e-primary-school/files/documents/policies/Positive_Behaviour_Policy_2026-27.pdf

A Lodge Hill Adventure for Seagulls and Puffins!

Our Year 4's have looked forward to their residential since the start of term, and on Wednesday the big day arrived. Reports back from Mrs Whittaker shared that our children, as always, have been amazing and have enjoyed lots of fun practising circus tricks in the evenings following various fun on the high ropes, abseiling, tunneling, sno-tubing and much more!

The children enjoyed a beautiful sunset last night as they joined one another around a camp fire to reflect upon their time at Lodge Hill, observe the stars and rejoice in God's wonderful world (followed of course by the traditional marshmallows and a singalong!)

Staff have commented on how proud of the children they have been. Thank you to our amazing staff group for giving up their own time to be with and look after them over the past three days and thank you children for your teamwork, courage, determination, and for demonstrating our school



..and from Chris North- who supported Y4 in their Circus Skills evening :

"I was privileged to join children from Goring at their residential yesterday evening. They were absolutely amazing, enthusiastic, tried out new things, were creative, joyful, caring and thoughtful towards each other - fantastic! They are a huge credit to your school and are great Goring Primary School Ambassadors."



And here are our Year 1's getting creative during Art and Cool Time!

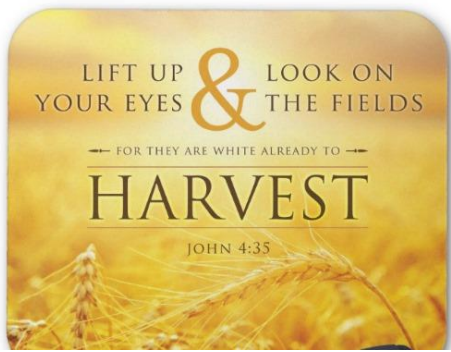


Having fun with Drama and Dance!

The children across Year 1, 2 and 3 enjoyed a morning of drama and acting with 'Perform' this week.

This unique mix of drama, dance and singing always brings out the creativity of the children and on Wednesday the children did not fail to amaze us with their enthusiasm and energy!





Harvest Celebrations at St Mary's Church

Wed 30th September

We are looking forward to you joining the children for their Harvest Service at Mary's Church next Wednesday, led by Rev. Beverley Miles and our two Year 3 classes, Swallow and Kingfisher.

9.15am Service (led by Kingfisher class):

Attending classes: Starling, Magpie, Puffin, Kestrel, Hawk

10.15am Service (led by Swallow class):

Attending classes: Woodpecker, Owl, Seagull, Osprey, Eagle.

We will be donating food and other items towards Turning Tides, a Worthing Charity for the homeless.

The letter sent out this week detailed suggested donations around a 'Pick 'n' mix Bumper Breakfast'! We thank you in advance for your contributions.



Parking outside and nearby school

The roads around and leading up to our school entrance are always busy at drop-off and pick-up times and we thank those of you who are able to walk to and from school, keeping Palmerston Avenue clear. This really does help with congestion!

We are in conversation with West Sussex Highways, Worthing Homes and local councilor for Goring, Ian Davey, around improving the safety around school for our children but in the meantime, you can make a small difference by parking safely and sensibly.

The yellow zig zag lines opposite the school entrance must be kept clear at all times. Please support the safety of all our children coming into and leaving school and if you are able to park further away and walk the remainder of the journey in/out, we would really appreciate your support here.

Please can we be mindful of our local neighbours and make sure we are not parking across driveways/ preventing disabled access in Palmerston Avenue or parking in the area around the back of the Worthing Homes flats. Even stopping here temporarily to drop-off/ collect your child can cause challenges to neighbours having access to their garages as they leave for work!

School Admissions- Applying for and Starting School 2027 –Some important dates!



For children starting Primary and Secondary school in 2027, applications are now open!

The national secondary schools admissions deadline (Year 7) is fast approaching. For Secondary Schools online applications must be submitted by **31st October 2026** (please note this date is during the half term break).

For children starting Primary School (Sept 2027), the online application closes by midnight on 15th January 2027.

Please make sure you have applied in time!

If you know of a parent who is keen to send their child to Goring, please encourage them to apply. Last year and due to the low birth cohort, there were still pupil places available for Reception and this may be the case again this year as it is another low birth cohort year across West Sussex.

Although Goring has always been oversubscribed in the past, please encourage parents to apply just in case!



Open mornings and evenings at our school include a welcome talk with me as Headteacher and tours of the school.

These are on:

Wed 7 Oct 9:30 & 13:30

Tues 13 Oct 13:30

Fri 6 Nov 10:00 & 13:30

Tues 17 Nov 18:00

2027:

Thurs 7 Jan 10:00

Please contact the School Office if you are interested in attending one of these sessions.

Please come along and see our school and the children in action!

For safety reasons we expect **all children to dismount from scooters** and bikes/ push-bikes on entering the school site and use the dedicated shelters for storage, not the fence area.



Our One-way system into school for EYFS and KS1

Our school has a one-way system to ease congestion in and out of school and support the safety of our children during drop-off and pick-up times.

Please can **Reception and Key stage 1 parents enter school via the Mulberry Lane gate and then exit via the gate nearest the school office.**

Staff will be available to guide parents in the right direction, especially for newcomers to the school.



Wraparound Care

Premier education are still taking bookings for October sessions via this link [Goring-by-Sea CofE Primary School – Premier Education \(premier-education.com\)](https://premier-education.com). This provision is not managed by the school office but by Premier Education themselves. If you have any queries please call direct on 01953 499040 or email info@premier-education.com





Communication

If you have any concerns or worries about your child or an aspect of school life, please come in and speak to us in the first instance. Catching your child's class teacher at the end of the day is usually the best time! Our staff should be able to resolve something far quicker using this channel of communication.

If you are sending an email, including those addressed to Class teachers, please ensure these are directed to office@goringprimary.org. Our office/admin staff are very efficient at ensuring messages are swiftly forwarded to teachers and they will aim to respond as soon as is possible. This may not always be on the same day due to their teaching commitments.

Allergy Safety

Please follow the link to our school Allergy Safety and Anaphylaxis Policy on our website:

https://files.schudio.com/goring-by-sea-c-of-e-primary-school/files/documents/policies/Allergy_Safety_and_Anaphylaxis_Policy_September_2026.pdf

From September 2026, all schools must comply with Benedict's Law – new legislation requiring schools to outline its safety measures in place to support pupils with allergies.

We want to make sure all parents and carers are aware of the importance of food safety and healthy eating, the school's and parents' responsibilities within our school community.

Sickness

If your child has sickness or diarrhoea they must not come in to school until 48 hours after the last bout of sickness.

Please let the school office know if your child will be absent due to illness and for each consecutive day of absence.



School Absence

If your child is absent for any reason, please notify the school office before the school day:

telephone 01903 241175 OR
email office@goringprimary.org

Headteachers are NOT allowed by law to authorise absence in term time except for 'exceptional circumstances'.

Children are expected in school for 190 days per year.

Holidays in term time cannot be authorised unless in 'exceptional circumstances'.

In the exceptional case where you may have to request absence from school, please collect a form from the school office. Ideally, this should be at least a month in advance of the date of the first absence.

Interested in Volunteering?

We warmly welcome volunteers back into school to support the children's learning. This includes helping in the classroom, or supporting the children during Forest School.

We are grateful for any time parents/carers and other family members can give to come and support/ volunteer in school with *reading, art activities, sewing, cooking etc.*

If you are interested in volunteering on a regular basis, all volunteers must have an up to date DBS check, follow our safeguarding and child protection procedures and must sign in/out at the start/end of their session.

You will also receive a leaflet about keeping our children safe. Please come to express your interest at the School Office.



Parent Support Association PSA



You will already have enjoyed a wonderful welcome picnic during the first few weeks back into the Autumn Term.

Thank you to our fabulous team for organizing such a lovely, friendly event with food, drinks and fun for our school community! We hope new families to our school enjoyed meeting and greeting new people!

If you are keen to be an active member of the PSA, in any capacity, or have specific skills you can offer for an event or more, please contact the school office.

We are blessed to have such strong community support and involvement from our school family, and who organize great events for our children throughout the year.

Our PSA Reps for 2026-27 are:

Reception - Patricia Jorge.

Y1: Caroline Gonzalez (Starling)

Hayley Adkin (Woodpecker)

Y2: Sara Golds & Vanessa Johnson (Magpie)

Chloe Gray (Owl)

Y3: Emma Page (Swallows)

Kat Sartin (Kingfisher)

Y4: Claire Pirrie (Puffin)

Melanie Smith (Seagull)

Y5: Sarah Henshaw (Osprey/ Kestrel)

Y6: Taiyan Gritt (Hawk)

Helen Souter & Sam Davis (Eagle)

They are here to support wherever possible and will keep you up to speed on latest school news/ events and PSA fundraising etc.

Please do still check all correspondence from the school however!

Please follow the link to read our Policy and Code of Conduct of Parent Acceptable Use on Class WhatsApp Groups. This is important!

[goring-by-sea-c-of-e-primary-school/files/documents/policies/Policy and Code of Conduct for the acceptable use of Class WhatsApp Groups Sept 2026.pdf](https://goring-by-sea-c-of-e-primary-school/files/documents/policies/Policy_and_Code_of_Conduct_for_the_acceptable_use_of_Class_WhatsApp_Groups_Sept_2026.pdf)

A huge THANK YOU! to Mr and Mrs Edmonds who donated an enormous amount of stationary to our school a few weeks ago!



We are so grateful for your generosity in providing us with so much paper, pens, notebooks, post-its and so much more. These can all be utilized in the school.

If your child has won an award or has done something really special that they would like to share, please let us know so this can be added to any monthly Newsletters!



Our weather is slowly on the turn from Summer to Autumn!

It won't be long now before the change to full winter uniform.

In the meantime, please do provide a raincoat for your child to school each day, just in case we have unexpected downpours!



Please scroll down for our Autumn Diary Dates.

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Brockhurst
Headteacher

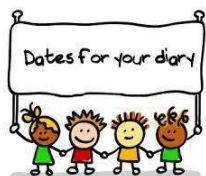
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Dates are subject to change. Parents will be notified if changes are made.

Autumn Term 2026

Tuesday 29 September	Y5/Y6 Girls Football Qualifier Wear your own T-shirt/ Jumper to school: In exchange for a donation towards Harvest collection (Turning Tides)
Wednesday 30 September	Harvest Service at St Mary's Church 9.15am led by and Kingfisher class, with Starling, Magpie, Puffin, Kestrel, Hawk attending. 10.15am led by Swallow Class, with Woodpecker, Owl, Seagull, Osprey, Eagle.
Tuesday 6 October	Y5/Y6 Boys Football Qualifier
Wednesday 7 October	Prospective Parent Events and Tours of school (Sept 2027 admissions) 9.40 – 10.40am & 1.30 – 2.30pm
Thursday 8 October	Individual and sibling School Photos Y5/Y6 Netball Match
Tuesday 13 October	Individual and sibling School Photos Prospective Parent Events and Tours of school (Sept 2027 admissions) 1:30 – 2:30pm Y2/Y3 Girls Football tournament
Friday 16 October	Y3/ Y6 Zoolab Visit
Saturday 17 October	Cross Country Event at The Gallops, Findon
Monday 19 October	Y6 Bikeability Week Y6
Wednesday 21 October	Y2 Trip to Arundel Castle Y5/Y6 Table Tennis Tournament
Thursday 22 October	KS1 Cross Country Event PSA Discos (timings to follow)
Half Term Monday 27 October – Friday 31 October	
Monday 2 November	Autumn Term 2 starts
Wednesday 4 November	Year 1 Wild Science workshop (am only In classrooms)
Thursday 5 November	NHS Flu Vaccinations for Yr-Y6 (Nasal spray)
Friday 6 November	Prospective Parent Events and Tours of school (Sept 2027 admissions) 10:00 – 11.00am and 1.30-2.30pm
Tuesday 10 November	EYFS child/parent/teacher meetings 3.30 – 5.40pm
Thursday 12 November	3:30-6:30 Parents consultation mtgs
13-17 November	Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 17 November	EYFS child/parent/teacher meetings 3.30 – 5.40pm Prospective Parent Events and Tours of school (Sept 2027 admissions) 6.00-7.00pm
Wednesday 18 November	3:30-6:30pm Parents consultation mtgs
Thursday 19 November	KS1 Bench ball Tournament (information to follow)
Tuesday 24 November	EYFS child/parent/teacher meetings 3.30 – 5.40pm
Thursday 26 November	Y5/Y6 Gymnastics Tournament- Davison CE High School (information to follow)
Friday 27 th November	PSA – Christmas Fayre 5:00pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday 2 nd December	Rocksteady Concert: KS1 – 9:00 – 9:45am KS2 – 10:00 – 10:45am
Tuesday 8 December	KS2 Choir at Arundel Cathedral (more information to follow) Y3/Y4 Dodgeball Tournament (more information to follow)
Thursday 10 December	KS1 Gymnastics Tournament (more information to follow)
Wednesday 16 th December	KS2 Christmas Carol Service at St Mary's (Y4 to Lead)
Friday 18 December	Last day of term
Christmas Holidays 21 st December- 1 st January 2027	
Monday 4 January	INSET DAY (school closed for pupils)
Tuesday 5 January	Spring Term Begins

