



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



3 July 2026

Dear Families,

Where has the time gone! I cannot believe that as I write to you, we approach the final 3 weeks of term and the academic year!

I am drawn to Psalm 100- so let us enjoy, make a joyful noise and embrace all the wonderful events we are about to take part in to celebrate and bring to an end this wonderful academic year!

Our Collective Worship theme this half term, 'Going for Gold' is very appropriate. The children have been reflecting upon how they might challenge themselves to go beyond what they think are their limits. We have discussed that to do this, we will need determination, perseverance, and discipline in order to stick to our goals and aim to reach them.... Through the Bible, we have explored how the Disciples became part of Jesus' team and have compared their differences to world-class athletes who whilst different, had similar goals about sticking, committing and performing to the best of their ability, no matter what their challenges were.



An amazing Residential to Cobnor!

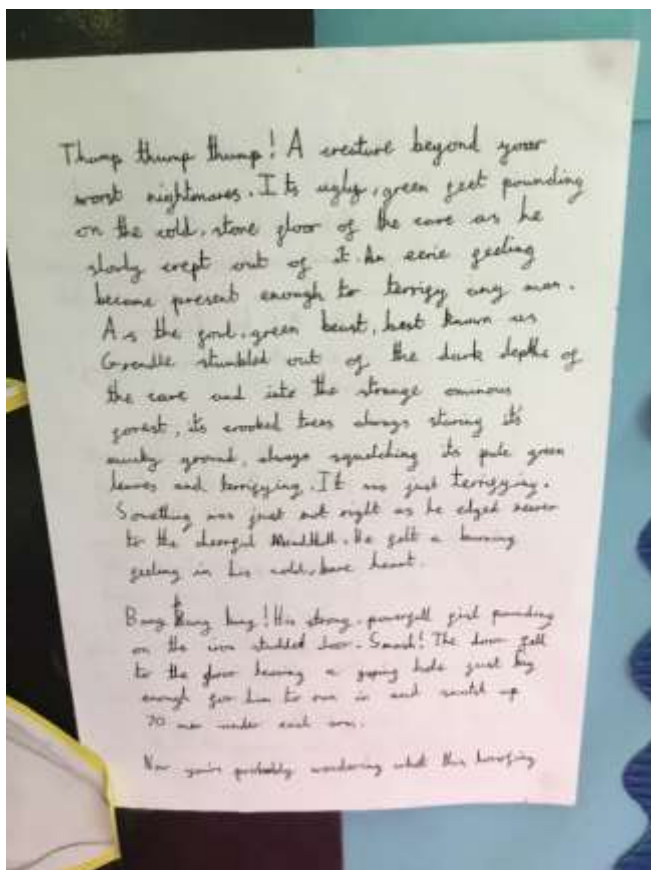
A few weeks only now, our Year 6 children enjoyed a jam-packed three days at Cobnor Activities Centre in near Bosham. The children challenged themselves in so many ways and were met with a range of emotions too!

They tested their teamwork and resilience on the water, building rafts and racing to the finish line. We tested their confidence to reach great heights, and rely on their friends to keep them in the air through Jacob's Ladder, Crate Stacking and Rock Climbing. We practised our aim to shoot goals in Aeroball and secure a bullseye in Archery and amongst many other activities, we created warmth, through some of the sudden downpours, making different fires during Bushcraft!

To top all this- we all enjoyed two reflection evenings with our final coming together down by the shore and then to the camp fire during our last evening together, reflecting upon old 'niggles' or worries and restoring them with our peers, before enjoying a special prayer and toasted marshmallows!

Year 6, we were truly proud of each and every one of you. Once again, a huge thank you to Miss Jones and all the staff who joined us for the day and who stayed for the residential giving up their evenings and nights to have fun with the children!





Seagulls and Puffins Creative writing about Beowulf

Year 4 have immersed in some wonderful reading and descriptive writing from the well-known text/poem Beowulf. The children were trying to include detailed character description, creating an atmosphere and impact on the reader.

Seagull and Puffin Class did this through words and phrases, paragraphing, setting the scene, vivid imagery and use of powerful and significant vocabulary. As you can see, amazing results from our children!



Year 3 Camping under the stars experience!

What an amazing day and night our Year 3 classes had at school, joining in with various bushcraft activities during the day (thank you to Mr Hayes-Farmer), constructing tents to sleep in, enjoying a 'Year 3 Goring family' dinner of hot dogs, chips and beans with our resident seagulls, followed by camp fire songs and ukulele performances! What more could Year 3 want and what lovely weather they enjoyed – sunny with a gentle breeze.

A special thank you to Mrs Finlay and Mr Ireland for their organization and hard work and to all the other staff members who stayed for the evening and overnight to ensure our children were safe, happy and made new memories together! A special thank you also goes to Mr Brown who supported all day in school and was particularly helpful in putting up our tents with the children!

Sports Afternoon!

A huge well done to all our children for participating in our EYFS and KS1 and KS2 Sports Afternoons two weeks ago and to all our families who came to cheer on at the sides!

Everyone enjoyed many activities across the afternoon with the fantastic help, support and organisation of Mr Wilkins, our Year 6 Sports Leaders and our keen volunteer students from St Oscar Romero! As always, the relay and running races were favourites and it was wonderful to see the smiles, hear the cheering and enjoy everyone's team spirit, even if a few trainers were lost along the way!

Congratulations to the **Challengers** for being winning House team of the Early Years and KS1 Sports Afternoon and to winning House Team **Innovators**, for winning the KS2 Sports Afternoon for 2026!

Remember children, you were all winners, for being part of such a fantastic school event!



Big Sing

On 5th June our KS2 Choir participated in the Big Sing at Homefield Primary School, along with other local schools and with choral director and workshop leader Emily Barden. Unfortunately there were not as many schools in attendance this year but nevertheless, this did not stop our eager singers and performers joining in and creating excellent singing volume!

Emily described our children's singing as 'extremely high quality and showing great musicality!' A huge well done to our choir once again for your participation and beautiful singing voices!



Story Chair

With the support and craftsmanship of Jason Brown, parent and Governor to our school and parent Mr Cole from Coast and Country Estate Agents for funding the materials, we have been so lucky to have a beautifully new 'Storytime Corner' made that can be enjoyed near our prayer garden area.

This area is wonderfully shady and a calming place to enjoy a story or two with friends during the day...

Thank you, thank you, thank you and we look forward to getting as much use of this area as possible!



Thank you! PSA Summer Fair

We are looking forward to this evening- the sun is out, there is a gentle breeze and we are certain our children and families will have lots of fun!!

Gates open at 5.30pm, tickets £1 and under 2's free!

Thank you in advance to Melody Clarke, Emma Bekiroglu and our fabulous PSA team for the many months they have been preparing and organizing for his wonderful event for our school community!

We look forward to seeing you there very shortly!



Welcome to Mr Dobson

I hope many of you were able to meet and welcome Mr Dobson to our Goring family this week during the Year 4 Open Evening.

Mr Dobson, who will be our new Year 4 teacher in September, enjoyed Transition day with the school and his new class on Wednesday. He is looking forward to joining the staff team.

Parent Governor update

In June the Ballot Vote took place for Parent Governor at our school. There were 2 parent applications. Following the voting process and final ballot count, we are delighted to announce that Mr Ashley Clarke will begin his term of office as Parent Governor for Goring. We welcome him onto the Governing Body.



Parking outside and near the school

Recently, we have noticed a number of cars turning in the cul-de-sac end of Palmerston Avenue, directly outside the school as children were crossing the road to walk into school. **This is posing a serious risk of safeguarding for our children.**

Over the past few weeks an increasing number of cars are also waiting/stopping and dropping off their child to early morning clubs. This repeats just before drop-off and collection times for school and on many occasions cars are obstructing local residents who are parked and need access to their vehicles.

I am also aware that many parents are using the garage compound round the back of The Terrace to park in. This garage compound is for private/ resident access only.

Please can I remind parents/ carers that we must respect our local community and if you are able to park further away from the school, you do so to ensure our children remain safe when walking in to school. If it is absolutely necessary to be driving down the cul-de-sac please be especially careful of our children when turning and avoid parking on the yellow zig zag markings outside the school at all cost. It only takes one incident to become a fatality and nobody wants this on their conscience.

Annual Reports

A reminder that your child's annual report will be emailed to you on **Friday 17th July.**

We hope you are looking forward to reading these and absorbing what a great year your children have had at school and celebrating some of their achievements.



School Reading Books

Please can all school reading books be returned no later than **Friday 10th July.**

Please look high and low for these, so they can be organised and replaced in our school and class libraries ready for the new Term/year!

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.

Please can we request that parents do not email staff directly. Please use the office@... email. Our Office staff Mrs Francis, Mrs Sweeney and Mrs Packham are quick to forward messages to the appropriate teachers and they will respond to you as soon as they are able. We thank you for supporting this.

Mrs Brockhurst
Headteacher



Summer Term 2026

Wednesday 8 th July	Open Afternoon for families 4.30-6.00pm <i>(come and view the children's work from the year and visit your child's new teacher for September!)</i>
Friday 10 July	Year 3 Ukulele Concert 10-10.30am
Wednesday 15 July	Rocksteady concerts in hall from 9.30am Year 6 Production at St Mary's Parish Hall 6.00pm
Thursday 16 July	Year 6 Production at St Mary's Parish Hall 6.00pm
Friday 17 th July	Annual Reports to parents
Tuesday 21 July	Year 6 Leavers Service (6.00-9.00pm)
Wednesday 22 July	Last day of summer term
Summer Holiday Thursday 23 July+	

Inset Days 2026-2027 (confirmed)

Autumn term 2026: Tuesday 1st September 2026
 Wednesday 2nd September 2026
 Monday 30th November 2026

Spring term 2027: Monday 4th January 2027

Summer term 2027: Friday 18th June 2027

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End of term concerts from West Sussex Music



Some dates for your diary...

Please check booking details via the "Events" page on the West Sussex Music website

OR follow the link:

[Events from 17 January – 14 March | West Sussex Music](#)

Band Showcase, Sunday 12 July, 7pm @ The Factory Live, Worthing

Get ready for a great evening of live music as West Sussex Music presents its Band Showcase. Talented young musicians from WSM's Play In A Band programme will take to the stage at The Factory Live, Worthing, for a night packed with energy, creativity, and rock attitude.

West Sussex Music Centre Concert 1, Sunday 19 July, 1pm @ Worthing Assembly Hall

The 1pm concert will feature young musicians from music centres from around the county: West Sussex Training String Orchestra; West Sussex Training Wind Orchestra; West Sussex Junior Orchestra; West Sussex Young Voices; Chichester Youth Orchestra; Worthing Youth Orchestra; Drum Lab.

West Sussex Music Centre Concert 2, Sunday 19 July, 6pm @ Worthing Assembly Hall

The 6pm concert will feature the following ensembles: Tomorrow's Orchestra; West Sussex Youth Choir; West Sussex Youth Wind Orchestra; West Sussex Youth String Orchestra; West Sussex Youth Orchestra.