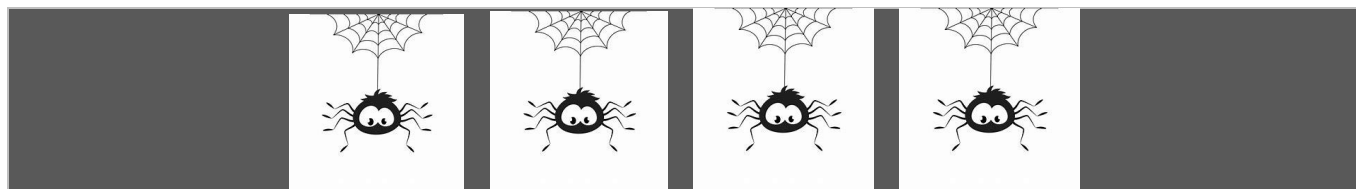




# Thursday Thriller

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2024



## When we return after half term

Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 6 forest school starts	
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents evening at Graffham – Year 1s with Mr Lloyd (4.20 - 6pm)	Please make your appointment at the Graffham office
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents evening at Graffham – Year 1's with Mrs Wethered (12pm onwards) Year 2's with Mr Lloyd (12 – 4pm)	Please make your appointment at the Graffham office
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents evening at Duncton – Year 3's & 5's 3.45 - 6pm (Mrs Harris & Mrs Bassett)	Signup sheets are now available at the Duncton office
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parents evening at Duncton – Year 4's & 6's 3.45 - 6pm (Miss Woods & Mrs Bassett)	Signup sheets are now available at the Duncton office
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Year 5 fire safety visit and talk	

## Future Dates

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Remembrance Service @ Duncton school 10.40 am	All year 6 parents invited
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Little Big Sing – Yr2s @ Petworth School 1.15pm	More details to follow
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in Need	More details to follow after half term
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Chartwells Taster Session for Graffham Families, Graffham School Hall, 2.45-3.30pm	The Chartwells support team & a nutritionist will be on hand to answer any questions, to help with any ParentPay queries or to listen to any feedback you may have.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Flu vaccination programme	Dunton AM & Graffham PM Information has been emailed to all parents
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	IRock Concert @ Duncton 2.30pm	Parents invited
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Dunton Carol Service at Duncton, 5.30pm	All junior children & parents invited. Refreshments will be served by FGD.
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Graffham Nativity at St. Giles Church, 1.30pm Performance No.1	Information to follow
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Graffham Nativity at St. Giles Church, afternoon/early eve, times TBC. Performance No.2	Information to follow

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Chartwells Christmas Lunch @ Duncton	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr. R & 1 – School Trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to see 'Hey, Christmas Tree'	A letter with further details will be sent to parents soon.
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christingle Service @ St Giles, Graffham 2.30pm & Chartwells Christmas Dinner @ Graffham	Graffham parents are invited to join us for the service
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Yr. 2 – School Trip to Chichester Festival Theatre to see 'Hey, Christmas Tree'	A letter with further details will be sent to parents soon.

\*New dates are in **GREEN**

### INSET Days for 2024-2025 Academic year

Friday 25th October 2024

Monday 6th January 2025

Monday 17th March 2025

Monday 23rd June 2025

### Thoughts from Helen Martin...

It has been the longest of half terms! So we know that your little ones are really tired- so we hope that everyone has a restful and fun half term, whatever adventures you are getting up to!

We come back to school for a final 7 weeks of my time as headteacher and the excitement of our Infant Nativity- and Junior Carol Concerts, Christingle services and a lot of sparkle! Our piano teacher is teaching Christmas carols already so we have already been hearing them!

Have a lovely half term everyone- see you at the Halloween Party tonight- and thank you to FGD for this important fundraiser for our schools.

### Cake Raffle



At Graffham we had these Halloween monster cupcakes brought in by Charlie and Jenny Godfrey. Today's lucky winner was Leo in Kingfisher class. Well done Leo!!



At Duncton we had this delicious looking Biscoff Rocky Road brought in by Ellis and Toby Rissik and their mum Regan. The lucky winner that will be taking these home to enjoy over half term is Mrs Waldron

## PLAYGROUND UPDATE at GRAFFHAM RECREATIONAL GROUND ....

from Rachel Gerrett (William's Mum in Year 1)

In case you haven't seen our recent Facebook post on the Graffham Noticeboard, we wanted to let you all know how the Playground at Graffham Rec is coming along. We are very excited to see this long-awaited project coming to fruition. Don't forget to pop that date in your diaries now... we would love to see lots of families there for the big opening.

In case you aren't aware, the Pavillion beside the new playground is also available for hire. It is a perfect location for hosting children's parties or other events with off road parking.

Please contact [graffhamrecpavilion@gmail.com](mailto:graffhamrecpavilion@gmail.com) for more details.

It's easy to contribute – just go to our crowdfunding page by scanning this QR code (below)



with the camera on your smartphone, or type [gofund.me/546c06a7](https://gofund.me/546c06a7) in your web browser. As a charity, we are eligible for Gift Aid, which adds 25 per cent to everything you donate – so please add this if you are a UK taxpayer as this will be a big help in getting us to target sooner.

Playground update - Work is well underway, new equipment has been ordered and is now being made for us. Installation has been scheduled to start in week commencing 28th October which all things being well - means we hope to be able to reopen the new play area on Saturday 23rd November.

I will continue to post updates here but will be planning to do a reopening event at the Rec so please pencil 10am in your diaries now. I can't wait to get to this milestone and see it being used and enjoyed again!

In the meantime - please do keep those donations coming in. There are spaces yet to be filled with new equipment and installations pending further funding.

Thankyou!



## Reverend Vivien writes:

We began our Infant School assembly today by singing two songs; 'If you're happy and you know it, clap your hands' and 'My bonny lies over the ocean'. A song to sing if you're happy and a song someone sang because the person they loved has gone far away and they would like them to come home again. Songs are good for showing what we are feeling. If we just said the happy or sad song, it would still show what we are feeling. It wouldn't be a song though. It would be a kind of poem. People wrote poems in the bible to show how they are feeling about God. They might have been songs once upon a time actually, we just don't have the music for them anymore. They are still good as poems though. They are called psalms. There are 150 poems or psalms about God in the bible. They all have a number to make it easy to find the one you want.

I said, imagine you're a person wanting to write a psalm to show your feelings about God. You are sitting outside in the countryside with your pencil and paper. You can see the green fields, and a still, sparkling lake in the distance, and a flock of sheep in the fields, and a deep dark valley with rocks in it, and a shepherd with his crook, his special stick, looking after the sheep. You think, God is like that shepherd, and we are like his sheep. He looks after us like a good shepherd. He feeds our minds and hearts and bodies like sheep grazing in green pastures. He leads us to quiet, refreshing places like that still, sparkling lake in the countryside. And if we get lost and find ourselves in the deep dark valley, somewhere we feel scared, he comes to rescue us and bring us home.



This person started to write their psalm and called it  
The Lord is my shepherd... I have everything I need.  
He lets me rest in fields of grass and leads me to quiet pools of water.  
Even if I go through the deepest darkness, I will not be afraid, Lord.  
For you are with me. Your shepherd's rod and staff protect me.  
Good News Translation

Is that a good poem about God? It's a very famous one, psalm number 23. People have written music to it now so they can sing it again. I wonder what kind of poem or psalm you might write to show your feelings about God?



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