



Friday Flyer

Friday 21st March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has brought a mix of reflection, community engagement, and outdoor learning across both our schools. At Duncton, we received our SIAMS report, which we are absolutely delighted with—I have shared this with parents in a separate letter. Our Year 6 children also took part in a meaningful visit to the Chichester Foodbank, where they saw first-hand how donations support those in need. They played an active role in weighing and sorting the food they brought—thank you to families for your generosity. Meanwhile, at Graffham, I had the pleasure of joining Wild Wednesday, where the Reception children explored signs of new life - excitedly spotting buds and early spring flowers. Year 1 set off on a nature walk with Mr. Lloyd, and Year 2 took a hands-on approach to measurement, crafting their own centimetre sticks from natural materials. A busy and enriching week all round!

Charles Beckerson

Next Week		
Tuesday 25 th March	IRock Concert @ Duncton 2.30pm	IRock families are invited to come along
Wednesday 26 th March	Y4 Visit to Pizza Express Arundel	Information has been sent home.
Wednesday 26 th March	Yrs R, 1 + 2 Astronomy Roadshow – A Mobile Planetarium Dome is coming to the School Hall in Graffham	Please make payment if you haven't already done so.
Friday 28 th March	FGD Quiz Night at Duncton Village Hall, 8-10pm	Tickets are on sale at the school offices - £5 per ticket. Refreshments will be on sale during the night.
Future Dates		
Monday 31 st March	FGD Easter Tombola Donations Day THIS IS FOR GRAFFHAM ONLY	FGD will be having an Easter Tombola on Thursday 3 rd April @ the egg rolling. Please bring into School an Easter Treat which can be added to tombola on this day – thank you.
Thursday 3 rd April	Easter Service at St Giles Church, Graffham, 2pm ...followed by... Graffham's annual Egg Rolling competition + FGD's Easter Bake Sale + Pre-loved Clothes Sale	Parents are welcome to join us at the Church + afterwards at Graffham School.
	Duncton Easter Service at Holy Trinity Church @9.30	Please join us, please park at the school and walk around as parking is very limited at the church.
Friday 4 th April	FGD Mufti Day	Come dressed in your own clothes for the last day of term!

Friday 4 th April	Last day of the Spring term	
Tuesday 22 nd April	Return to School	
Tuesday 29 th April	Year 5 Start Swimming at Seaford	Letters will come home next week
Wednesday 30 th April & Thursday 1 st May	Scholastic Book Fair at Duncton	ALL Graffham and Duncton Parents invited.
Monday 5 th May	BANK HOLIDAY	
Friday 9 th May	Yr 5 Level 1 Bikeability course on the playground	Please note this change of date-information to follow
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs Week	
Tuesday 13 th May	Year R, 1 & 2 to Slow Grown Farm, Graffham	Information to follow soon.
Friday 16 th May	Year 5 and 6 to the Slow Grown Farm, Graffham	
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 5 and 6 Visit to Tangmere Aviation Museum	Information to follow
Monday 23 rd June	INSET DAY	

*New dates/additions are in GREEN

NOTICES and REMINDERS

- Please can we remind everyone that for health and safety reasons, children who have their ears pierced should only wear one single stud in each earlobe (i.e. no hoops or drop earrings please). Any child wearing earrings during a PE session will have tape put over them, to ensure they don't get accidentally caught.
- We have a new heated Defibrillator box fitted outside Graffham school. Hopefully no one will ever need it, but the code is C159X. Our 'What 3 Word' location which you can give 999, is
populate.paper.presented
 - Please return your signed school agreement to the school office.
 - Please pay your any outstanding bus journeys or clubs for this term.
- Please remember to keep off the grass at Graffham so we can enjoy the beautiful crocuses and snowdrops.
- Please check your child's hair over the weekend & treat where necessary, as headlice are back again at Graffham.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED @ GRAFFHAM



CHICKENS – Thank you to everyone who has offered to help look after Mavis & Buttercup over a weekend for us. We still need more volunteers to help let them out of their house and put them away at school one weekend in June and July. If you can help, then please let us know and we will add you to the rota. Mavis & Buttercup would love to come back after their Easter holidays.

- **READERS** – We have a Volunteer Reading Rota in place at Graffham. We are always looking for parents/grandparents to come into school and help read with the children. If you can spare an hour before pick up, between 2-3pm (any day except Wednesday), then please get in touch
- **WILD WEDNESDAYS** – We are still looking for a volunteer to help take the Year 1 children off site on Wednesday 2nd April, from 1.50pm. Can you help?

Please get in touch with Sonya in the school office if you can help.

Wrens Class Years R and 1

In Wren class this week we have been planting more vegetables and fruit seeds. We're excited and hopeful that we'll see some sprouting before our Easter holiday. Year one children went on a beautifully warm wild Wednesday walk this week and Reception children went on a hunt for signs of Spring. Reception children have also been learning about number bonds to 10 using Easter eggs and numicon. Year One's have been learning about numbers from 10-20 and exploring how many tens and ones to make each teen. We had a fun creative afternoon on Thursday learning about an artist called Mark Herald. Children painted papers and created a group collage inspired by his work.



Kingfisher Class Years 1 and 2

This week, Year 1 had a fantastic time on a lovely walk along the bottom of the downs for wild Wednesday while Year 2 used natural resources as well as dyed wool to make their own unique measuring sticks. We have all made great progress on our shoebox solar systems and are getting ready to piece it together. We're also excited about a non-fiction writing project we're collectively working on. All the children have worked hard in their writing, their reading and their maths and we're looking forward to some really fun days next week!



Kestrel Class Year 3 and 4 - Gabriel and Sol are reporting this week.

On Wednesday, Year 3 went on a school trip to Pizza Express in Arundel. When we got there, we washed our hands and then we were given some dough and started making it flat. We made an egg shape in the middle, pushed it down and then held up the dough to make a 'steering wheel'. We topped the dough with tomato sauce, mozzarella blocks and Mylo was the only lucky one to get the piece of basil. We cooked our pizzas in the oven for 5 minutes. We ate two pieces when we got back to school - it was delicious!!! We bet year 4 can't wait to go next week!



Peregrine Year 5 and 6 reported by Ben and Freddie – Year 6

This week in maths, year 6 have been learning about ratio and year 5 about short division. Together we learnt how to calculate the volume of cubes and cuboids. We have been working on our Michael Morpurgo stories for the competition, if you win the school will get fifty books and so will the winner, the competition ends next week. In Science, year 5 discussed gestation periods for mammals, year 6 are learning about the circulatory system. We are learning about rivers in Geography. In art we have been inspired by Tracey Unwin and her river paintings.

Year 6 went to Chichester Food Bank to deliver the tins we had collected at our schools. We sorted the tins into thirty different categories, the tins we brought will make up a total of sixty lunches. The mass of the food at the foodbank was equal to the mass of a baby elephant (7 tons), we found our visit very interesting and realised how many people in our area cannot afford to buy food.



To raise money for comic relief, we have dressed in red, and we have walked, run and jogged a two-mile cross-country obstacle course, around the field. Thank you Jess for writing to Joe (our sports coach) to suggest the idea and get his support. This was a thought that came from School Council.

Chichester Food Bank!

On Thursday 20th March, Year 6 went to Chichester Food Bank to take all the tins down we collected from our tins challenge and to learn about how our donations make a difference to people's lives. At the warehouse, we saw that there were volunteers from the public helping to sort the food and other supplies into packages that will be sent out to the community in need. We were told that the amount of food/items in the warehouse weighed the average of a baby elephant, and that was only two weeks' supply! The food bank sends out lunchboxes for families and children in need during the holidays, and in those packages they have enough food to last for ten days. Some of the items were, breakfast and lunch. Each lunchbox weighs around 12 kilos.



We're going cashless!

From the start of the summer term, we will no longer accept cash payments for clubs, trips, childcare....etc.

We are looking into the possibility of having card-readers at both schools but for now we will be asking for all payments to be made by bank transfer to the following accounts:

Graffham CE Infant School 01350426 30-00-02	Duncton CE Junior School 00435010 30-00-02
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Please speak to the office if you have any questions.

LEGO CLUB AT DUNCTON

Well done to Noah and Maud who jointly won our Lego challenge today! They both won a polybag of Lego and the chance to choose our theme for today! Noah chose mythical creatures and Maud chose food!

Maud built a rainbow cake, Frank did a KFC sign, George a blue mythical creature, Noah built Big Foot in a forest scene, Petey and Jack made a delicious pizza and Elizabeth a bag of popcorn! Ben even built a food delivery car!

Busy day for our Brilliant Builders!



FGD NEWS

Hi Everyone

Thank you for all of you who have donated today for the cake raffle with all contributions going towards Comic Relief. A total of £247.64 has been raised for the charity which is amazing.

Today also saw the raffle for a weekend with Nora & Tilly. Pippa (in Year 1) was the lucky winner. Congratulations and we hope you enjoy your weekend with them both!

Please see the calendar for more FGD fundraisers. Our Quiz night is going ahead on the 28th March, Easter Bake & Pre-loved clothes sale on 3rd April, plus Mufti day on 4th April.

We hope you can all get involved.

Thanks for all your support

FGD Team

Cake Raffle



At Graffham, it was Henrietta's turn to bake (Mum to Edith, Stella & Bertie). In aid of Comic Relief, she handed us these very smiley, cherry nosed cupcakes which were a big hit with the children – thank you!

Today's lucky winner was Ethel (in Year 2), who equally had a big smile on her face when she heard the news. Well done Ethel!



At Duncton Wiggles made an appearance this week, thank you to Liliana (mum to Ilinca and Casandra)

The lucky winners this week are Imogen and Sophie.

Reverend Vivien writes:

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AT GRAFFHAM THIS WEEK

Reverend Vivien introduced Mrs Sabin who helps at St Giles Church and led our Thursday assembly on the theme of hope. Mrs Sabin spoke to the children about bulbs and seeds. Although they are unseen in the wintertime, their roots and shoots are growing and burst forth in spring to give us flowers.

God's hope is just like this. It is always there under the surface and can help us through even the most difficult times.



Celebrating Faith

Look out for...
family camp

Friday 11th to Sunday 13th July 2025
Join us for a weekend of fun, worship and family time!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to come together with other families from across the diocese. We will gather in the heart of the beautiful South Downs National Park to enjoy a weekend of fun activities and adventure, combined with worship and family time. Designed primarily (but not exclusively) for families with primary school aged children. The weekend will start on Friday afternoon and finish at lunchtime on Sunday. The cost of the weekend is £25 per person* (under 5's free) including two evening meals and use of all the Stedham Campsite and Outdoor Centre facilities.



For more information about the weekend and how to book tickets, speak with your church leader or visit: www.celebratingfaith.co.uk



* Bursaries may be available for disadvantaged families