



# Friday Flyer

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and wonderful week we've had at Graffham and Duncton! World Book Day was a fantastic celebration of reading, with the children immersing themselves in stories, characters, and the joy of books. It was a delight to see their enthusiasm and creativity shine. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers come into school to read with their children.

At Duncton, we also welcomed Paula Bliss, a SIAMS inspector this week. The children were absolutely brilliant—speaking with confidence, kindness, and a deep understanding of our school's vision and values. A huge thank you to all parents who took the time to speak with the inspector; your support is truly appreciated.



Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Charles Beckerson

Next Week		
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 6 Residential	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 - 7.30pm	<b>Stargazing at Graffham School (Yr R, 1 &amp; 2)</b> - Experience some of the wonders of the night sky with telescopes & binoculars, whilst enjoying a hot chocolate on the playground.	A letter was sent home this week. Please sign up at the Graffham office & remember this is only for Graffham Children & parents (no siblings please).
Future Dates		
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Consultations Years R&1 - Wren/Mrs Wethered (1.30-4.30pm) Years 1 & 2 - Kingfisher/Mr Lloyd (1.30-4.30pm) Years 4 & 6 - (3.30 - 6pm) Mrs Harris and Ms Bassett	Booking now OPEN
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 Visit to Pizza Express Arundel	Information to follow
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent Teacher Consultations Years R&1 - Wren/Mrs Wethered (3.45-6pm) Years 1 & 2 - Kingfisher/Mr Lloyd (3.30-6pm) Years 3 & 5 - (3.30 - 6pm) Miss Woods and Ms Bassett	Booking now OPEN
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	COMIC RELIEF DAY	Information to follow
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year R, 1 & 2 to Slow Grown Farm, Graffham	More information to follow next week.

Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 5 and 6 to the Slow Grown Farm, Graffham	More information to follow
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y4 Visit to Pizza Express Arundel	Information to follow
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Yrs R, 1 & 2 Astronomy Roadshow – A Mobile Planetarium Dome is coming to the School Hall in Graffham	<i>Please return your child's consent forms/payment (which was sent home on 11/2), if you haven't already done so.</i>
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Year 5 and 6 Visit to Tangmere Aviation Museum	Information to follow
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	INSET DAY	

\*New dates/additions are in GREEN

## NOTICES and REMINDERS

- Please return your signed school agreement to the school office.
- Please pay your any outstanding bus journeys or clubs for this term.
- We have a new group for LEGO club@ Duncton. For this half term there are a few spaces- if you would like to join, please sign up here  
<https://www.brilliantbricks.co.uk/midhurst-petworth-petersfield/#book>
- **PLEASE KEEP OFF THE GRASS @ Graffham.** We want to enjoy the beautiful crocuses and snowdrops that are currently outside the front of Graffham School. Please can we remind everyone again to keep off the grass, so we can enjoy them.

This week's book sales on world book day in school have raised  
£47 at Graffham and £19 at Duncton  
which will be spent on new books for the schools. Thank you

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED @ GRAFFHAM



**CHICKENS** – We have only had one volunteer to offer help look after Mavis & Buttercup over a weekend. Unfortunately, they cannot come back to school until we have more volunteers and now the weather is improving, we would love to have them back. If we get enough volunteers then you would only need to help let them out at school and bring them back in on one Saturday and Sunday in the term.

- **READERS** – We are always looking for parents/grandparents to come into school and help read with the children at Graffham. If you can spare an hour before pick up, between 2-3pm (any day except Wednesday), then please get in touch.
- **WILD WEDNESDAY** – We also need extra volunteers to help take the children off site on Wednesday afternoons, between 1-3pm. In particular, we need two Year 1 parents on 19<sup>th</sup> March and 2<sup>nd</sup> April.
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*Please get in touch with Sonya in the school office if you can help.*

## Y5 & 6 Football at Petworth Primary Report by Elodie and Toby

On Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, some year 5 and 6's played in a football tournament at Petworth primary. Our team were Ellis, William, Elodie, Noah Davies, Jess, Ned and Toby who led the team as the captain.

The other teams there were Northchapel, Fittleworth and the host, Petworth.

We won one, drew one and lost one. We enjoyed every minute of this fantastic experience and are thankful that we were a part of it!



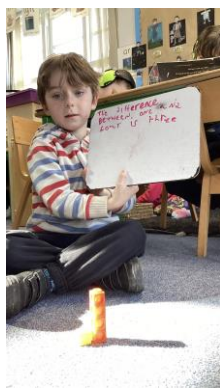
## Wren Class Year R and 1

This has been one of our busiest weeks this term filled with exciting learning opportunities! Our frogspawn arrived on Monday and we can already see tadpoles hatching and wriggling about. We've also added 12 eggs into the incubator in the classroom and we're crossing everything in the hope that we'll have baby chicks hatching after 21 days. On Wild Wednesday the reception children went for the most beautiful walk in the sunshine and our year one children spent the afternoon painting our beautiful crocuses outside. World Book Day on Thursday was a great success with activities based around a story called 'Lights on Cotton Rock'. It was a busy, busy day but we hope the children came home with happy memories and an increased appetite to read books everywhere!



## Kingfisher Class Year 1 and 2

This week in Kingfisher class the children have shown some real commitment to their learning as well as lots of creativity. Year 1s have made great progress in their maths and have started being able to talk about the difference between 2 numbers when subtracting. They also made some lovely artwork as part of their wild Wednesday - water colour painting the crocuses in the wooded area. Year 2 have led the class in some excellent learning around the solar system and have started learning how to write fact files using headings, sub headings and bullet points. Everyone had a fantastic time on world book day. The children's costumes were excellent and they all had lots to say about their chosen books. A lovely week and we're crossing fingers for our stargazing evening next week!



## Kestrel Class Year 3 and 4

Liam and Max are reporting for Kestrel class this week...

This week we had World Book Day. We all dressed up as our favourite book character, I (Liam) came dressed as George from Spaceband by Tom Fletcher and I (Max) wore my pyjamas and brought in my favourite book - 'Tiny Tatty Teddy'. We did lots of fun activities like making a scene from a book in a box. We played 'What am I?' where we had to guess who the book character was, and we also entered a competition to win £100 to spend on books by designing a National Book Token. We all had a great day and can't wait for World Book Day next year!



## Peregrine Year 5 and 6 by Amelia S and Amelie

This week in PE we practised our conflict resolution skills and how to use these when playing team games like football and relays. We enjoyed speaking to the Governors when they visited school to ask us about things we like at school and things we would like to change.

We started French lessons with Madame Byers, it was amazing and interesting. We learnt lots of new French vocabulary. We learnt about feminine and masculine nouns. We wrote about ourselves in French.

We ate pancakes at school and talked about Shrove Tuesday and the beginning of Lent on Ash Wednesday. Father David and Mr Beckerson did an assembly together about Ash Wednesday. You get the ash from the palm crosses that are burnt from the previous year's Palm Sunday.

Thursday was World Book Day. We could come to school dressed as our favourite character or wearing our pyjamas. We brought our favourite book. We shared stories together outside in the sun. We made trump cards about our favourite character based on kindness, friendship, resilience, agility and problem solving. We created a scene from our book in a shoe box. It was really fun. Lots of our parents came to read with us at the end of the day. We love World Book Day.

As part of World Book Day, we are entering a story writing competition organised by Goodwoof. The best story will get a prize from Michael Morpurgo. He will present it to them at Goodwoof on Saturday 17th May. All the local schools can take part.

We really enjoyed telling the Church Inspector about our school and our learning. She was very kind and asked lots of questions about RE, caring for others, supporting one another and the different things we do at school.

Have a happy weekend.



### 'Look who's been caught reading' competition

Last week, we set the challenge of seeing photos of the children, reading in the most bizarre places.

**The winners for Graffham are** Casandra who was reading in her log store (in 1<sup>st</sup> place), Lottie P in the bath (in 2<sup>nd</sup> place), Patrick as Super-potato up a tree (in 3<sup>rd</sup> place) and Felix on his pony (in 4<sup>th</sup> place).

**The winners for Duncton are** Elizabeth who was reading inside the washing machine and Ellis who was reading on a horse.

## LEGO CLUB AT DUNCTON

Welcome to the first session of the Spring Term, this term our theme is Wonderful Worlds and we started off with building biomes! Noah did a fantastic build of a forest with a plane crash and horses too! Super well done to both Maud and George for the snow scapes! Shout out to Sunny for his rugged beach biome and Jack for his mountain swampland. Well done all!



## FGD NEWS

Hi Everyone

We hope you had a good week. A quick update to let you know that our first newsletter will be sent out on Monday in book bags. Please keep a look out! As well as giving you an update on how FGD money is being spent in the schools, we have some exciting events planned in the diary including a quiz night and a raffle for the chance to take Tilly & Nora home for the weekend.

Have a great weekend,

FGD Team

## Cake Raffle



At Graffham, we had these rice Krispie cakes with rainbow sprinkles, thank you to Lucy (Jack & Beetle's mum).

Our lucky winner today is Henry T



At Duncton we had delicious Biscoff rocky road, thank you to Regan for bringing them in (Toby, Ellis and Toby's mum).

Our lucky winners today were Liam and Petey

## **Reverend Vivien writes:**

I was pleased to come for assembly on Ash Wednesday this week. I explained Christians think of God in special ways at different times in the year. At Christmas we think about Jesus being born. At Easter we think about Jesus being alive and with us always. These are such important days we have getting ready times for them as well. Advent is a time for getting ready for Christmas. Lent is a time for getting ready for Easter. And today, Ash Wednesday, is the first day of Lent.

In Lent we think about ways we might not be as good people as we could be, and are sorry about this. We know God forgives people when we are sorry for doing something wrong. God really likes it though when we do our best to be better as well. That makes Lent a good time to think of ways to be kinder, a better friend, more responsible, more respectful, and more hopeful. You might decide to stop doing something or start doing something to help you to do this. We all have six weeks of Lent to do that and then it will be Easter.

We call today Ash Wednesday because we use ash in church then made from the palm crosses given to people in church just before Easter. Ash is dark and rough and burnt. I use it to draw a cross on everyone's forehead to help us remember any bad thing we may have done and decide to ask God for forgiveness and do better in Lent. Mrs Wethered put a big ash cross on my forehead to show this. We sang 'Kum bah yah' which means 'Come by here, Lord.' It's about someone who is sad and crying and someone who is praying for them. I gave the children a picture of an ash cross with words saying, 'In Lent I can be kind.'

Will you keep Lent this year?

**In Lent I can be kind.**

