



Friday Flyer

Friday 16th May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this Friday Flyer finds you well and that you've been enjoying the (mostly!) sunny weather we've had recently.

I've spent much of this week at Duncton, where our Year 6 children have been completing their SATs. We are incredibly proud of them—their positive attitude and resilience have been truly impressive. Each morning began with a lovely breakfast together, kindly provided by Laura (Noah's mum), and in the afternoons they've enjoyed a variety of activities including cricket and art. On Thursday, once the tests were finished, they celebrated with a party, each bringing in some food to share - (thank you to their parents for providing this). It was a well-deserved treat!

This week also included two visits to Slow Grown Farm, a local sustainable farm. The children from Graffham visited on Tuesday and had a fantastic time—they were even lucky enough to see a newborn calf which Isabel named Radish! Today, Years 5 and 6 also had a wonderful visit, learning more about sustainable farming and enjoying the fresh air.

Looking ahead, our Year 4 children will be taking part in *The Big Sing* at Parklands School in Chichester next week. I had the pleasure of hearing them rehearse on Wednesday afternoon, and I was so impressed with their singing. I'm sure they'll represent us brilliantly.

As the weather continues to warm up, please remember to send your children in with sun cream applied and some spare in case they need topping up during the day. A quick reminder too that children should not wear jewellery in school.

Wishing you all a happy and sunny weekend.

Best wishes,

Charles Beckerson

Next Week

Monday 19 th May	Year 4 to the BIG SING at Parklands School Chichester – in the school minibus 9-12	
Monday 19 th May	Cricket Coaching Sessions with Petworth Park Cricket Club Graffham AM, Duncton PM	
Wednesday 21 st May	Jungle Rumble Drama Workshop with Perform for Schools - Year R, 1 & 2 Only	
Thursday 22 nd May	Year 5 and 6 Visit to Tangmere Aviation Museum	Information to follow

Future Dates

Thursday 5 th June	Bags of Support Collection Day	Have a clear out over the half term break & raise funds for FGD!
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Thursday 12 th June	Duncton Sports afternoon at Duncton school	All parents welcome
Friday 13 th June	Graffham Sports afternoon @ Graffham Rec	All parents welcome
Thursday 19 th June	Transition Morning 1 – New Reception Intake for Sept'25 - 9.30 - 11.30am, followed by Parent Talk	More details to follow
Thursday 19 th June	Year 5 to MRC for Y5 Sports day. Parents to drop and collect from MRC, please share lifts wherever possible	More details to follow
Monday 23 rd June	INSET DAY	
Wednesday 25 th June	Transition Morning 2 - New Reception Intake & current Year 2s to start at Duncton School	More details to follow
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 6 Leavers Service @ Chichester Cathedral 10.30am	All Y6 Parents are invited to come along to this service
Wednesday 2 nd July	Transition Morning 3 – For ALL children New Reception Intake & current Year 2s to start at Duncton School	More details to follow
Tuesday 15 th July	iRock concert @Duncton School 2.30pm	iRock parents invited
Friday 18 th July	Summer performance for all children @ Duncton 5.30pm	Please put this date in your diaries

*New dates/additions are in **GREEN**

Reminders / Important Notices

- We have a small number of cases of Chicken Pox at both schools. Please be extra vigilant across both schools as we do have sibling connections across our schools.
- We are always grateful for any food donations for the Guinea Pigs at Graffham. Any type of vegetables/salads would be wonderful, but their favourites are red peppers, cauliflower leaves & carrots - thank you.
- If you are able help look after the chickens at Graffham one weekend, then please email the Graffham office.

Wrens Class Years R and 1

We really enjoyed our school trip this week to Slow Grown Farm and were lucky enough to see a newborn calf named Radish. A great name which was chosen by Isabel in year 2. The children were 'shocked' that there weren't more animals on the farm and this was the perfect opportunity to talk about working farms that are sustainable and that also look after their animals in their natural habitat. We were all interested to learn that pigs don't sweat so they need to have lots of shade to keep them cool. We are making a big thank you card for Brett and Katie to thank them for letting us visit their farm. On Wild Wednesday Reception children made forest faces out of clay and year one children explored pattern and shape with sprayed water.

Have a lovely weekend!



Kingfisher Class Years 1 and 2

This week Kingfisher have all been fantastic learners. We've especially enjoyed creating some birds on compositions in music and writing descriptive sentences about fairytale villains! In assembly Sofia and Cassandra also performed this lovely song written at home.

A Song about School by Sofia & Casandra

Wake up early, grab my bag, time to zoom, no time to lag! Tie my shoes and off I go, to the place smart kids grow! School is cool, oh yes, it's true!

Reading, writing, math, and play – I can't wait for school today! My teachers are kind, my friends are great, we line up straight and never late. We sing our songs and count to ten. Then draw cool shapes and do it again!

School is cool, oh yes, it's true!

We learn new things and try stuff too! Science, stories, art hooray! There's something awesome every day! We take turns and we share, raise our hands to show we care. Help a friend and laugh a lot, school's the best, that's what I've got! School is cool, come join the fun!

We shine bright like the morning sun. Smart and happy, brave and kind – in school we grow are hearts and miiiiiinds! Well done everyone!



Kestrel Class Year 3 and 4 Ilinca and Clayton are reporting for us this week

This week has gone incredibly fast, time flies when you're having fun in Kestrel class! Year 3 and 4 have been working hard in English and completed a double page spread all about Antarctica and Mr Beckerson was impressed with our work. We have enjoyed using Purple Mash (a computing programme) and have completed a book review and did some adding fractions in Maths. We also had a go at some art on the computers. On Thursday, Year 4 went to Forest School, we made bug hotels and found a giant beetle. We also improved our fire lighting skills. In PE, we are starting to practise for sports day with running races and hurdles. It was really fun. We have been eating our lunch outside because the weather has been great!



Peregrine Class Year 5 and 6

It's been a different week in Peregrine class this week, while the Y6 have been doing their SATs, year 5 have spent some time with Mrs Creed, we continued to learn about angles in Maths, In PE we have been playing cricket, in PHSE we have been learning about relationships. We were also introduced to Purple Mash which is a mash-up of curriculum focused activities, creative tools, programmes and games – it was a lot of fun.

After their last test on Thursday year 6 enjoyed a party in the afternoon.

Year 5 and 6 were looking forward to going to Slow Grown Farm today to learn about how they farm.

Thoughts about SATs from Year 6

This week has not only been an amazing experience but has brought us all together, all of our tests have been followed by group fun and making special memories. Evie

SATs was really fun and it wasn't as hard as I thought! William

SATs was really good, tricky but easy at the same time! Freddie

It was fun having our own classroom and party! Alfred

A week of adventure and stress. I loved it but probably wouldn't do it again! Myla

SATs was sometimes hard and sometimes easy. The spelling test was easy! PJ

It was good and bad at the same time! Ben

It was fun! And not too hard. I loved the breakfast. Elodie

A thrilling, tricky and stressful week but filled with adventure. Rosie

The SATs party was so fun and the tests really good. Noah

The tests were good but my friends made it more fun. Toby

The week was fun and more enjoyable than I thought. Charlie

A huge thank you to Laura for our delicious breakfasts and to all our parents for the wonderful party food.

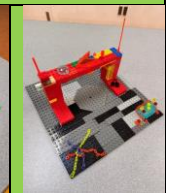
We have had the most interesting morning at Slow Grown Farm and will write more about this next week.



Lego Club

Absolutely brilliant building from everyone this week, special shout out to our Graffham group who really built some amazing futuristic builds. Following on from our time travel theme, the children were tasked with either building the past, future or present. We had some colourful pyramids, caves and dinosaurs, the remains of the sunken HMHS Britannic as well as a robotic station and futuristic car!

Super building all! Well done!



FGD News

Hi everyone,

FGD would like to update you all, that after a successful term of fundraising, we have just spent £1000 on playground toys and equipment for Duncton school. These were at the school for all to see today.

We wanted to say a huge THANK YOU, as this has been because of YOUR donations that we have been able to do this. We hope this provides some extra fun for the children in their break time!

Graffham will also be receiving the same...hopefully to be arriving before half term! We will keep you all updated.

Please also note, that due to a change in circumstances, sadly we are going to have to postpone our summer event that was due to be held on the 28th June. We hope to put our immediate efforts into supporting the summer performance on the 18th July.

We are in the process of collating offers for our Summer Auction which will also be held on the 18th July. Please do let us know if there are any offers you are able to put forward as a 'lot'. Please also see the school noticeboard for ideas!

Have a good weekend!

FGD Team

Cake Raffle



The children at Graffham had the chance to win Wiggles the Caterpillar at the Cake raffle again today. Thank you Aggie Squire (Maisie & Charlie's Mum - Yr 1 & 5) for being on the rota this week and donating it to us.

The lucky winner this week was Casandra from Yr 2). Well done!



Duncton we had these delicious chocolate Rocky Road, many thanks to Cat Jenner and Emily in Y5 for making them.

Our Lucky winners this week who are going to be able to enjoy them over the weekend are Aurelia and Sophie, well done girls!

Reverend Vivien writes:

We began our infant assembly in church by lighting the candle and singing 'I've got peace like a river, I've got love like an ocean, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul' which we had sung last week. I spoke about the school's five Christian values, responsibility, friendship, respect, hope, kindness, and extra value of forgiveness, which we think about in turn each week, and which the children now know really well. What great people we would all be if we all showed these values all the time to each other and offered forgiveness when it is needed. I asked are you doing this? Yes! Are the teachers doing this? Yes! Am I doing this? Yes, with the help of God - because I think of God as the one who helps us to be good people and church a good place to come for this.

This week is Hope week. I reminded the children Christian hope does not mean hoping something good might happen. Christian hope means being confident and trusting that something good is going to happen, which is that Jesus will always there to help us. This week's story from the bible is about Jesus stilling the storm. We had rivers and oceans and fountains in the song we sang. Now we have a storm on a lake. Jesus is on the lake in a boat with his disciples, sleeping on a cushion, and there's a great storm and they are frightened the boat will capsize. They wake Jesus who stands up and stays to the lake, 'Peace, be still' and it is stilled.



Every story about Jesus has a special meaning. This story is saying first, Jesus is amazing and second, when something scary happens to us, Jesus helps calm the scary thing down and make it better. Christian hope means trusting no matter what scary things may happen Jesus helps bring peace, and love, and joy back into our hearts and souls. We repeated the song we sang at the beginning with a new verse I made up, 'I've got hope like a harbour in my soul'. Then we said a prayer and our blessings.

A HUGE THANK YOU....

I wanted to personally say a HUGE thank you to the school community who parked at the recreation ground yesterday, to allow for the funeral to go ahead smoothly. Your help and understanding was very much appreciated on what was a very difficult and emotional day for the family. Thank you also to the school for allowing us to use its toilet facilities.

Tickets on sale Friday 23rd May. Winner announced this day



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STEEP C OF E PRIMARY PETERSFIELD	✗	✗	✓	✓
WHITELEY PRIMARY FARNHAM	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEREWOOD PRIMARY WATERLOOVILLE	✓	✓	✗	✗
EAST PRESTON JUNIOR LUTTERHAMPTON	✓	✓	✓	✓
THE MARCH C OF E PRIMARY CHICHESTER	✓	✓	✓	✓
ROSE GREEN JUNIOR BOGNOR REGIS	✓	✓	✗	✗
YAPTON C OF E PRIMARY ARUNDEL	✗	✗	✓	✓

Summer Holidays Week 1

JULY	24 th	25 th
ST BARTHOLOMEWS C OF E PRIMARY	✓	✓
STEEP C OF E PRIMARY	✓	✓
WHITELEY PRIMARY	✗	✗
BEREWOOD PRIMARY	✗	✗
EAST PRESTON JUNIOR	✓	✓
THE MARCH C OF E PRIMARY	✓	✓
ROSE GREEN JUNIOR	✗	✗
YAPTON C OF E PRIMARY	✗	✗

To get the most accurate and up-to-date information, we strongly recommend checking our website regularly.

Summer Holidays Week 2 - Week 5

JULY - AUGUST	M	T	W	T	F
ST BARTHOLOMEWS C OF E PRIMARY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
STEEP C OF E PRIMARY	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
WHITELEY PRIMARY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
BEREWOOD PRIMARY	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
EAST PRESTON JUNIOR	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
THE MARCH C OF E PRIMARY	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
ROSE GREEN JUNIOR	✓	✓	✓	✗	✗
YAPTON C OF E PRIMARY	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓

PAID BOOKING



BOOKINGS FOR HAF WILL OFFICIALLY GO LIVE IN JULY, SO BE SURE TO KEEP AN EYE OUT. PLEASE NOTE THAT THE TIMETABLE INCLUDED HERE IS FOR GENERAL GUIDANCE ONLY - DATES AND AVAILABILITY MAY VARY.

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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:
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Pact Kids Bible Holiday Club

KINGDOM BUILDERS

Monday July 28th - Friday 1st August

Time: 9.30-12.30 followed by a Family Fun bring your own Picnic Lunch with a bouncy Slide, face painting and drinks 12.30 - 2pm.

Parents are responsible for their children between 12.30 & 2pm

Where: @ the Herbert Shiner Hall, Petworth.

This is for Primary school age. Cost : £3.50 per child & £7.00 per family.

Those going into year 7 need to book separately as a junior leader. (no cost)

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