



Friday Flyer

Friday 27th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful week it has been in our schools!

At Graffham, we were delighted to welcome our new Reception children for their second of three transition mornings. It was heartwarming to see their excitement and curiosity as they explored their new learning environment. Equally, our Year 2 pupils had a successful transition into Year 3 at Duncton, showing great enthusiasm and confidence as they prepare for the next stage of their journey.

We were also thrilled to welcome Mrs Gafford, our new Year 3 and 4 teacher, who joined us at Duncton for the morning. It was a lovely opportunity for the children and staff to begin building those all-important connections ahead of September.

A special highlight of the week was the Year 6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral. The theme of "Belonging" was beautifully reflected in the service, and our pupils represented the school with pride and maturity. It was a moving celebration of their time with us and a reminder of the strong sense of community we share.

Wishing you all a restful and sunny weekend.

Best wishes,

Charles Beckerson

Next Week		
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
Thursday 3 rd July	Re-Scheduled DUNCTON SPORTS AFTERNOON	Please join in from 1.15 for our sports day, there will be refreshments available by the FGD
Future Dates		
Tuesday 15 th July	iRock concert @Duncton School 2.30pm	iRock parents invited
Wednesday 16 th July	School reports emailed out to all parents	Please do let the office know if you would like a paper copy sent home.
Thursday 17 th July	SEND Tea and Chat with Callie Reid@ Duncton School 2.30-3.15pm Please see information below	Supporting parents over the summer holidays and transitioning
Friday 18 th July	Dress rehearsal for the summer performance! Summer performance for all children @ Duncton 5.30pm	Can all Graffham children come straight to Duncton in the morning please - we will take them back to Graffham for lunch in the Minibus. Normal end of day. Please put this date in your diaries. Grandparents are also invited.
	Please can all children wear summer party outfits (no swimwear) for the performance. They do not need to wear these for the dress rehearsal but should come already dressed in them on the night!	
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of term	

*New dates/additions are in GREEN

INSET DAYS 2025-26

Wednesday 3rd September 2025
Monday 3rd November 2025
Monday 5th January 2026
Friday 27th March 2026
Wednesday 22nd July 2026

TERM DATES 2025-26

Autumn term 2025

Starts: Wednesday 3 September
Half term: Monday 27 October to Friday 31 October
Ends: Friday 19 December

Spring term 2026

Starts: Monday 5 January
Half term: Monday 16 February to Friday 20 February
Ends: Friday 27 March

Summer term 2026

Starts: Monday 13 April
Half term: Monday 25 May to Friday 29 May
Ends: Wednesday 22 July

NOTICES

- We have another couple of children with *headlice at Graffham* this week. Please could we ask everyone to check and where necessary, treat their children's hair over the long weekend.
- We are looking for some *long cardboard boxes* (over 1 metre long) to make some props for our Summer Performance. If you have any, please pop them into the school at Graffham.
- Our *Guinea Pigs have moved* into the wooded area beside the Chicken house, as it is lovely and shady there for them. Please do not open the door to let them out (there is a log on top of the lid to keep them safe) and do not feed them. Please watch your children carefully if playing in that area after school.
- We have 2 weekends left for *Chicken Duty* on the rota at Graffham. If you could help feed and let them in/out on 12/13 July or 19/20 July then please let us know.
- We have a *field gate for sale* at Graffham as it is no longer needed. Contact the school office if you know anyone who may be interested in it.
- Some parents are already getting ready for September (especially our new reception intake). If anyone has any *old school uniform* which they would like to donate (to raise funds for FGD), then please drop them off at the office. **Thank you!**



Wrens Class Years R and 1

This week we have been thinking about all of the vegetables we are growing and how well they are doing. We cut our rocket salad and made beautiful fresh salads for lunch on Tuesday. Thank you to you all for your donations to make our salads colourful and tasty. The children helped themselves to salads at lunchtime and had a try or a variety of vegetables. On wild Wednesday we went outdoor and made bugs with leaves. The children explored the different shapes of leaves from different trees and everyone's bugs looked unique and wonderful! On Wednesday morning all of the children had a practise at being a year 1 and year 2 in Kingfisher class. They had lots of fun with Mr Lloyd and Mrs Zoltowski and learnt about their own superhero powers! We've also been busy rehearsing our songs for the summer performance and learning about number bonds to 10 in maths. Another busy week! Have a great weekend everyone.



Kingfisher Class Years 1 and 2

Kingfisher class have had a great week in the sunshine and have all worked really hard with their learning. They created some brilliant descriptions of different landscapes in their writing, from fiery mountains to icy caves and lush jungles. Both year 1 and 2 have learned about making healthy life choices and have really enjoyed making salads for everyone to share on Tuesday. We've also worked together to start creating our own vegetable beds outside the classroom and have spent a lot of time singing and celebrating their shared love of music. Have a great weekend in the sun everyone!



Kestrel Class Year 3 and 4

This week in Kestrel class, we followed Phileas Fogg's journey through Hong Kong and to India. We learnt about different Indian musical instruments, clothing and most importantly we tried lots of different yummy Indian food. Our favourite food was poppadom and mango chutney!

On Wednesday, Year three created their own Ice Cream café and we all got to take part. We sat in the French Café and the year 3's came to take our order. Some of us tried to order in French and the year three children spoke in French the whole time. We loved the glace chocolat and even managed to have seconds!

The year 3's had their second Forest School session, and they were learning about light and how it can be used to start fires.



Peregrine Class Year 5 and 6 by Ned and Karlos

Monday was an INSET Day.

Year 6 went swimming and practiced their back-stroke. On Wednesday they went to Chichester Cathedral for the Year 6 Leaver's Service. Beautiful singing and celebrations. They have been putting the finishing touches into their products for the Pop-Up Fiver Challenge Market on Friday. Very exciting!

Year 5 spent time meeting the Year 2 children at their transition day. They have new buddies for next year. We are looking forward to seeing them next week at our transition day.

In French we enjoyed ice-cream sold by year 3. The hall was designed as a French Café.

In RE we are learning about Humanism and Charles Darwin as a role-model for Humanists.

Council chambers Visit Review of the Day by Ben, Evie and Myla

On Thursday 26th June Myla, Evie and Ben went to the Chichester Council Chambers to talk about politics and climate change. We learnt how to debate and how the council runs West Sussex. Lots of questions were asked and it was definitely a day full of learning and fun.

Have a great weekend and more information about The Fiver Challenge next week.



Council Chambers Visit



Year 6 Leavers Service

Guitar lessons @ Duncton



Marco comes into Duncton and takes individual private guitar lessons, if your child is moving to Duncton next year or is here now and you are interested please contact them for more information, he will have a couple of spaces in September.

To find out more about Marco click here <http://www.marcomusic.co.uk/>

For more information about lessons please contact help@sarahhewlett.co.uk

Tik Tok

We have attached a Tik Tok guide to this week's Friday flyer, TikTok is a free video-sharing and social media platform. It lets users create content, share videos and watch short clips from people all over the world. Users must be aged 13+ to hold a TikTok account.

All Parents may find this guide a very helpful read.

All children can join in the Summer Reading Challenge which is running in all the West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 12th July, it's free to join and free to take part. Let's see how many children can come back to school in September and have completed the challenge.

FGD NEWS

Hello everyone!

Only a handful of weeks left until the end of half term and we are looking forward to the Summer Performance on the 18th July!

This year we will be serving BBQ food for anyone looking for a bite to eat, as well as ice cream and cakes. We will also be running a bar with a range of alcoholic and soft drinks. Please return your food ordering form (in book bags this week) by **Monday 30th June**. You will also be able to buy at the event, however pre ordering will ensure you get exactly what you want!

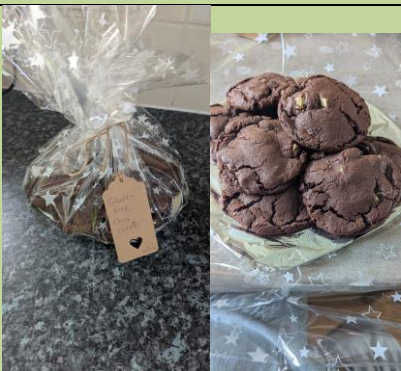
As always, we would love as many people as possible to offer a helping hand, whether a slot to jump on the bar, ice cream or cake stand. It really does help things to keep running smoothly. We will be putting out a sign up sheet at school next week for those to put names down.

Please also remember our online auction which is up and running. New 'lots' can be added at any time, so if there is something you can personally offer, or are able to approach a business, everything helps!

Please email chairfgd@gmail.com for any offers.



CAKE RAFFLE



Kerry Wood (Leo's mum in Year 2) baked these delicious Chocolate Cookies this week for the children at Graffham. Everyone loves your bakes Kerry – thank you!

The lucky winner this week was Sofia from Year 2. Enjoy them Sofia, you will have to eat them up quick with the hot weather coming in this weekend.



At Duncton we had a very colourful sponge today, many thanks to Mellisa Ackland (Elizabeth mum in Y3) for bringing this in to us today.

Our luck winner this week who is going to be enjoying them over the weekend is Myla.

Reverend Vivien writes:

Today we welcomed children from Seaford College to our Infant School assembly in church. I explained last time we were here I wore my red robe. Today I'm wearing the white and gold robe for Saturday when we will have two weddings here in church. So many people are coming to the weddings they will be sitting everywhere on all these extra chairs. We will even be borrowing some more chairs from Graffham school. There will be lots of flowers to make the church look pretty, and music playing and choirs singing. I asked, have any of you been to a wedding in church? Lots had. This is what happens in a wedding here. The groom stands here & the bride comes in, sometimes with bridesmaids and her dad and they both face towards me. They say they want to get married. I ask does anybody know a reason why they can't get married. You're not actually old enough to get married so this wedding doesn't count. Will you support them when they are married? Everybody says We will. We listen to a story from the bible, the special book which helps us to understand what God means and how to follow Jesus. It could be a story about love.

You stand here and hold hands and promise to love each other, no matter what, in special words. And you give each other a ring. I say you are husband and wife. And I wrap your hands in my stole and say nobody must separate you because God has joined you together. And you kneel down, and I give you a special blessing. You get up and I say, you may now kiss the bride, we go into the little room and sign a paper to prove you have been married. And we come out again and say some prayers. Then I say please welcome Mr and Mrs x. And everybody claps and the bells ring and you go out of church and everybody throws confetti and you are married now. Ready to go and have a party with some champagne and a special meal and dance and speeches and photographs and everybody is happy.

It's very special to get married in church because you are making the most important promises in the most important place where God is worshipped and watches over us. So, we are very thankful to have two weddings here in church this week!



FAMILY FRIDAYS
are back at
Graffham Rec

Dear Graffham and friends,

Come and join us every other Friday through midsummer - to connect, chat and relax in good company with some communal childcare.

Bring a blanket, picnic dinner, stuff for the BBQ (coals will be hot from 5pm), good Dad jokes - and sunshine!

The pavilion bar will be open for refreshments and it's club night for Graffham Tennis Club, so don't forget your rackets.

We would love to hear from you, so do let us know if you are thinking of coming. Any thoughts and ideas are most welcome.

13 and 27 June, 11 July 4-8pm

We hope to see you there!

For further information etc, email graffhamrecpavilion@gmail.com

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POP-UP ART EXHIBITION

WEDNESDAY 16 to SATURDAY 19 JULY
10:00PM - 5:00PM EACH DAY
FITTLEWORTH VILLAGE HALL RH20 1JB



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THE READING AGENCY Summer Reading Challenge

Story Garden

Join thousands of children taking part in the
Summer Reading Challenge
in all West Sussex Libraries from Saturday 12 July
View our [Story Garden video](#) to find out more!

- Fill in the **online registration form** at arena.westsussex.gov.uk/src
- Tell library staff the **secret code word**
- Pick up a book and start reading!
- **Collect rewards** for reading library books and completing special 'Extra Mile' Book Quests
- Read **any library books** you like—it's just for **FUN!**
- Look out for fun events and activities at your local library!



It's **FREE** to join the library and **FREE** to take part
Let's get GROWING!



Junior Tennis Coaching 2025



GRAFFHAM
TENNIS CLUB

Summer Junior Tennis Coaching

Wednesday 23rd July - Friday 25th July 2024

Age	Time	Price
YrR - Yr2	9.30 - 10.30am	£28.50 <small>(non members £31.50)</small>
Yr3 - Yr4	10.30 - 11.30am	£28.50 <small>(non members £31.50)</small>
Yr4 - Yr6	12.00 - 1.00pm	£28.50 <small>(non members £31.50)</small>
Yr7+	1.00 - 2.00pm	£28.50 <small>(non members £31.50)</small>

The age range for the groups may change slightly depending on ages of the children that sign up.

Course includes foundation technique, tactics, match play, fun games and a mini tournament.
Now open to non members!

To book a place on this course or for more information please get in touch


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GRAFFHAM
TENNIS CLUB

Tennis Week - 2025


Friday 18th July - Friday 25th July

Fri 18 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.30 pm 5.30 pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pickleball Parent & child Tennis / Ball Machine Bring and share Barbeque / Picnic Pavilion Bar open
Sat 19 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30 am 10 am - 12.30 pm 1pm 2pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee & Bacon butties Men's Doubles final Mixed Doubles final Parent and Kids 2 wicket cricket match Pavilion Bar Open / Bring Picnics
Sun 20 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am 1.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Handicap Doubles Tournament vs Fernhurst Men's Doubles final
Mon 21 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am - 12noon 4.30pm - 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Tennis Adult Coaching
Tue 22 nd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm - 2.30pm 4.30pm - 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adult Coaching Graffham v Rogate Juniors match
Wed 23 rd July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am - 2pm 6.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior/Academy Coaching Ladies B Doubles Hampshire League Match vs Fernhurst
Thu 24 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am - 2pm 6.00pm - 8.00pm 6.00pm - 7.30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior/Academy Coaching Men's Team vs Haslemere C Games Night including Volleyball, Table Tennis, Croquet, Boule
Fri 25 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9.30am - 2pm 6pm 7pm onwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Academy Coaching Club Night Club Curry at the Pavilion

ENTRIES for ANY events PLEASE use our admin@graffhamtennis.co.uk email or SEE BELOW & CALL/ Email NOW!

Richard Hepp	richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk	Junior coaching
David Sparkes	07958 655 288	Mens Doubles
Simon Longman	07979 590 891	Mixed Doubles
Richard Sabin	admin@graffhamtennis.co.uk	Curry Night tickets

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20% OFF EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT

27th MAY - 30th MAY
24th JULY - 29th AUGUST
CAMPS RUN FROM 8:30AM - 4:30PM
LUNCH WILL NOT BE PROVIDED FOR PAID SPACES
PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH

May Half-Term

	27 th	28 th	29 th	30 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	✗	✗	✓	✓

Summer Holidays Week 1

	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

	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	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗

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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