

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final half of our summer term! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable break. As we head into these last few weeks of the academic year, there's a wonderful sense of energy and excitement across both Graffham and Duncton Schools.

We'd like to kindly remind everyone to be especially mindful of the school minibus during drop-off and pick-up times. The safety of our children is always our top priority, and your continued awareness and caution around the minibus particularly when it is manoeuvring near the school entrances - helps us keep everyone safe.

Today has been a truly inspiring day for our pupils, as both schools enjoyed a fantastic Art Day led by our talented visiting artists, Jane and Maureen. The children immersed themselves in creative exploration based on the work of the artist Yoyoi Kusami. They have produced some beautiful and imaginative work. It was a joy to see their enthusiasm and pride in what they created—thank you to Jane and Maureen for bringing such a special experience to our schools. The children's artwork will be exhibited in a pop-up art exhibition from 16th to 19th July between 10am and 5pm at Fittleworth village hall – it would be great if you could come along and see it for yourselves.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend ahead.

Best wishes,

Charles Beckerson

	Next Week		
Tuesday 10 th June	Final Year 5 Swimming (Due to missed session last week)		
Tuesday 10 th June	SEND Tea and Chat with Callie Reid@ Duncton School 2.30-3.15pm Please see information below	Introduction to SEND at Graffham and Duncton	
Thursday 12 th June	Duncton Sports afternoon @ Duncton school, 1.15pm	All parents welcome. More details below.	
Friday 13 th June	Graffham Sports afternoon @ Graffham Rec, 1.30pm & remember to bring a picnic/bBen bq if you plan to stay on for this year's 'Family Fridays at the Rec' – see poster below.	All parents welcome. More details below.	
Tuesday 17 th June	Year 6 start swimming @ Seaford College		
Thursday 19 th June	Transition Morning 1 – New Reception Intake for Sept'25 - 9.30 - 11.30am, followed by Parent Talk	Information has gone to parents	
Thursday 19 th June	Year 5 to MRC for Y5 Sports day. Parents to drop and collect from MRC, please share lifts wherever possible	Letter has been emailed to all parents today	
Thursday 19 th June	Year 3 to Start Forest school	Letter has been sent home today	
Friday 20 th June	Year 3 and 4 to West Wood Fair	Letter has been emailed home today	
	Future Dates		
Monday 23rd June INSET DAY			
Wednesday 25th June	Transition Morning 2 - New Reception Intake & current Year 2s to start at Duncton School	More details to follow	
Wednesday 25th 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
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	Summer performance for all children @ Duncton 5.30pm	Please put this date in your diaries
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of term	

*New dates/additions are in GREEN

Duncton School Sports Day Thursday 12th June ^{*}

We're excited to invite all families to join us for Sports Day on **Thursday 12th June, starting at 1:15pm** on the school field. It promises to be a fantastic afternoon of fun, teamwork, and community spirit!

To help with parking, we will be opening the school playground for parents and carers. Friends of Graffham and Duncton (FGD) will kindly be providing refreshments, so be sure to stop by and support them.

The forecast looks dry and warm, with highs around 20°C and partly cloudy skies. However, as always, the British weather can be unpredictable, so please keep an eye on updates closer to the day.

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- All children should come to school wearing their PE kits.
- Please ensure sun cream is applied at home before school.
- Every child must bring a full water bottle to stay hydrated.

We look forward to seeing you there and cheering on our young athletes!

Graffham School Sports Day Friday 13th June ^A/₂

We're excited to invite you to this year's **Graffham Sports Day**, taking place on **Friday 13th June at 1:30pm** at the **Graffham Recreation Ground**.

While the current forecast is overcast, this may change closer to the day—so please be prepared for all weather possibilities!

Important Information for Families:

- Children should come to school in their PE kits, with suncream already applied, a hat, and a full water bottle.
- No book bags or large rucksacks are needed, as we will walk the children to the recreation ground from school.
- Parents and carers are warmly invited to attend! Please feel free to bring blankets or chairs—a designated viewing area will be provided.
- **Refreshments** will be available, kindly run by **Friends of Graffham and Duncton (FGD)**.

After School Arrangements:

- After School Sports Club will run as usual. Children signed up will be walked back to school by staff.
 - Pick-up time remains **4:15pm**.
 - If your child will **not** be attending the club that day, please let us know.
- Children who usually take the **minibus to Duncton** will also be walked back to school after the event.
 - If you plan to collect your child directly from the recreation ground, please inform us in advance.

We look forward to a fun-filled afternoon of sports and community spirit—see you there!

SEND Tea & Chat

We are very pleased to announce our new SEND Tea & Chat sessions are due to go ahead thanks to the interest shown by our families.

The purpose of these meetings are for parents to network and support one another and be provided with a range of information on selected topics related to special educational need including supporting children with anxiety, autism and masking, emotional school-based avoidance, dyslexia etc.

Our current sessions for this summer term are due to be held on the following dates at Duncton.

- * Tuesday 10th June 2:30pm 3:15pm (Introduction to SEND at Graffham and Duncton)
- * Thursday 17th July 2:30pm 3:15pm (Supporting parents over the summer holidays and transitioning)

Moving forward into the next academic year, we will aim for each session to be held alternatively at both schools.

We would like to encourage that all parents are welcome and if you haven't done so already, it would be appreciated if you could make us aware of your attendance for awareness of numbers of purposes. We look forward to seeing you there!

Reminders / Important Notices

- We have an increased 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.
- Please bring in any food donations for the Guinea Pigs & sign up to help with the Chickens at Graffham one weekend if you can.

Wrens Class Years R and 1

Welcome back to everyone and we're looking forward to a busy half term ahead. This half term we are learning about 'Minibeasts' which follows on nicely from last half term where we learnt about bees. This week we have started off by making fresh juices! Children have designed their own juice from the ingredients provided, made them, tasted them and then written a review. Apple and carrot has proved to be a popular combination. We are also planning to use our large amounts of rhubarb we have been growing in our garden to make some apple and rhubarb crumble next week. If any of you have any creative ideas or recipes that uses rhubarb, please send them in next week. Wild Wednesday was spent bug hunting in our gardens and we managed to tick lots of bugs off on our list! We're really looking forward to sports day next Friday and welcoming some new baby chicks into our garden area from my hens at home. Have a lovely weekend.



Kingfisher Class Years 1 and 2

This week in Kingfisher class we've had a fantastic time creating beautiful artwork together. We've written some brilliant descriptions of heroes and villains and we've made bar graphs to show some of the research we've collected around our school. The children have started practising for sports day and are very excited! Everyone has worked really hard across all their learning and we're now really close to our marble goal too so we're crossing our fingers for parachute games next week!



Kestrel Class Year 3 and 4

This term our topic is Around the World in 80 days, we will be looking at the different countries that Phileas Fogg travelled to. This week in English, we had to write instructions on how to make a jam sandwich. We then read it out and Mrs Harris followed the instructions as we had written them, it was really fun! In PE we have been practising for Sports day next week. In maths, Year 4 have been learning about improper fractions and Year 3 have been adding and subtracting fractions. Year 4 had our last Forest School session at Coopers Moor. The weather conditions were great as we found lots of baby frogs hopping around everywhere. We made a frog hotel and named each of them! We've all had a really fun week.





Peregrine Class Year 5 and 6

Welcome back to the last weeks of the Summer Term.

This week we have continued working on our River Journals and are very close to sharing the finished books with Year 3 and Year 4. They are full of geographical information, river facts, poetry and stories alongside beautiful artwork.

Year 6 have begun the annual 'Fiver Challenge'. They work in groups to develop a service or product that they can provide at a Duncton Pop-Up Market at the end of June. Ms Bassett loans each group £5.00. From their final profit they need to pay Ms Bassett back £5.50 (50p interest on the loan). Each group donates 90% of their profit to charity and they share the final 10% profit with their colleagues. This week they have worked on their product or service idea and designed their logo.



In Science Year 6 are focusing on healthy diets and nutrition, looking at different food groups and the importance of a balanced diet. Year 5 are exploring chemistry and reversible and irreversible changes. This week we experimented with dissolving and understanding the concept of soluble and insoluble solutions.

On Friday afternoon we are looking forward to our Kusama art workshop with Maureen Wells. We will write more about this next time.

Happy Weekend!

Cake Raffle			
Lemonte	Thank you Mrs Godfrey, for baking this mystery Lemon Drizzle cake for the children at Graffham today.		
	The lucky winner who will be tucking into it this weekend was Lottie King (Year 2). Well done Lottie and enjoy!		
	Thank you Fi for bringing these Chocolate brownies to us this morning for the Duncton Cake raffle, they were still warm when they Came in this morning and smell delicious!! The lucky winners this week who are going to be taking them home are Ben (Y4) and Frank (Y3)		



Reverend Vivien writes:

I asked the infant school children to imagine a jar with 100 sweets in it. If somebody takes one sweet out of the jar, would you notice one sweet had gone? I don't think I'd notice. It wouldn't matter very much, as there's still loads of sweets left. I also asked the children to imagine a school taking 100 children on an outing. When it's time to go home, the teacher in charge counts the children back into the coaches. 1,2,3,4...98, 99, oops, one child less. The teacher says to themself, there's still loads of children in the coaches, one less won't matter, so ninety-nine children went back to school. I asked if the teacher was right to think it doesn't matter if one child less gets back on the coach? NO, they thought it would be terrible. Children are not like sweets in a jar. It would matter very much if one child was left behind and very irresponsible of a teacher to do this. A responsible teacher would look and look and look until they found the missing child.

We trust teachers to be responsible and look after us. We trust parents to be responsible and look after us. Sometimes teachers and parents need to trust us to be responsible too. The teachers at Graffham Infants trust the children to look after each other in the playground. It's good to be trustworthy and act as we should. We can feel proud to do so. Jesus told a story of a shepherd with 100 sheep. The shepherd looks and looks and looks if one is missing, because every sheep is important to the shepherd. This story is telling us God is responsible and trustworthy like a Good Shepherd and that every person is important to him. He cares for us all.

We sang a variation of Baa, baa, black sheep. 'Baa, baa, lost sheep, how did I get here? I'm so scared, there's no-one near. Don't be frightened, you'll be found. The Good Shepherd's coming, you'll be safe and sound.'



As we are at the Lavington estate there are a few extra bits to be aware of.

- We will be in long grass so children are asked to wear long-sleeved tops, trousers and no open-toed shoes. Parents/carers should check for ticks afterwards.
- Please ensure that children have suncream and insect repellent applied before coming. Bring sunhat/ wet weather gear as appropriate. There is shelter if we need it.
- Parents/carers are reminded that the farm is a working farm so children must be supervised by parent/carer at all times.
- There are no go areas which will be clearly marked.
- We ask that you drive slowly along farm lanes and take care when parking as walkers and children as ne present.
- Also please ensure children wash their hands regularly and before eating, there will be a handwash station.
- We will be having a picnic supper so please bring a blanket or rug to sit on.
- Please register with Revd Vivien on arrival and before leaving.
- Volunteers will be on hand to help and dressed in green.

We look forward to seeing you!

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

We hope to see you there!

For further information etc, email

4-8pm

graffhamrecpavilion@gmail.com

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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	Age	Time	Price
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	Yr5-Yr6	5.15 – 6.15pm	£66.50/£73.50*
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GRAFFHAM TENNIS CLUB					
	Tennis Week – 2025 Friday 18 th July – Friday 25 th July				
Fri 18 th July	 ♦ 4.30 pm ♦ 5:30 pm 	Pickleball Parent & child Tennis / Ball Machine Bring and share Barbeque / Picnic Pavilion Bar open			
Sat 19 th July	 9.30 am 10 am - 12.30 pm 1pm 2pm 	Coffee & Bacon butties Mixed Doubles Mixed Doubles final Parent and Kids 2 wicket cricket match Pavilion Bar Open / Bring Picnics			
Sun 20 th July	 10am 1.30pm 	Men's Handicap Doubles Tournament Men's Doubles final			
Mon 21 st July	 10am – 12noon 4.30pm – 6pm 1pm – 2:30pm 	Senior Tennis Adult Coaching Adult Coaching Adult Coaching			
Tue 22 nd July Wed 23 rd July	 4.30pm – 6pm 9.30am – 2pm 6.30pm 	Graffham v Rogate Juniors match Junior/Academy Coaching Ladies B Doubles Hampshire League Match vs Fernhurst			
Thu 24 th July	 9.30am – 2pm 6.00pm – 8:00pm 6.00pm – 7.30pm 	Junior/Academy Coaching Men's Team vs Haslemere C Games Night including Volleyball, Table Tennis, Croquet, Boule			
Fri 25 th July	 9.30am – 2pm 6pm 7pm onwards 	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 Hopp David Sparkes	richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk	Junior coaching Mens Doubles			
Simon Longmar Richard Sabin	admin@graffhamtennis.co.uk	Mixed Doubles Curry Night tickets			

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Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) for children

Children and young people aged 4 to 16 who are eligible* for benefits related free school meals can take part in free clubs during the Easter, Summer and Winter holidays. A free nutritious meal is provided as part of the scheme. Visit our website to find activities near you and book your place.

*Check eligibility on the webpage and find information about further support and activities available. Places are limited. Paid-for-places may be available, contact individual clubs for availability.

