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Friday 13th June 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, I'd like to apologise for the postponement of Duncton's Sports Day. Unfortunately, yesterday morning's wet weather left the grass too slippery to ensure a safe and enjoyable event for everyone. However, I'm pleased to let you know that we've rescheduled Sports Day for **Wednesday 3rd July at 1.15pm**, and we're keeping our fingers crossed for some lovely sunshine!

On a brighter note, **Graffham's Sports Day was a huge success**. It was wonderful to see so many of you there, cheering on the children and sharing in the fun. Thank you for making it such a special occasion.

It was also great to welcome some of our parents to the **SEND Tea and Chat** on Tuesday with Callie Reid. We really valued this opportunity to connect and share experiences, and we're looking forward to building a strong, supportive network among our families.

Meanwhile, the children are already turning their thoughts to the **summer performance**! They've begun choosing songs, poems, and other pieces they'd like to perform, and the excitement is building. Please save the date: the performance will take place on **Friday 18th July at 5.30pm at Duncton School**. We'll be sharing more details with you soon.

Wishing you all a restful and hopefully sunny weekend.

Warm regards,

Best wishes,

Charles Beckerson

	Next Week	
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 Cupcake sale during the school day for Duncton pupils to raise money for The Sanctuary in Chichester as part of Refugee Week.	Cupcakes 50p or donation of choice
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 start swimming @ Seaford College	
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 to MRC for Y5 Sports day. Parents to drop and collect from MRC, please share lifts wherever possible	Letter has been sent home
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 to Start Forest school	Letter has been sent home
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 and 4 to West Wood Fair Letter has been sent home	
	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 form		More details to follow

Wednesday 25th June	ear 6 Leavers Service @ Chichester Cathedral 10.30am  All Y6 Parents are invited to come alo to this service		
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Annual Pop-Up Fiver Market and NSPCC Childhood Mile.	Duncton children during school day. Please bring a few pounds to spend at the market. All profits to go to NSPCC and Cancer Research.	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Transition Morning 3 – For ALL children New Reception Intake & current Year 2s to start at Duncton School	More details to follow	
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	iRock concert @Duncton School 2.30pm	iRock parents invited	
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer performance for all children @ Duncton 5.30pm	Please put this date in your diaries. Grandparents are also invited.	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Last day of term		

<sup>\*</sup>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**

#### 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

Staffing for next year			
Year group(s)	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)	
Reception	Mrs SJ Wethered	Miss S carter	
Years 1 and 2	Mr M Lloyd	Miss Cece and Mrs L Zoltowski	
Years 3 and 4	Mrs N Gafford & Ms C Woods	Mrs T Erkam and Mrs T Holloway	
Years 5 and 6	Ms L Bassett	Mrs L Creed and Mrs T Holloway	

## **Play Therapy with Beth**

Beth, our play therapist, will be leaving at the end of the summer term, as she is relocating to the Lake District.

Beth has formed strong, trusting relationships with many children, and her calm, compassionate approach has helped them feel seen, heard, and supported. Beth has created a safe and nurturing space for children to explore their feelings, build their confidence, and develop strategies to manage challenges — all through her gentle and skilled use of play therapy.

We know that Beth's work has had a meaningful and lasting impact, and we are incredibly grateful for the care and dedication she has shown. She will be very much missed by the children, families, and staff alike.

We are mindful that change can be difficult, especially for children who have built a strong relationship with a trusted adult like Beth. Over the coming weeks, we will be working carefully with Beth to help the children she supports prepare for her departure in a thoughtful and supportive way. Where appropriate, we will also discuss ongoing support and next steps with you to ensure that your child continues to feel safe and well cared for.

We will be meeting with a new play therapist in the next couple of weeks and we will write to you with an update once we have finalised arrangements for her to work with us from September.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk through the transition, please don't hesitate to get in touch. We are here to support you and your child every step of the way.

Thank you for your continued trust and partnership. I know you will join us in thanking Beth for all she has given and in wishing her every happiness as she begins this new chapter.

### Young Voices Trip to the O2 in London next year

We are looking into the possibility of taking a group of children from Duncton to the Young Voices @ the O2 next year. We would like to gauge interest from parents before we book anything. We emailed you this link to a short survey on Thursday. <a href="https://forms.office.com/e/5k1Mq5YZNb">https://forms.office.com/e/5k1Mq5YZNb</a> Please could you reply to this survey by next Friday 20th June.

This is for all current children in Y2-5 that will be at Duncton next year.

#### <u>Year 3 Ice Cream Café — Wednesday 25th June</u>



As part of their current topic on Ice Cream, Year 3 have been learning how to order and serve ice cream in French. To celebrate their learning, they will be opening a special Ice Cream Café on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th June for the children in Years 4, 5 and 6. This will be a fun opportunity for Year 3 to practise their French in a real-life context, develop their communication and teamwork skills, and share their work with the wider school.

To help cover the cost of the ice cream, we kindly ask for a small contribution of £1 per child (for all children in KS2). We look forward to a fun afternoon and seeing the children put their learning into action!

#### Wrens Class Years R and 1

We have welcomed some new baby chicks into our outdoor area for the week and have loved watching them scuttle about pecking at food, sheltering under their mother's feathers and drinking the water in their coop. All of the children have enjoyed writing some facts about the hens and their chicks and have shown us how far they have come along with their writing! This week we have also managed to collect 30 marbles into our jar for being brilliant learners. As a treat we got our brand new giant parachute out and played lots of fun team games with the children. We've also had fun making and eating apple and rhubarb crumble with the children. All the children took turns in preparing the fruit by peeling, cutting and then rubbing the crumble mixture together. Wild Wednesday was spent preparing for our sports day at the recreation ground. Reception children went to see where the sports activities will take place and the year one children practised some of the races.







#### Kingfisher Class Years 1 and 2

This week Kingfisher class have all been really excited about sports day! They've tried really hard in their practices and are going to have a great time together on Friday. They've been creating some lovely poetry in class as well as learning all about the life cycles of different animals. We hope everyone has a fab weekend and enjoy father's day on Sunday too!

#### Kestrel Class Year 3 and 4

This week in our topic Around the World in 80 days, we learnt about Phileas Fogg's first stop which was France. We researched the meaning of some French words and researched a famous French landmark and wrote about it. We practised for Sport's day in PE but unfortunately, we haven't been able to use these skills yet due to it being postponed. We did have an extra-long play on Thursday to make up for it though!

In maths, we have started to learn about angles, half turns, quarter turns, clockwise and anti-clockwise. Year 3 have made 'right angle monsters' and Year 4 are learning about the different types of angles such as right angles, acute angles and obtuse angles. How many can you find around your home? We have also been learning about Claude Monet in Art - we have been looking at impressionism and we have chosen a painting that we would like to recreate for the Pop up art gallery in Fittleworth.







#### Peregrine Class Year 5 and 6 by Emily and Maisy

Last week Jane and Maureen came into school and did a workshop with year 5/6. We enjoyed creating collages inspired by a Japanese artist called Yayoi Kusama. They will be exhibited at a pop-up art exhibition in July at Fittleworth village hall.

Year 5 have been learning about decimal numbers in maths. Year 6 are working on a baking project to sell cakes next week in support of Refugee Week. They also presented their Fiver Challenge products in assembly. We are looking forward to the Fiver Market Day at the end of the month.

We have enjoyed sharing our river journals with year 3 and Year 4. This week we have started writing our own stories. We could choose to write about anything we wished. In History we discussed the Maya maths system and astrology. The Maya had a place

holder thousands of years ago. The number system is very interesting. In PE we focused on serving as part of tennis skills.



# **Come & Support EDDIE'S EPIC CHALLENGE** for Whale & Dophin

Conservation

Happy Weekend



'If you've met Eddie D'Ovidio you'll know that his number one passion is whales and looking after our oceans. This summer, Eddie's going to do something amazing to help his favourite charity, Whale & Dolphin Conservation. He'll be walking a massive 155 miles, which is the same distance from our house in Midhurst to Europe's biggest aquarium, Nausicaá Aquarium, in Northern France. Over 40 days this Summer, Eddie will need to walk 455,000 steps to reach his goal and we're asking for your help!

We're so proud of Eddie and will be with him all the way! If you're able, please sponsor Eddie to help him reach his fundraising target.

As Eddie says, "Whales and Dolphins are incredible, they sing, they play, they take care of each other and even keep the planet healthy. But they need our help, so I want to raise as much money as I can to help WDC do their amazing work. Every step I take will help make a splash for ocean animals in trouble."

Written by Jaime & Rob (Eddie's Parents)

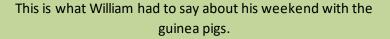
Please click here to support Eddie's challenge:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/eddie-dovidio-whales



# Guinea Pig Sleepover - Winner

The lucky winner of the Guinea Pig Raffle the other week was William from Year 1. Here are a couple of photos of William & his brother, Tom with Tilly & Nora.





'I really enjoyed holding the guinea pigs and feeding them pepper, broccoli and cucumber.

They are really really cute.

## Cake Raffle



Today at Graffham, Lucy Walsh (Jack and Beetle's mum – Yr 2 & Nursery) donated this lovely Lemon Drizzle Cake.

Thank you so much Lucy!

Today's lucky winner was Casandra from Year 2.
Well done Casandra!



Charlie the Caterpillar made an appearance at Duncton today, many thanks to Hazel Allfrey for bringing the cake in today.

Our lucky winners who will be taking in the cake home today are Jess and Max (double win for Max as it his Birthday today)

# 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.

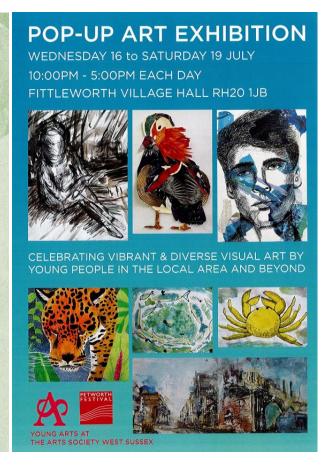
We would love to hear from you, so do let us know if you are thinking of coming. Any thoughts and ideas are most welcome.

13 and 27 June, 11 July

4-8pm

We hope to see you there!

For further information etc, email graffhamrecpavilion@gmail.com









Junior Tennis Coaching 2025



## After school Tennis Coaching

Next course

Wednesdays 4th June - 16th July 2025

Age	Time	Price	
YrR-Yr2	3.30 – 4.15pm	£59.50/£66.50*	
Yr3-Yr4	4.15 – 5.15pm	£66.50/£73.50*	
Yr5-Yr6	5.15 - 6.15pm	£66.50/£73.50*	

\*Prices are for members/non members

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

Places allocated on a first come first served basis

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#### Tennis Week - 2025 Friday 18th July - Friday 25th July

	<ul><li>4.30 pm</li></ul>	Pickleball
	○ 5:30 pm	Parent & child Tennis / Ball Machine
Fri 18 <sup>th</sup> July		<ul> <li>Bring and share Barbeque / Picnic</li> </ul>
		Pavilion Bar open
	9.30 am	<ul> <li>Coffee &amp; Bacon butties</li> </ul>
	10 am – 12.30 pm	<ul> <li>Mixed Doubles</li> </ul>
	● 1pm	<ul> <li>Mixed Doubles final</li> </ul>
Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> July	○ 2pm	Parent and Kids 2 wicket cricket match
l		Pavilion Bar Open / Bring Picnics
Sun 20 <sup>th</sup> July	© 10am	<ul> <li>Men's Handicap Doubles Tournament</li> </ul>
	1.30pm	<ul> <li>Men's Doubles final</li> </ul>
	○ 10am – 12noon	<ul> <li>Senior Tennis</li> </ul>
Mon 21st July	4.30pm – 6pm	Adult Coaching
	○ 1pm – 2:30pm	Adult Coaching
Tue 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	4.30pm – 6pm	<ul> <li>Graffham v Rogate Juniors match</li> </ul>
	9.30am – 2pm	<ul> <li>Junior/Academy Coaching</li> </ul>
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	6.30pm	<ul> <li>Ladies B Doubles Hampshire League Match</li> </ul>
		vs Fernhurst
	9.30am – 2pm	<ul> <li>Junior/Academy Coaching</li> </ul>
Thu 24th July	6.00pm − 8:00pm	<ul> <li>Men's Team vs Haslemere C</li> </ul>
	6.00pm − 7.30pm	<ul> <li>Games Night including Volleyball, Table Tennis,</li> </ul>
l I		Croquet, Boule
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> July	<ul><li>9.30am – 2pm</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Junior Academy Coaching</li> </ul>
l i	○ 6pm	Club Night
	<ul> <li>7pm onwards</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Club Curry at the Pavilion</li> </ul>
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