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JUNE NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy and exciting June with much to celebrate from the children including the wonderful art installation from our Graffham children at Chichester Cathedral, an impressive performance from Years 5 and 6 at Champs Hill as part of the Downscape project. There have also been many school trips including to Petworth House and gardens, Slow Grown Farm, The Weald and Downland Museum and Arundel Castle! Thank you to everyone who managed to attend our sports days last week – we were very proud of the children and how well they all participated. Thank you for your support and understanding during this week's heatwave – the children have coped with admirable resilience.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Warm regards,

Charles Beckerson

Graffham Sports Day



Duncton Sports Day



Chichester Festival of Flowers

Graffham Infants were incredibly proud to be involved in this year's Chichester Festival of Flowers, contributing an art installation inspired by the theme 'Memories in Nature'.

Our display was created using treasures collected by the children during our weekly Wild Wednesday walks. Leaves, flowers and other natural objects gathered on these adventures were used to create beautiful cyanotype prints. The children were fascinated by the process, watching the sunlight transform their collections into striking blue artworks.

Many of the pieces also featured the children's own drawings and words inspired by nature, making the installation a wonderful reflection of their experiences and memories outdoors. The project encouraged creativity, observation and a deeper appreciation of the natural world around us.

We are extremely proud of the final installation and grateful for the opportunity to be involved in such a special and exciting project. It was a fantastic experience that celebrated both creativity and our connection with nature.



Wrens

What a fantastic and busy month we have had!

We started June with a wonderful visit to Petworth House and Park, where the children enjoyed hunting for famous paintings around the grounds. We were lucky enough to stay dry despite the threatening weather and enjoyed a lovely picnic together in the park. The children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout the day.

We also enjoyed another visit to Slow Grown Farm. The children were delighted to meet the piglets and cows and learned all about how cows are milked. They discovered how milk is used to make cheese and asked some excellent questions during the visit. One of the highlights of this month was our Sports Day at the recreation ground. We were incredibly proud of all the children for taking part with such enthusiasm, determination and excellent sportsmanship. They encouraged one another, tried their best and represented the Wren class brilliantly. The children have also enjoyed spending time in Kingfisher Class and getting to know Mr Lloyd and Mrs Cece ready for next year. This has been a valuable opportunity to help them feel confident and excited about the transition ahead.

We look forward to our final month of the school year where it promises to be busy and fun!



Kingfishers

At the scorching end to the month, children's enthusiasm for learning and commitment to their school and friends has shone through. We've had a busy month with drawing competitions where children had to create a picture of themselves as super heroes, sports day where children all performed amazingly, a visit to Petworth House and lots of talk about the kick off of the world cup. In class we've used to world cup as a jumping off point for learning about lots of different countries around the world, the languages they speak and their cultures. Something that could definitely be carried on at home if you wished. Children have engaged with every bit of learning fantastically - from story writing and setting descriptions, to fractions and a revision of addition strategies. Despite sweltering temperatures, they have enjoyed each other's company at school in the final week with lots of water play, ice activities and even cooling footbaths in the classroom! A big thank you to all parents for helping us instil the importance of hydrating and protecting ourselves from the sun. Hopefully everyone sleeps a little more easily too in the next few weeks as we ramp up our summer performance practicing!



Kestrels

Kestrel Class have been busy with lots of exciting learning this term. In Maths, the children have been developing their understanding of decimals and fractions, learning how to convert decimals into fractions and using their knowledge of place value to support their reasoning and problem-solving. In English, the class has been planning and preparing non-chronological reports based on their own imaginative mythical dragons. The children have enjoyed creating detailed dragon characters and thinking carefully about how to organise information clearly and effectively.

In Art, the children have been exploring texture through their study of the artist Hokusai. Inspired by his work, they have been experimenting with printing techniques and creating their own prints, carefully considering pattern, texture and detail.

Our Geography learning has focused on mountains in the UK, where the children have been discovering how mountains are formed, locating major mountain ranges and learning about their physical features. Recently, Kestrel Class enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Weald and Downland Museum. The accompanying photographs show the children exploring the historic houses on site and discovering what life was like in Anglo-Saxon times. They learned about the foods people would have eaten, had a go at splitting wood and experienced making wattle panels used in traditional wattle and daub housing. It was a memorable and hands-on day that brought their learning to life.

Year 3 had a fantastic time on their visit to West's Wood Fair. Throughout the day, they enjoyed a variety of exciting activities, including a tractor ride, forest school crafts, den building, and an informative dog safety talk. The highlight of the trip was meeting a skilled blacksmith, who helped each child create and engrave their own metal keyring to take home as a special souvenir.

We are incredibly proud of every member of Kestrel Class for their enthusiastic participation in all the Sports Day activities last week. Congratulations to those who earned stickers and medals for their achievements, and a huge well done to everyone for showing determination, teamwork, and a positive attitude throughout the event. It was wonderful to see all the children giving their very best and supporting one another.



Peregrines

June has been a bumper month of learning, creativity and exploration across the school.

We began the month with our Little Lifesavers Workshop, where Year 5/6 pupils learned valuable first aid skills. They practised CPR skills for both adults and children, explored how to respond to choking, and learned the recovery position. It was a fascinating and highly worthwhile afternoon. We are very grateful to Little Lifesavers, a charity that provides this training free of charge to schools.

A huge thank you goes to our wonderful music teacher, Annette, who completed a half marathon to raise funds for new keyboards. We are already enjoying using them in our music lessons—what an incredible achievement and a fantastic contribution to the school.

We were delighted to complete our Downscape Project with a beautiful live performance at Champs Hill. Thank you to everyone who joined us to sing our Downscape songs and share some truly inspiring poetry. It was a special celebration of the pupils' creativity.

Our trip to Arundel Castle was another highlight of the month. Despite the rain, pupils enthusiastically explored life in medieval times and made their way up to the Keep. Thanks to Georgina and Seb, we learned many fascinating facts about this remarkable castle and its exciting history. We are also grateful to Regan for supporting us on the trip.

Sports Day was a great success, with everyone participating enthusiastically. Thank you to Year 6 for organising such fun and engaging activities. Congratulations to all our race winners, and a special well done to Oak House for their overall victory.

Year 6 have also begun their celebrations and reflections as they prepare to move on, starting with a beautiful service at Chichester Cathedral, led by the Bishop—on the hottest day of the year! Pupils sang hymns and reflected thoughtfully on their primary school journey—past, present and future. Amelie and Maud led prayers, Ned and Amelia carried the banners, and Karols presented our charity offering. We were incredibly proud of them all.

We planned to end this week with the ever-popular Pop-Up Fiver Challenge Market. Year 6 pupils are given a £5 loan to develop a business idea and create a product or service. The rest of the school then has the opportunity to spend their money at the market. 90% of the profits go to charity and the children get to keep 10% of the profits. Because of the weather, this is now postponed to Monday 29th June.



Year 6 Leavers service at Chichester Cathedral



Y5/6 Downscape Project at Champs Hill





LET'S CELEBRATE
SUMMER

Performance & Gathering

Hosted by Graffham and Duncton school

Friday 17th July | 4 - 8pm
at Duncton School

Open to all School parents, friends & extended family

- 4pm Gates open
- 5:30pm Children's performance
- 7pm Live Music

LIVE MUSIC PERFORMANCE BY B3'S

STALLS, REFRESHMENTS & LOTS MORE FUN



Chichester's
EMERGENCY SERVICES
ARMED FORCES
AND COMMUNITY DAY
Oaklands Park
Sunday 2nd
August 2026
10am - 4pm
FREE ENTRY





Private Swimming Tuition for Children and Adults

SUMMER HOLIDAY INTENSIVE HUBS
3 DAY 1:1 - AUGUST BOOKINGS OPEN

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesdays: 9am-12pm
10th, 11th, 12th - Nearly full
17th, 18th, 19th
24th, 25th, 26th

Thursdays/Fridays/Saturdays: 9am-12pm
13th, 14th, 15th
27th, 28th, 29th

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BESPOKE

 GRAFFHAM TENNIS CLUB		
Tennis Week - 2026 Friday 17 July - Friday 24 July		
Fri 17 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5:30 PM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Club Night - Parent & Child Tennis BYO BBQ / Picnic - Pavilion Bar open
Sat 18 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30 am 10.00am - 12.30pm 1.00pm 2.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coffee & Bacon butties Social Mixed doubles tournament Mixed doubles Final Parent and Kids 2 wicket cricket match Pavilion bar open / Bring Picnics
Sun 19 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10.00am 1.30pm 5:30pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mens Doubles Tournament Mens Doubles final Table Tennis Tournament & Foot Tennis on Grass Courts BBQ - BYO - Pavilion Bar open (Showing Football World Cup Final)
Mon 20 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10am to 12noon 4:30pm to 6pm 6.00pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seniors Tennis Richard Hopp Free Adult Coaching Session (Please sign up via email) Men's B Match vs Fernhurst (Home)
Tue 21 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1pm to 2:30pm 3pm to 6pm 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard Hopp Free Adult Coaching Session (Please sign up via email) Graffham v Rogate Juniors match EHL Match - Ladies
Wed 22 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am - 2pm 6.00pm onwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior/Academy Coaching Sport Night including Volleyball, Table Tennis, Croquet, Boule, SpikeBall, Pickleball Bring & share BBQ / picnic - Pavilion Bar open
Thurs 23 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am - 2pm 6pm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior/Academy Coaching Mixed Match
Friday 24 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 9:30am - 2pm 6pm 7pm onwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Junior Academy Coaching Club Night Curry Night at the Pavilion
ENTRIES for any events please email us at admin@graффhamtennis.co.uk or see below for contacts		
Richard Hopp	richard@hoppcoaching.co.uk	Junior coaching
Simon Longman	☎ 07979 590 891	Mens Doubles
David Sparkes	☎ 07958 655 288	Mixed Doubles
Richard Sabin	☎ 07947 486 211	Curry Night tickets



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Mindfulness Pony Days For Kids

A magical day of ponies, riding, art, friendship and mindfulness

summer holiday fun

What to expect :

- Mindfulness time with ponies
- Pony care
- Riding and Mounted games
- Connect with arts and nature
- Make new friends

Dates:
4th, 6th, 10th and 13th of August 2026
Time: 8:30 am -1:00pm
📍 **Hillcrest Farm Riding School, Horsham RH13 6NX**

Book Now

Spaces limited to 10 children per day
£115 per child per day £30 pound deposit
By purchasing a ticket via eventbrite you are paying a £30 deposit. You will be invoiced for the balance 1 week before the event

Links for Booking

[4th August](#) [6th August](#)
[10th August](#) [13th August](#)

We are an inclusive team and warmly welcome children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) we celebrate diversity and are committed to providing a supportive environment where every child can thrive.

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PETWORTH FESTIVAL FAMILY FUN

SUNDAY 26 JULY, 2.30PM
PETWORTH HOUSE STABLE YARD

With Family Theatre Magic from
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland
& Foot-tapping Musical Theatre from the Fabulous
Bowjangles!

Music Fun **Balloon Modelling** **Face Painting**
Ice Creams **Pizza Bar & Street Food** **Family Theatre**

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