



Weekly Dates & Reminders

9th October 2026

Next Week ...

Wednesday 14 th October	Girls Y3-6 Football @ Petworth Primary	
Thursday 15 th October	Open Morning for Prospective Parents at Graffham School & Mini-Explorers Nursery, 9.30 - 11.30am	Please help us to spread the word amongst friends & family
Thursday 15 th October	Y5/6 visit to Petworth House	Details have been sent out this week

Looking ahead ...

Tuesday 20 th & Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening at Graffham	Booking available from next week
Wednesday 21 st October	Parents Evening at Duncton	Booking available from next week
Wednesday 21 st October	Imago School Photos at both Schools (<u>NB</u> - Class Photos will be taken on 24 March)	There will be NO Wild Wednesday at Graffham on this day, so please can children wear their school uniform
Thursday 22 nd October	Open Morning for Prospective Parents at Graffham School & Mini-Explorers Nursery, 9.30 - 11.30am	Please help us to spread the word amongst friends & family
Thursday 22 nd October	Halloween Party @ Duncton School 4.30-6.30pm Please note this new time NO Football club on this day	All Graffham and Duncton Children welcome.
Friday 23 rd October	INSET day	
Mon 26 th -Fri 30 th October	Half term	
Monday 16 th November	'My Digital Child' workshop for parents and carers 2pm @ Duncton School	Parents invited to come along- please let the office know if you will be coming along to this.
Thursday 5 th November	Parents Evening at Duncton	Booking available from next week
Monday 9 th November	AGM of Friends of Graffham & Duncton @ Graffham School 1.30pm	All parents are welcome to attend
Thursday 10 th and Friday 11 th December	Graffham Nativity Thursday 1.30pm Friday 4pm	More details to follow, please save the date
Wednesday 16 th December	Duncton Carol Concert @ School 5.30pm	More details to follow, please save the date

New Dates/Additions are in **GREEN**.

INSET DATES 2026-2027

Friday 23rd October 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Thursday 25th March 2027

NOTICES & REMINDERS

- **CHICKENS** – You may have heard that we have two new chickens at Graffham school which the children have named, Scrambles and Cherry. Please could we ask everyone to be quiet around them whilst they settle into their new home and not to let them out of their pen. Thank you.
- **HEADLICE** – WE HAVE headlice at Duncton. To help us with this ongoing problem, please could we ask that you check your child's hair regularly and all hair is kept tied back.
- Due to the Halloween Party on the 23rd October Football club will be CANCELLED



Ofsted 2026

Early Years
"Strong Standard"

"Pupils feel that they truly belong."

"Inclusive and welcoming culture"

"Children are happy, safe and fully engaged in their learning"

"Pupils behave with care and kindness"

Ofsted

Read our report

Graffham CE Infant School Open Mornings

15th and 22nd October 2026, 9.30am – 11.30am

A small village school in the heart of the South Downs, where every child is known and valued. Our pupils enjoy freshly cooked meals prepared on-site each day by Chef Laura, daily wraparound care and clubs, and an Early Years provision that exceeds expectations (Ofsted, 2026).



During our open mornings:

- Have a guided tour of the school with the headteacher
- Meet our chef and learn about our freshly prepared 'home cooked' meals
- Chat to our wraparound care leader
- Pop in to 'Mini Explorers' Nursery

Contact us to confirm your attendance or make alternative arrangement
office@graffhaminfant.org.uk, 01798 867324



NEW Reversible School Fleece & Waterproof Jacket on sale now for £33.51



In readiness for the Winter

We have added a NEW Reversible School Fleece/Waterproof Jacket to our school uniform on our school website.

Our supplier, LPF Deco Uniforms have sourced this for us which is a warmer option compared to the old coat which has now been discontinued from their range.

This item of clothing is entirely optional but if you are interested in making a purchase for your child, then please follow this link -

www.lpf.deco-uniforms.com



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CAKE RAFFLE



Thank you to Amanda Moreton (Tom and William Yr1 & 3) for baking these fun Halloween inspired brownies for the cake raffle today.

The lucky winner taking them home is Bella (Yr R).

Well done Bella!



Thank you to Liliana (Casandra Y4 and Ilinca Y6) for Wiggles this week.

The lucky winners who are taking wiggles home this week are Imogen and Alice(Y6)

151ft ASCENT **JUNIOR BLACKDOWN**

HILL CHALLENGE

108 138 129 67 04 64

Come & join us for our junior fell race through the foot hills of Blackdown.
2km & 5km distances available.
Or represent your school in the school team competition.

18th October 2026

enter at www.midhurstmilers.org

The Pavilion, Fernhurst Recreation Ground GU27 3HY

The **Midhurst Milers Blackdown Hill Challenge Junior 2K trail race** takes place *Sunday 18th October*, race start time 9:30am from The Pavilion, Fernhurst.

We can add a school team for "Graffham and Duncton" so please add the school name when you enter online. Adults don't need to run as it is a fully marshalled route.

Minimum age is 6, for older siblings there is a 5K option for ages 11-15 years.

If you enter, please let Laura Keates know (Emilia Year 3 and Esme Year 1 Mum)
07709 114918.




Private Swimming Tuition for Children and Adults

October Half Term 2026 3 DAY 1:1 Intensives

Monday 19th/Tuesday 20th/Wednesday 21st
1.30-3.30

Or

Monday 26th/Tuesday 27th/Wednesday 28th
1.30-3.00

Waverley Abbey, Tilford

Family friendly	✓
Holiday Ready	✓
Tailored To You	✓
Convenient	✓
Water Safety	✓
Rapid Results	✓
Autism Swim (Neurodiversity Certified)	✓
Aquatics	✓

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Get in touch for more information and to book your slot!

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1:1

2:1

BESPOKE

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions



Was your child born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023?

If so they are eligible to start school in September 2027

Apply online!

It's simple, convenient and time-saving. If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 5 October 2026**. If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: Friday 15 January 2027

Free internet access to apply online is available at all West Sussex libraries.




WS21/2026/08/26

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Is your child due to transfer to junior school in September 2027?

Apply online!

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WS21/2026/08/26

West Sussex SENDIAS Service

Is your child starting primary school or transferring to junior or secondary school in September 2027?

Do you think, for whatever reason, you may struggle with the Admissions process?

Secondary School

Online applications open:

Monday 7 September 2026.

Deadline for applying for a secondary school place for your child is:

Saturday 31 October 2026.

Primary School (inc. infant/junior)

Online applications open:

Monday 5 October 2026.

Deadline for applying for a school place for your child is:

Friday 15 January 2027.

For more information on the admissions process:
www.westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

If so, the West Sussex SENDIAS Service can:

- explain the admissions process to you
- help you to make an informed decision about your child's schools of preference
- help you to fill in the online application form.

Please contact the SENDIAS Service:

Helpline: 0330 222 8555

Email: send.ias@westsussex.gov.uk

www.westsussexsendias.org



We will be taking individual images on
Wednesday 21st October



VIEW & PURCHASE ONLINE: A few weeks after your shoot you will receive a contact sheet via your school with your login details on (not all of your images are on your contact sheet).
Please login to view/purchase your images.

LOST LOGINS:

A SAFEWORD will be sent to you from your school, please use this if you lose your login.

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