



**WEST HOVE
INFANT SCHOOL**
.....
A family of friends

Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 17th October 2025

Dear Families,

Following the election period that concluded last week, we are delighted to announce that Ollie Tunmer was the successful candidate for the role of parent governor, and we look forward to working with him on the governing body. Thank you to all of you who have engaged and taken part in this process.

We are proud to announce that we raised £316 for our 'Hello Yellow' mental health awareness fundraiser. Our mental health ambassadors will be working with our designated lead Miss Rennie to put these funds to good use across the federation. Our Inclusion Quality Mark status as a centre of excellence has recognised the work, we undertake in the school community to support both pupils and our families. Please remember to use our QR code system if you have any concerns about your child's wellbeing to make a mental health referral for the school to support you.

We have been busy this week looking at ways of being more physically active across the school. EYFS have been working hard starting with their 'Body and Brain' Challenge this week with each pupil being set a challenge for their mind and body to improve areas of physical development. Our pupils have also loved getting to learn and play in our Saplings area. In the juniors our Eco-Councillors have been speaking to classes to promote Cycle to School Week. We always encourage all our families to walk or park and stride to school. So many of our pupils now are also cycling and scootering to school each day and it has been wonderful to see how positive this is.

We are excited to tell you that we will be launching our new school cook book after our successful community event 'Bowls of Belonging' and will be holding a festive community event after half term on all of our sites for families to come together again.

A reminder to book in your parents evenings appointments if you have not already done so for after half term. We look forward to seeing you at our spooky discos over the next few weeks. Thank you to everyone on our PTA and FOWHIS who support and volunteer for this fundraising events for our school community.



Attendance at Hove Learning Federation

Hove Learning Federation believes that in order to facilitate teaching and learning, good attendance is essential. Pupils cannot achieve their full potential if they do not regularly attend school. This means that your child should attend school every day unless they are unable to do so for reasons of genuine illness or have been given leave from the school. We monitor the attendance of all children at the school and where concerns about a child's attendance arise, we will contact you to discuss further and to see if there is anything we can do to support you and your child. On occasion we will have to write to you about your child's attendance if it continues to reduce. If you have any queries or if there are any ways that you feel the school can support you and your family in ensuring that your child attends regularly please do contact us.

Parents Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing all of our families on 4th and 6th November. Appointments will be available to book on Arbor from 6pm on 8th October. If you are unable to make these dates please arrange a separate meeting with your class teacher.

Uniform

Please see information on our uniform policy on our websites:

<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/> and

<https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/uniform>

Parking

We have been really proud of just how much improvement there has been regarding parking illegally outside the school over the last term. Thankyou for parking safely and respectfully for all our pupils and school community.



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Dear Families,

Next Thursday 23rd October is our first non-school uniform day of the year where we normally ask parents/carers for a contribution on parent pay.

This time we'd like to try something new and so we will be sharing a wish list to families for playground equipment to replenish our play sheds for lunchtime play equipment across all sites with some additional resources that are much needed for our Early Years Provisions. Wish Lists will be shared at the start of next week.

As part of our focus on improving our playground zones and improving physical development opportunities the school has also asked FOWHIS and our parent working group to contribute to larger items for Early Years and our EYFS team are busy developing ideas for improvements.

We look forward to sharing future updates with you over the school year.

Best Wishes,

Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



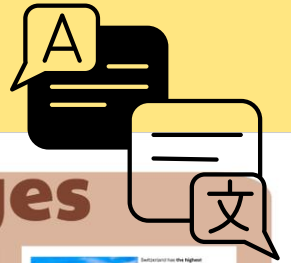
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Juniors School-



Celebrating Languages



DID YOU KNOW YOU ALREADY KNOW MANY PERSIAN WORDS?!!!

ENGLISH	PERSIAN
Bazaar	BAAZAAR
Carpenter	CARBAN
Cheer	KHAFAR
Leisure	YASAMIN
Timon	TIMOO
Paradise	PARDIS
Pastichio	PASTIH
Sugar	SHEKAR
Kebab	KABAB
Candy	GHANDI
...and many more	



Albanian: 6 Yellow



Swiss: 3 Yellow

Persian: 4 Green

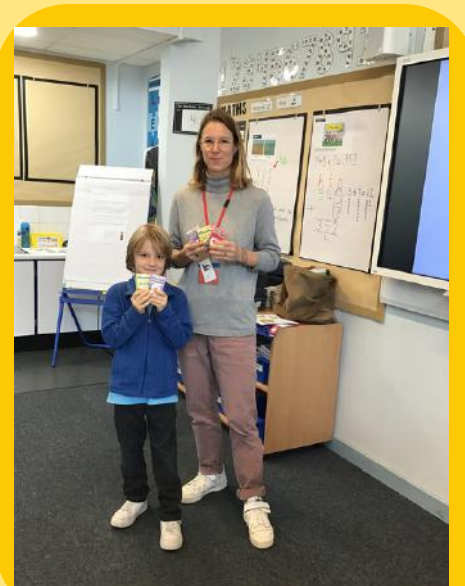
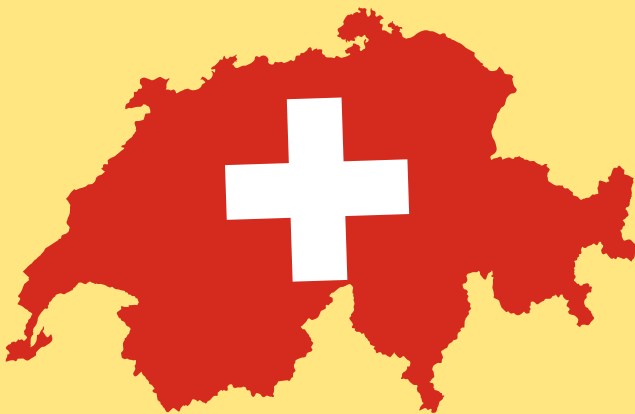


Turkish: 6 Blue



Thank you so much to all the parents that have visited their child's class to celebrate languages and diversity in our school community. Here is a snapshot of those that have already visited - please contact your child's teacher if you would like to visit.

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The European Day of Languages (EDL) is celebrated across Europe on the 26th of September every year. It aims to promote the rich linguistic diversity of Europe and raise awareness of the importance of lifelong language learning for everyone. It was set up by the Council of Europe and was first celebrated in 2001.

At Hove Junior School we celebrate languages from all communities. Friday 26th September was The European Day of Languages. Over this term, children will have the opportunity to share, and celebrate, languages within their own classes. We have also invited families in to share their home languages.



**Hello
Yellow**
FRIDAY 10 OCT

World Mental Health Day 2025

Friday 10th October was World Mental Health Day, and across our three sites, we took part in #HelloYellow! People wore yellow if they wanted to - from hair bows or socks, to full outfits. All that yellow really made us smile! The children took part in activities in their classes, all linked to what makes them happy.



Thank you to all who donated! As a Federation, we have raised £316. Our Mental Health Ambassadors will be talking soon about how to put this money to good use in our schools.





Are you concerned about a child's mental health?



- Anxiety
- Low mood
- Difficulties regulating emotions
- Self esteem and confidence
- Sleep difficulties
- Fears and phobias
- Separation, loss and bereavement



Scan the QR code below to refer your concern to Hove Learning Federation's Child Mental Health Lead, Bridget Rennie. Link also available on our school website.



Bridget Rennie (Mental Health Lead) will contact you via email within 2 weeks of your referral.

NB: If you have an urgent concern about a child's mental health please call 03003040061 during office hours or 03005000101 outside of office hours.

Anti-Racist Parent Group

Our Autumn term Anti-Racist Community Group meeting took place on Wednesday this week. As always, thank you so much to everyone who joined us in sharing ideas, feedback and experiences in such a collaborative, supportive, and positive environment.

Slides from the meeting have been shared separately via email.

Our next meeting will be in the Spring term, and we'd love to see you there - details to follow nearer the time.



Building Voice Pupil Group

We also had our 'respectful, unique, talented, cat's pyjamas group' (named by the children!) 'Building Voice' pupil session on 15th October. We shared our UK based connections and next time we'll be looking at our global connections.

Catrin Pearce and Rachael Dawson (PSHE and Anti-Racist Leads)

Please continue to keep in contact with us – should you have any questions or concerns, contact us via the following:

West Hove Infant School

admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 733386

Hove Junior School

portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916609

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team

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Best wishes,
Maddie Southern



Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



Lorna Cummings
Co-Executive Headteacher



Niamh O'Shea
Head of School, School Road



Rachel Jeffers
Head of School, Portland Road

Prospective parent visits

School Road Reception visits:

Monday 10th November - 9.30 & 10.45

Wednesday 12th November - 9.30 & 10.45

Wednesday 19th November - 5pm

Monday 12th January - 9.30

Portland Road Year 3 visits:

Monday 10th November - 6pm

Monday 17th November - 11am

Diary Dates

21st Oct - Y3 & 4 Maths parent/carer workshops

22nd Oct - Y5 & 6 Maths parent/carer workshops

21st Oct - End of term Spooky Bakes

23rd Oct - Last day of school for children (dress down day)

24th Oct - INSET Day

27th - 31st Oct - Half Term

3rd Nov - First day back at school

4th Nov - Know your school well visit (School road)

4th Nov - Parents evening

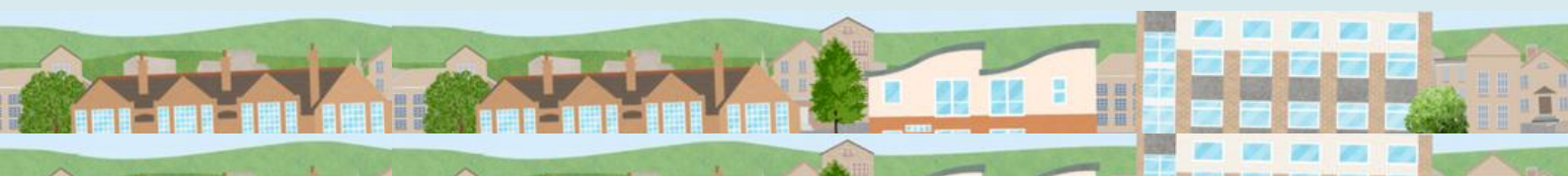
6th Nov - Parents evening

10th Nov - Prospective parent visit (School Road)

12th Nov - Prospective parents visit

17th Nov - Whole school open morning (Portland road)

19th Nov - Prospective parents visit (School road)



Would you like to work or volunteer at our Federation?

Our wonderful Federation of schools, are currently looking for reading volunteers as well as paid exciting opportunities to boost your income. These roles don't have to be permanent and can be ad hoc, alternatively if you're wishing to add extra experience or an extra regular income - these might be for you!

Vacancies at Holland Road/Portland/School Road

Breakfast club - these could be anything from 1-5 mornings a week 7.40am until 8.40am. You would be welcoming and supporting the children with breakfast and a relaxed start to the school day.

Midday Supervisor (MDSA) roles - This runs from (12-1pm at Holland Road and 12.20-1.20pm at Portland Road) daily and can be a combination of days that suits your needs. During this time you will be helping guide children to the lunch area and supporting them in play within the playgrounds.

School run Afterschool club - The clubs run from 3pm-6pm daily, working on days where the need is higher. During this time the children wind down from a busy day of learning and take part in crafts, play and a snack time. Joining our already strong teams will help maintain a safe and fun environment for our children.

Please get in touch with Emma Barrell via emmabarrell@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk for a full job description and application form.

If you wish to volunteer, please send interest to our front office staff at the following addresses:

Holland Road - hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

School Road - admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Portland Road - portlandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk



Bridging Change



Community Voices Group Anti-Racism in Education Feedback session

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person from a minoritised group? Have they experienced racism at school? This is the next stage in our work with Brighton and Hove City Council to build a better way of reporting racist incidents at schools in Brighton and Hove.

This is an opportunity for you to help us do this and have your say

Tuesday 21st October 2025

**12.30pm-2.30pm at Hove Town Hall, Room G32, Norton Road,
Hove BN3 3BQ - please come to reception**

OR

**6.30pm-8.30pm at Community Base Conference Room, South
Wing Entrance, 113 Queens Road, Brighton BN1 3XG**

Refreshments will be provided

Interested in coming along?

Contact: hello@bridgingchange.co.uk/phone: 01273 234808
or the Anti-Racism in Education Team



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Experiment! Discover! Inspire!

School: Hove Junior School Portland Road
 Day and Time: Thursdays 1525-1625
 Dates: 6/11, 13/11, 20/11, 27/11, 4/12
 5 Week Programme Cost: £44

Our After School Programmes are designed to inspire our children into gaining an interest in the Sciences. Our workshops are a mixture of exciting demonstrations and thought provoking hands on experiments and tasks.

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HOW ATTRACTIVE!

Attracted to Science? If not you soon will be! With our truly magnificent magnets, you will create force fields, electromagnets and go fishing!



TOY TIME SCIENCE!

Energy is everywhere, transforming all the time. Brace yourself as we travel back in time and use classic toys to investigate the science of motion!



HAIR RAISING ELECTRONS!

Get ready for some hair-raising action! Explore electrical properties and the role of electricity as a natural phenomenon, whilst creating lightning in your classroom.

'EGG'STRONAUGHT

Captain Scramble and Lieutenant Yolka need you to help them land on a new planet. However so far there has been nothing but disaster. Can you help?

FORCES FROM THE CIRCUS!

Can you defy the forces of gravity and keep you balance? Our spinning gyroscopes can. Then try your skills at spinning plates as we find out more about this spinning force. And laughs galore as you explore your centre of gravity.



REWARD DAY!

We hope you have enjoyed finding out about the interesting world around us. This session you will be rewarded with a certificate and special gift.



Terms and Conditions -Refunds can only be given for cancellations made seven days prior to programme commencing. Any cancellations not made within this period will be charged £5.00 administration fee. No reimbursements will be given for any child asked to leave the programme due to bad behaviour. Refunds can not be given for children missing sessions. Programmes may change without prior notice, although all efforts are made to make sure they are not affected.

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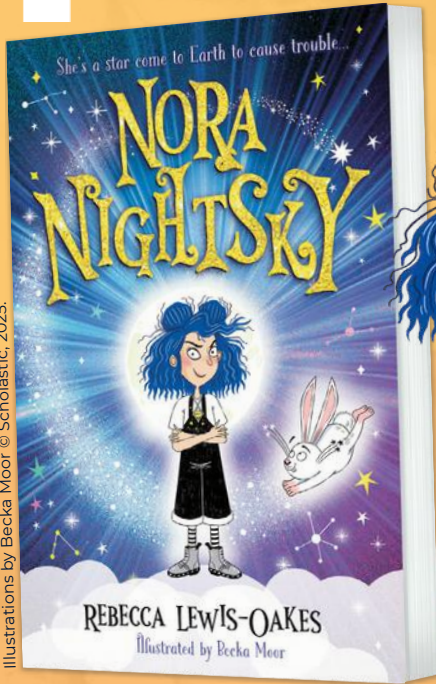
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Come to our BOOK FAIR



to spot the books you'll LOVE to read!!

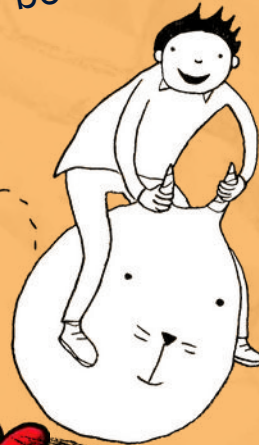
Come and find me!



Illustrations by Becka Moor © Scholastic, 2025.



My brand new book!



Art © Dav Pilkey. DOG MAN TM © Dav Pilkey.

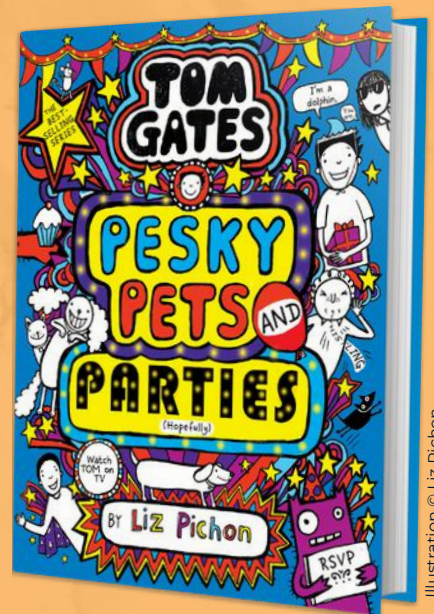


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Date: Monday 17th November - Thursday 20th November

Time: 3:15-3:45pm

Location: School Road, School Hall



Spooky

End of term Bake Sale

After school on Tuesday 21st in the infants back playground, cash or card/phone taken



Please bring your Spooky treats, bought or baked, to the back playground or reception on Tuesday morning or afternoon.

Please ensure all baked goods have a full list of ingredients remembering that we are a NUT and SESAME FREE school. Please label your box if you would like it returned. We are unable to refrigerate any items





**SPOOKY BAKES
AFTER SCHOOL TUESDAY 21ST
BOUGHT OR BAKED DONATIONS
NEEDED**

**GUESS THE WEIGHT
OF THE
SAPLINGS PUMPKIN**

**SPOOKY DISCO NOVEMBER 13TH
VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED
TICKETS RELEASED ONCE
VOLUNTEER SLOTS ARE FILLED**

FOWHIS SPOOKY GOINGS ON

**SEE YOUR CLASS WHATSAPP GROUPS FOR
LINKS AND MORE INFORMATION**

Let your child's autumn adventure
begin here.....



Book here!

Join this half term for
themed arts & crafts, games,
food tasting, fun
experiments, outdoor play
& so much more!

HOVE HOLIDAY HUB

West Hove Infant School
School Road site



School Holiday
Childcare for
4-11 year olds
Monday 27th - Friday
31st October 2025

Email: clubs@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk for more info!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

2025 AUTUMN TERM



"MY SON HAD SO MUCH FUN. HE WANTS TO GO BACK FOR MORE TOMORROW!"



"MY DAUGHTER WAS FULL OF BEANS AND BURSTING WITH LOVELY STORIES WHEN I COLLECTED HER"

FUN, EXERCISE, FRESH AIR & DIFFERENT ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

NEW ACTIVITIES FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

HARRY POTTER QUIDDITCH
BONFIRE NIGHT FIREWORKS PAINT M
SCAVENGER HUNT: SPOOKY TRAIL
CAMPFIRE COOKOUT: AUTUMN EDIT
NERF GAMES: ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE
BONKERS CONKERS & LEAF MONSTE
BUSHCRAFT SHELTER & DEN MAKING
AMONG US & VIKING KUBB
& AS USUAL: FUN VIBES & ADVENTURE

WATCHING CHILDREN'S
CONFIDENCE GROW &
NEW FRIENDSHIPS FORM
AT OUR CLUBS IS ONE OF
THE MOST REWARDING
THINGS WE DO.

WEST HOVE INFANTS
SCHOOL ROAD SITE
TUESDAYS 3:15 - 4:15PM
YEARS 1 & 2

9TH SEPTEMBER - 16TH DECEMBER 2025
TOTAL COST: £112 / 14 WEEK TERM




MORE INFO & BOOK: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK


HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SAPLINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUPS

OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

FRED THE SHED



Fred the Shed is a school community non profit sharing shed that can help with non perishing items to those who are finding it especially hard in the current climate.




Our aim is to help as many families in our school community as possible and it is run by volunteering parents and carers, the sharing shed completely relies on donations of non perishable items which can be dropped into either school reception areas.



OPEN every Friday
after school

along with Fred's free bakery
which comes from generous
volunteers from Olio

Fred the Shed is located in the juniors
front playground just next to the main gates



If you don't feel comfortable with approaching the sharing shed, please email our
anonymous email address fredshedschoolroad@gmail.com

and items can be requested and left in the school reception area.



If you'd like to support Fred the Shed with your time, contact fowhis@gmail.com
To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both school receptions.

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