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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

Dear Families,

Wow, what a busy two weeks in school! Firstly, a big thank you to you all for attending parent/carers events. It's so wonderful to see you all in school and if you've not yet had the chance to complete our survey here's the link. <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/65VHD7H>

Highlights over the last two weeks include visits from our school adviser across all sites who was so impressed by the engagement and motivation from all pupils but bowled over by EYFS and Year 1 and their maths mastery talk and fluency and our year 6 writing content and standards. 'Odd socks' took place across the sites and our PSHE team and Heads of School have been leading assemblies on anti-bullying.

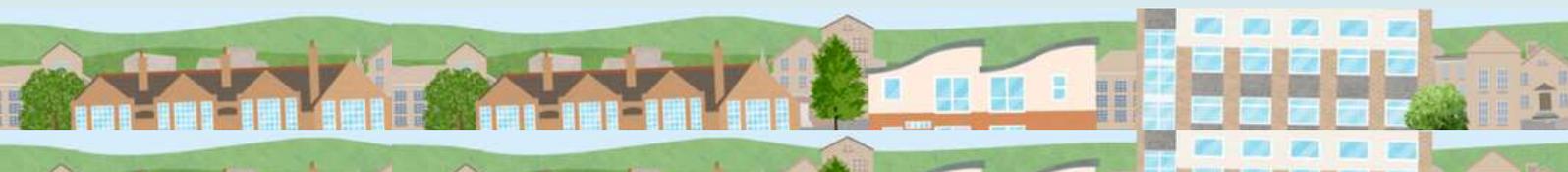
Classes have been busy visiting The Dome in Year 4 to see Micheal Rosen, the basketball championships where our Holland Road team came second overall across Brighton and Hove. The cross-country championships have also taken place, and I know so many pupils have been training hard and looking forward to taking part. We are so proud of them all!!!



We've had so many prospective parents visiting the school sites and looking around and it's been a privilege seeing the pupils learning and engagement and seeing our new reception pupils thriving.

Finally, thank you so much to our families for their generosity for our equipment wish lists. We've been able to restock reception areas for physical development and all of our playtime sheds. I hope you enjoy the pictures of our pupils enjoying these resources over the autumn term.

Save the dates for our festive activities coming up in December and we look forward to seeing you all in school for our productions and fabulous finishes.



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 would like to say thank you to everyone who attended their child's parents' evening appointments. They are valuable opportunities for teachers to feedback on how children have settled into the new school year and the progress they are making. If you were unable to book or attend an appointment, please speak to our school offices or your child's class teacher about arranging an alternative time to meet.

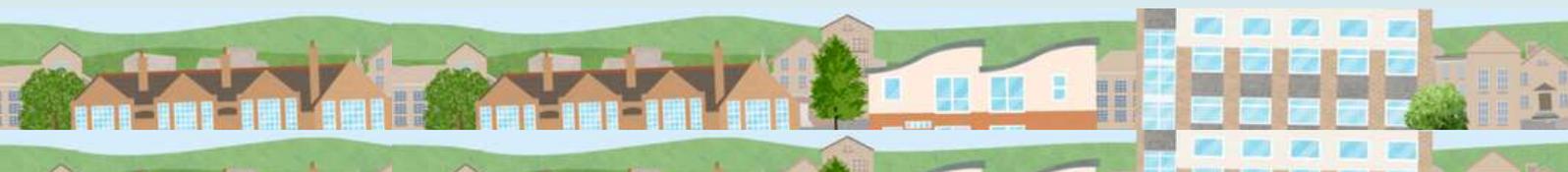
Uniform

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.

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



Year 6 Explore Extreme Earth Session-

On Thursday 23rd October, Year 6 enjoyed an 'Earth Rocks' session with a scientist from Fizz Pop. During the session, the children learnt about the layers of the Earth and made their own layered Earths using plasticine. They became geologists and studied different types of rocks before creating their own chemical reaction to replicate lava overflowing from a volcano. The session ended with the Fizz Pop scientist creating the famous 'elephant toothpaste' reaction to create the ultimate volcanic eruption. This session was a great taster of the 'Explore Extreme Earth' geography topic this half term.



Year 4 Basketball Coaching at BHASVIC College



Year 4 have had a fantastic opportunity this term to take part in basketball coaching sessions at BHASVIC College, led by BHASVIC students working towards their coaching qualifications.

The sessions were a brilliant success, with all the children showing great enthusiasm, teamwork, and determination throughout. They developed a range of new basketball skills—from dribbling and passing to shooting and defending—while also learning the importance of communication and collaboration on the court.



It was wonderful to see how well our pupils worked with the college students, who provided expert guidance and encouragement in every session. The atmosphere was full of energy, positivity, and mutual respect, making it a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Many of the children commented that they would love to attend BHASVIC College when they're older, inspired by the impressive facilities, supportive coaches, and welcoming environment.

A big thank you to the BHASVIC team for providing such a valuable and inspiring experience—and well done to all our Year 4 pupils for representing the school so brilliantly!

Anti-Bullying Week: 10th–14th November



This year's theme is 'Power for Good', which encourages everyone to use their words and actions to promote kindness, understanding and compassion. In school, we've been talking about what kindness means, exploring the definition of bullying behaviour and finding safe, effective ways to challenge it.

It was wonderful to see so many children and staff celebrating their individuality - and what makes each of us unique - by wearing their odd socks on Monday!



Thank you for Wishlist donations



A huge thank you for your generous donations for our children to learn and play with. It is truly wonderful to see their excitement as they explore these new resources. Lunchtimes have become even more joyful, and the children are eager to try everything you brought in. Your kindness and support make a real difference in their school experience. Thank you!



Reception's First School Trip!

On Wednesday 5th November, we had our first ever school trip to St Ann's Well Garden. We foraged for materials to build a bear den! Once we were back in class, we made a cosy den for our class bear to hibernate in. A HUGE thank you to all the adult volunteers who made this trip such a success.



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 916707

Hove Junior School
hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk
01273 916707

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team
inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk
01273 916609

Best wishes,
Maddie Southern



Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



Lorna Cummings
Co-Executive Headteacher



Sam Ledger
Head of School

Prospective parent visits

School Road Reception visits:

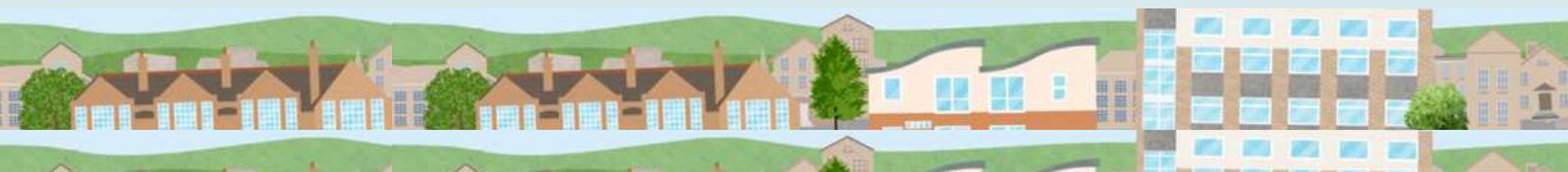
Wednesday 19th November - 5pm
Monday 12th January - 9.30

Portland Road Year 3 visits:

Monday 17th November - 11am

Diary Dates

19th Nov - Whole school open morning
20th Nov - Prospective parents visit
25th Nov - Flu vaccinations
5th Dec - Yr 3 Brighton Museum trip
10th Dec - Christmas Diner
17th Dec - Choir 5:00 - 5:30pm





It's here!

BOWLS OF BELONGING

Our community cookbook
Book Launch!

Holland Road Site

Thursday 4th

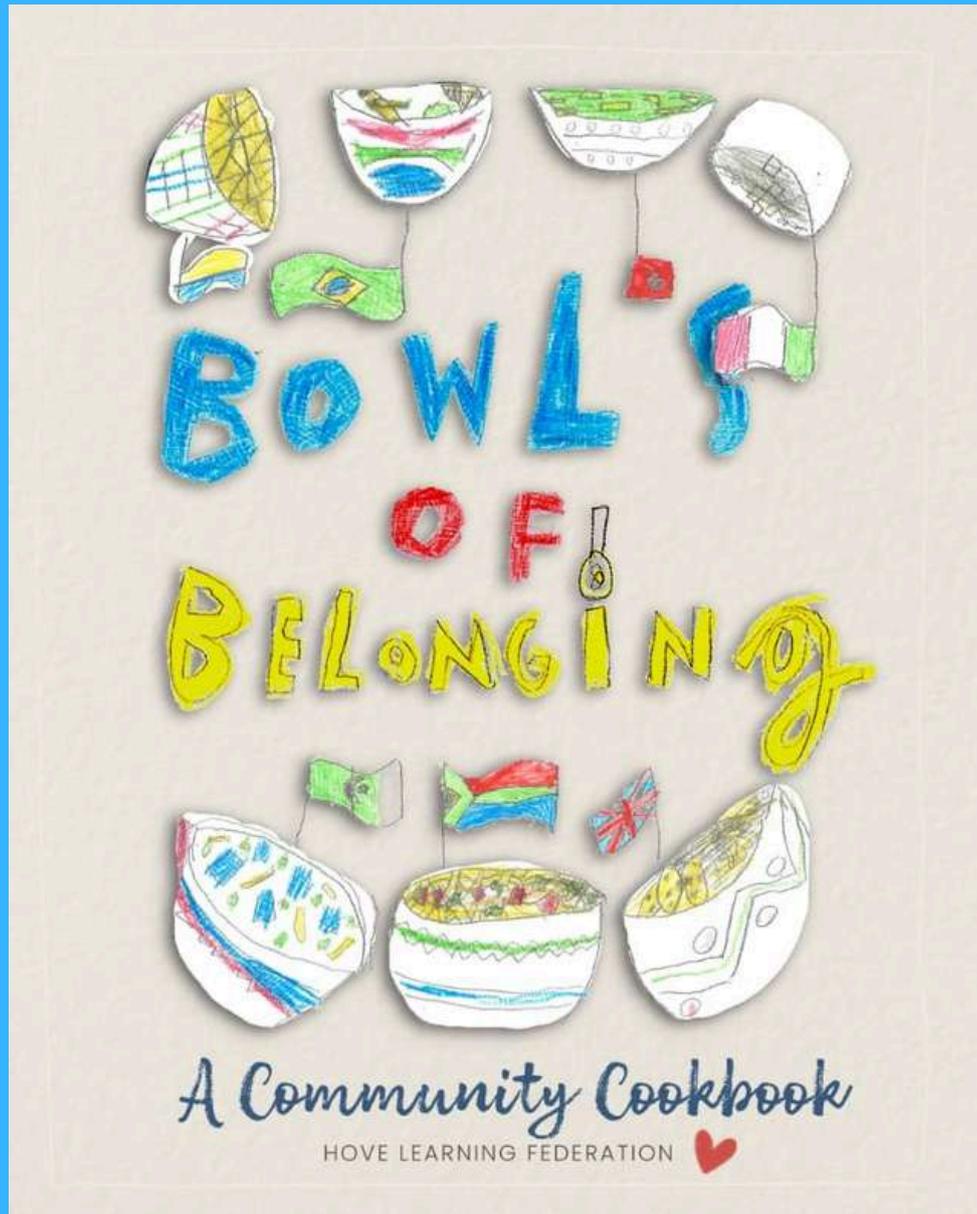
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West Hove Infants is Outstanding in all areas Ofsted November '24

'Classrooms are a joy to visit. Pupils are happy and engaged.'

Open Day Dates

Tuesday 14th October at 10.45

Tuesday 11th November at 10.45

Thursday 13th November at 10.45

Thursday 20th November at 6.15 pm

If you would like to attend one of these sessions, please call our office on 01273 733386. Alternatively, you can email our office at hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.gov.uk



'We can't wait to meet you!'

Find us online at: www.westhoveinfants.co.uk



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. For reading volunteers we are keen to provide a volunteer reader to a year group in your child's school site, so they can get to know the children and provide additional support for fluency if you have a free afternoon or morning each week. Grandparents or other family members are also encouraged.

For our federation job roles these can be flexible and part time if you're wishing to add extra regular income - these might just 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



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.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

2025 AUTUMN TERM



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Hove Learning Federation is going fully smartphone-free.

From January 2026, no internet or photographic devices will be allowed to be brought to school. This means no smartphones, camera phones or smartwatches will be allowed.

For those of you who wish to contact your children on their journey to and from school, Year 5 and 6 pupils will be permitted to bring in brick phones. These will be handed into their teachers at the beginning of the day to be locked away.

Our new policy aims to:

- Support your child's wellbeing and safety.
- Encourage positive social interaction.
- Limit unnecessary distraction and promote focus during the school day.
- Take away the peer pressure to get expensive devices.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch by emailing Maddie Southern, or speaking to your child's class teacher.

Kind regards,

Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher

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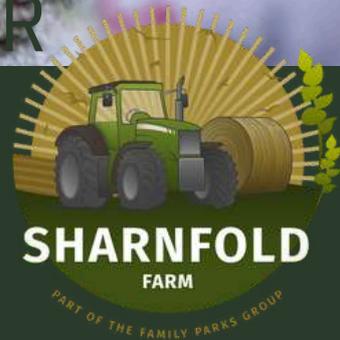
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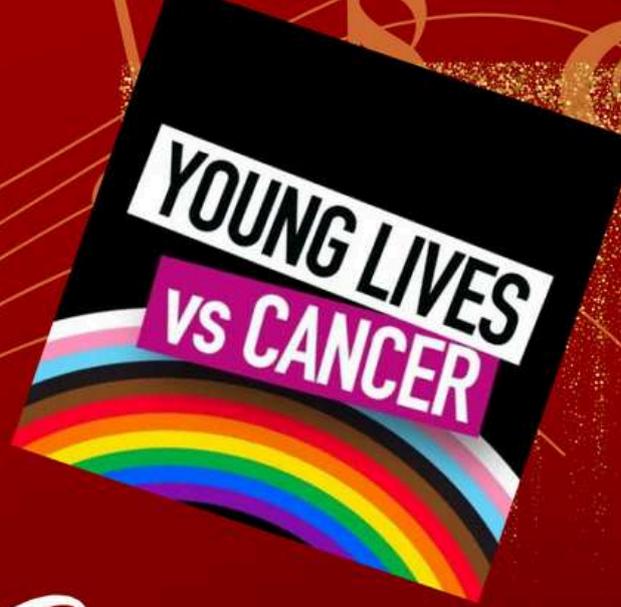
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