



**WEST HOVE
INFANT SCHOOL**
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Hove Learning Federation School/Portland 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.

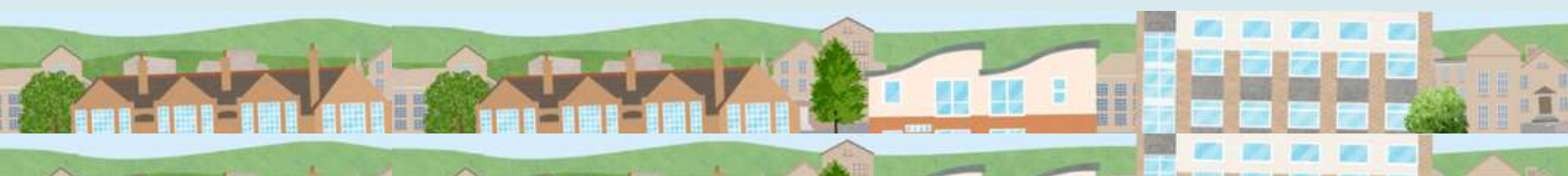
Classes have been busy visiting The Dome in Year 4 to see Micheal Rosen, the basketball championships where our Holland Road team came second overall across Brighton and Hove. The cross-country championships have also taken place, and I know so many pupils have been training hard and looking forward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

Independent Infants!

It has been fantastic to see our reception children navigating their way into their classrooms each morning. As their grownups wave goodbye at the door, they are independently hanging up coats, placing book bags in trays remembering their water bottles!

As an infant school we try hard to nurture independent skills and we would like to remind Year 1 and 2 families that grown-ups should not enter the school buildings at drop off and pick up times. All children should come into the school building independently ready for the start of the school day at 9:00am unless a specific arrangement has been made.



Thank you for Wishlist donations



A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers for your generosity and support during our recent non-school uniform day.

Instead of collecting £1 donations, we asked families to purchase items from our Amazon Wishlist, and we've been absolutely delighted by the response.



We have received so many fantastic resources, and we're incredibly grateful for the time, effort, and thought that went into each donation.

These items will make a real difference in our classrooms, helping to enhance learning opportunities and provide even more exciting and engaging activities for the children.

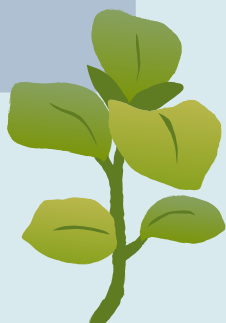
Your kindness and community spirit are truly appreciated — thank you for helping us make West Hove Infants an even more inspiring place to learn and play!

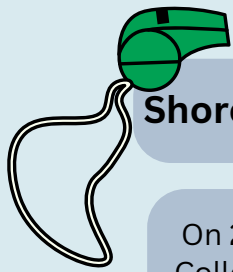
Saplings growing and planting area



This year we have managed a bumper crop of PUMPKINS in our new Saplings growing and planting area (funded by a BUPA grant!)

Here is our Pumpkin expert Teddy with our biggest pumpkin, which you can guess the weight of with FOWHIS





Shoreham College Football Festival



On 2.10.25, Hove Juniors were invited to an afternoon of football at Shoreham College. The children enjoyed an afternoon of skills and games against other schools. This event was non-competitive, however that didn't stop our team from winning by a landslide !! Here are some pictures of the event.



Girls football tournament Brighton Uni

A great first experience of what's to come when playing competitive football. They worked well as a team; learning more with each game. They drew a game, which is a fantastic start. The positive energy and enthusiasm will go far to help with their development. Well done!! You made coach Roxy very proud!



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!



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
inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk
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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:

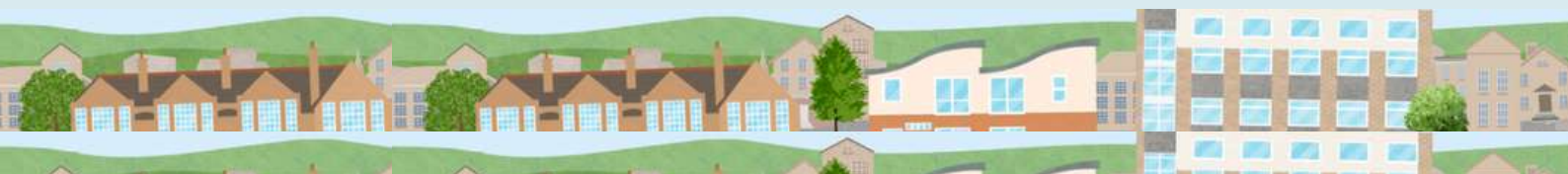
Wednesday 19th November - 5pm
Monday 12th January - 9.30

Portland Road Year 3 visits:

Monday 17th November - 11am

Diary Dates

- 17th Nov** - Whole school open morning (Portland road)
- 19th Nov** - Prospective parents visit (School road)
- 19th Nov** - afterschool clothes swap
- 21st Nov** - Vaccinations (School road & Portland road)
- 24th Nov** - Olympic athlete visit PR (Juniors school)
- 2nd Dec** - Yr 3 Brighton Museum trip (Blue & Red)
- 4th Dec** - Yr 3 Brighton Museum trip (Green & Yellow)
- 10th Dec** - Christmas diner
- 11th Dec** - SR Christmas concert 9:30 (Seahorses & Dolphins class)
- 11th Dec** - SR Christmas concert 10:40 (Caterpillars & Grasshoppers class)
- 12th Dec** - SR Christmas concert 9:30 (Turtles & Sealions class)
- 12th Dec** - SR Christmas concert 10:40 (Bumblebees & Dragonflies class)
- 16th Dec** - SR Christmas concert 9:15 (Lizards & Marmosets class)
- 16th Dec** - SR Christmas concert 10:40 (Toucans & Treefrogs class)





It's here!

BOWLS OF BELONGING

Our community cookbook
Book Launch!

Holland Road Site

Thursday 4th

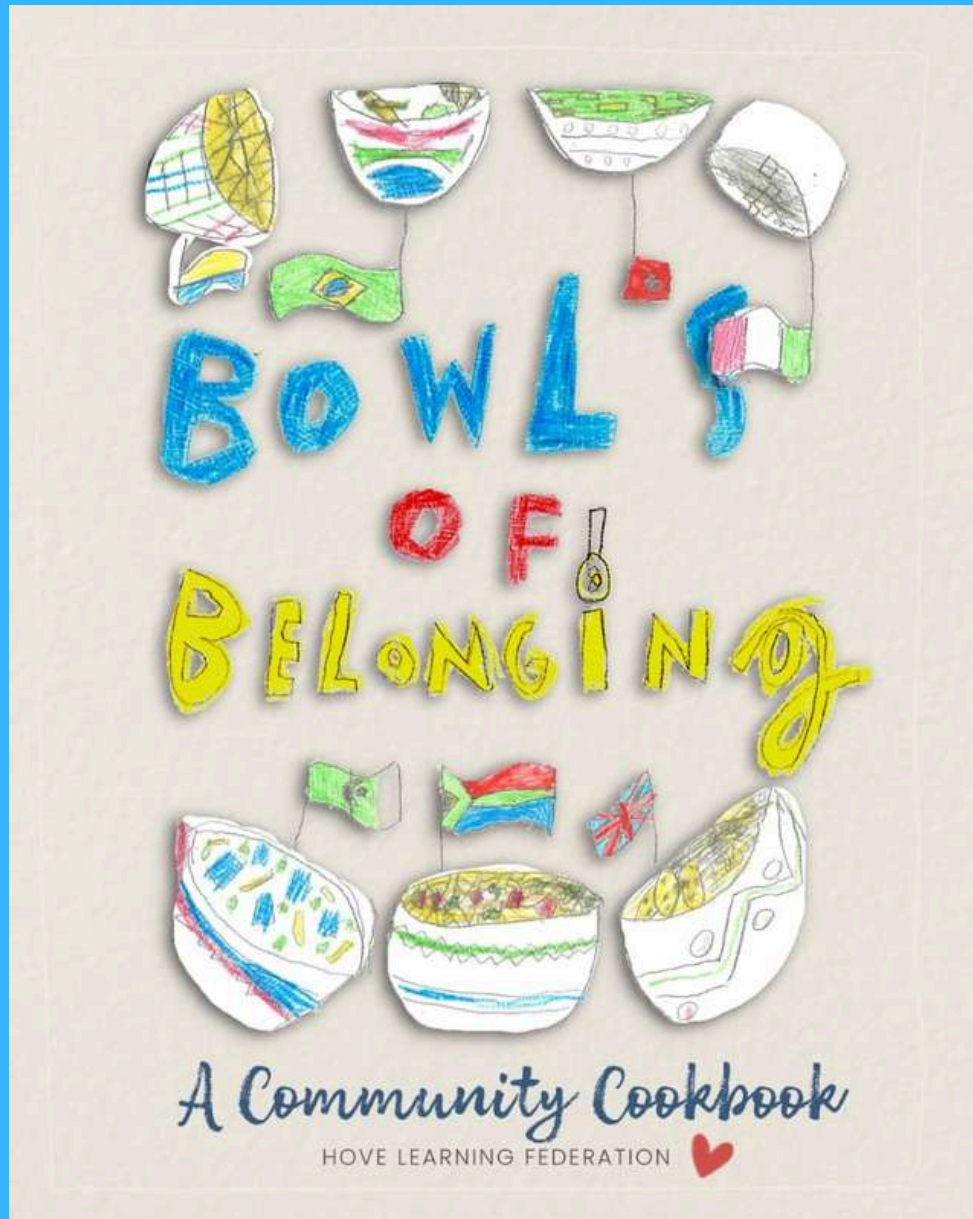
December 4.30-6

Tickets £2.50 via

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proceeds fund resources for
our children





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.

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

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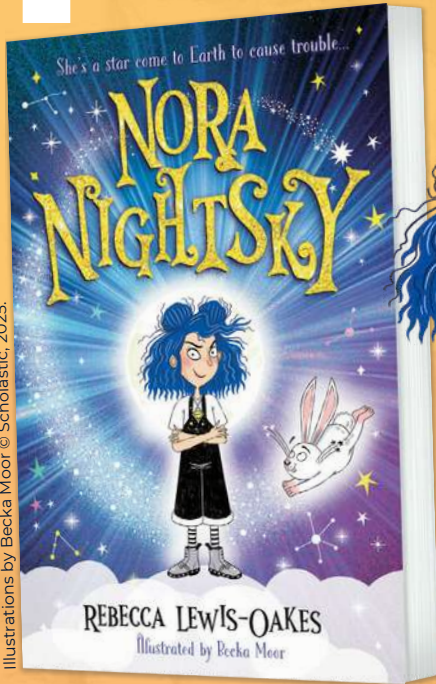
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My brand new book!



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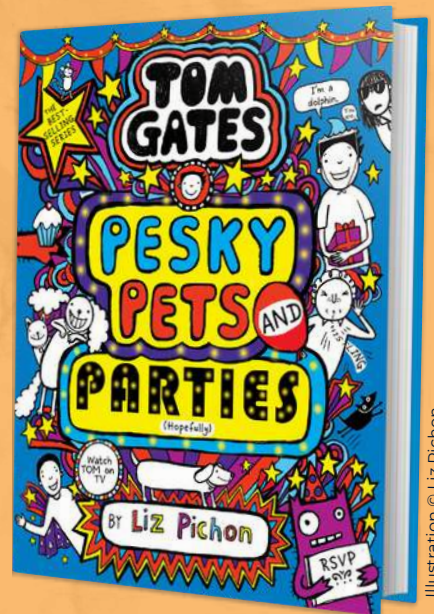


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Date: Monday 17th November - Thursday 20th November

Time: 3:15-3:45pm

Location: School Road, School Hall

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

2025 AUTUMN TERM



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YEARS 1 & 2

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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.

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after school

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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
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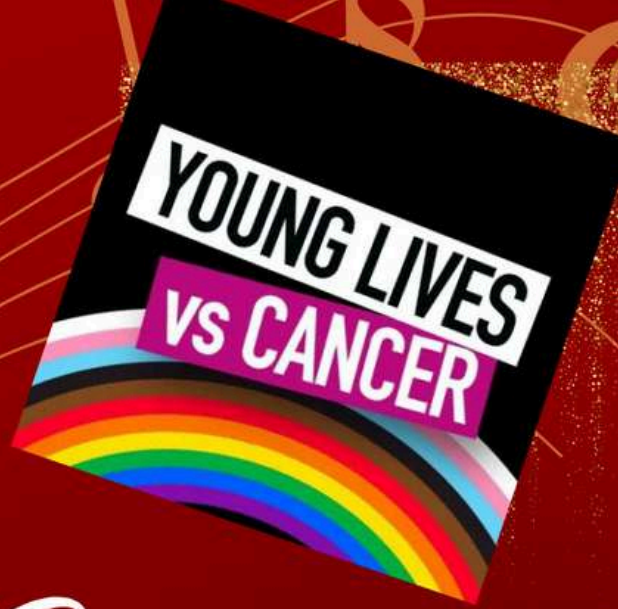

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Christmas

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