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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Families,

It's been a busy two weeks here at HLF! What has struck us most is the wonderful amount of singing happening all across the school and the enjoyment our children are getting from it. From practising for One Voice at The Dome, to our school choirs and Sing Up assemblies, as well as the rehearsals for the fab finishes, singing 🎵 has filled the halls and our hearts in the lead-up to Christmas.

Thank you to everyone for your well wishes regarding the generous gift and donation to the school. We will be passing these messages on. We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school next week for our nativities, fabulous finishes, and Christmas gatherings run by the PTAs and FOWHIS.

Bowls of Belonging

A huge thank you to Layla Blaxstone, our publisher, and to Caroline Kemp Harris, our EYFS and Infant PSHE Lead, who have worked tirelessly on this event and book launch for the federation. Last Thursday, everyone came together to cook and share the meals and recipes showcased in the books, raising money for the schools. It was wonderful to see so many of you and to share food together.

Collaboration Update

The federation will continue to work collaboratively with Brunswick Primary in the spring term, and staff have enjoyed the opportunities to work with them on school improvement. We have been working on several projects, including maths, focusing on increasing attainment and progress for all children with an emphasis on challenge at all levels. In January, we are sharing a joint INSET with three workshops exploring the question: How do we ensure QFT for all educationally disadvantaged children so that attainment, progress, and challenge in maths are increased for all?

Looking Ahead: AI and Our Schools

We're excited to announce that we're working with Digital Resistance CIC to begin internal conversations about AI and what it means for our schools. This partnership will help us prepare for the future while keeping children's well-being and online safety at the heart of everything we do.



Physical development across the Federation

At the start of this academic year our Reception team set out their aim to further support children starting school with their physical development: building strength, fine and gross motor skills, flexibility and independence. Recent guidance suggests that children between the ages of 1-5 should have at least 180 minutes of movement a day and our Reception team wanted to ensure they get as many opportunities to be active as possible. Thinking about ways to encourage:

- participation
- repetition
- combined learning opportunities
- sparking or tempting activities, games and resources
- opportunities to experiment with movement

the Reception leads Ms Kemp-Harris and Miss Rogers created wish lists of equipment they needed to supplement their current outdoor spaces and provide the most robust zones for physical development. Overwhelming generosity from the parents, carers and family members within our school community alongside contributions from our PTAs have meant all items on these lists have been purchased. The targets for these initial playground zones have been met and we are seeing children go from strength to strength as they explore, investigate and thrive in these spaces.

Looking to the future, we will be working on developing further zones in our playgrounds on each site so that all children across the federation can grow through the power of play. Further details on the project will be shared in the new year.

We look forward to welcoming you back to school for the spring term on Tuesday 6th January, and we wish you all a very merry Christmas season. Thank you for your continued support and for helping to make our schools such a happy and fulfilling community.

Attendance at Hove Learning Federation

Attendance and Punctuality:

Good punctuality is an important life skill and arriving at school on time each day makes a real difference to children's learning.

Research consistently shows that good punctuality supports both academic success and overall wellbeing and that arriving at school on time each day makes a real difference to children's learning.

Our school gates are open from 8:40-8:50 at PR and HR (8.45-8.55 at SR) but bringing children for 8:40 (8:45 at SR) gives the best start to the day.

Those first ten minutes are designed to help pupils settle calmly, greet their friends, organise their belongings, and take part in important morning routines such as registration and early-start tasks.

When children arrive late, even by 5-10 minutes, they can miss the calm, structured start, and key explanations that help them feel settled and confident.

Over a year, arriving just 10 minutes late each day can add up to more than 30 hours of lost learning time. By arriving promptly at 8:40, children begin the day feeling ready, organised, and fully prepared to make the most of every learning and social opportunity.

In summary: good timekeeping isn't just about being "on time" – it helps children grow into confident, capable learners and sets them up for success in school and beyond.

By working together to support punctuality, we give every child the best possible start to their day.

Thank you for your co-operation and support.

Lateness

Arriving late to school is very unsettling for children, and frustrating for teachers who have to repeat instructions and help children to catch up. In terms of time in school lost it can have a considerable impact over the whole school year:

5 minutes late every day = 3 days of school lost a year

10 minutes late every day = 6.5 days of school lost a year

15 minutes late every day = 10 days of school lost a year

20 minutes late every day = 13 days of school lost a year

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.

Eco Committee Brightens Our Playground for Spring



Our fantastic Eco committee have been busy planting spring bulbs in the tubs in the playground. They worked really hard, weeding and planting, and we look forward to having a lovely splash of spring colour in our playground in the next few months. A huge thank you goes to Milla, our Year 1 rep, who won a drawing competition about renewable energy and bought our bulbs with her winnings. Such a thoughtful idea and a real treat for us!



Our first Hove Learning Federation wide Winter Raffle across West Hove Infants and Hove Junior school is HUGE. 🌲🌲🌲🌲 ❄️❄️❄️❄️



Over 100 AMAZING prizes to be won worth a whopping £4,000 in total! Funds raised will be split equally to benefit all three sites (Holland Road, School Road, Portland Road) via HLF Holland Road PTA, FOWHIS and Hove Junior PTA. And with so many prizes on offer the odds are great, so what are you waiting for?

Enter now, give generously and support our wonderful family of schools. Tickets are £1 per entry. EARLY BIRD OFFER: Buy 20 tickets get 5 free, Buy 10 tickets get 2 free before 10 December 6pm A huge thank you to all the local businesses and parents who have kindly donated prizes to raise vital funds.

Every penny you spend on tickets will go towards enhancing childrens' experiences during their school days. And a special shout out to those who have donated our

❄️★TOP PRIZES★❄️:

Pearson Keehan Estate Agents: a Fortnum & Mason hamper worth £170
Wowo Campsite: a mid-week two night family stay in Summer 2026
Pizza Pilgrims: a £100 restaurant voucher A money can't buy tour for one family of the iconic Capital FM Radio Studios The Art Room, Hove: six week adults art course and children's art course worth over £180 Wendy Whatling School of Dance: six week dance course Votch: three cruelty-free watches or accessories Leonidas, Brighton : three big boxes of festive chocolates Pied Piper Activities: a place on a week long club worth £199! Tennis Tigers: six weeks of hour long kids lessons in Preston Park Kure Bazaar non-toxic nail set worth £210 Three 30 minutes massages at Perfections Beauty & Wellbeing And with other prizes kindly donated from Pino & Picasso, Fatto a Mano, Tree of Life, Sorted Brighton, Nostos, Platf9rm, The Foundry, Middle Farm, Drusillas, BrightonZip, LazerZone, Paradise Park, Fishers Farm Park, Washbrooks, YellowWave to name a few, there are meals out, days out, and treats galore to be won! ★★🌲🌲★★❄️❄️🌲🌲

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fowhis123/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=109221>



AT HOVE LEARNING FEDERATION, WE CELEBRATE
LANGUAGES

LANGUAGE OF THE MONTH

This month we are celebrating

Turkish

Do you speak Turkish? Could you say the days of the week? Would you be able to teach your class how to say hello or how to count to four?

1 2
BİR İKİ
3 4
ÜÇ DÖRT

Days of the week in Turkish

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	
Pazar	Pazartesi	Salı	
WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Çarşamba	Perşembe	Cuma	Cumartesi

Hello

Merhaba

Goodbye

Hoşçakal

Do you have any books in Turkish? We'd love to see them. Please bring them in to show your class (with your name in).

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
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Best wishes,
Maddie Southern



Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



Lorna Cummings
Co-Executive Headteacher



Sam Ledger
Head of School

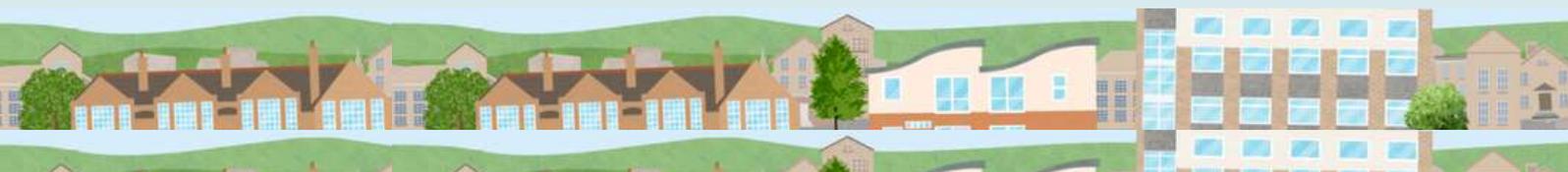
Prospective parent visits

School Road Reception visits:

Monday 8h January - 9.30

Diary Dates

- 15th Dec** - Yr 3 Pedestrian training
- 16th Dec** - YR 3 Christmas plays - 9:10am in hall
- 16th Dec** - YR 4 Christmas plays - 2pm in hall
- 17th Dec** - Choir 3:00 - 4:00pm
- 17th Dec** - YR 5 Christmas plays - 2pm in hall
- 18th Dec** - YR 6 Fab Christmas plays- 2pm in hall
- 19th Dec** - All, Last day of term/Dress down day



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.



Our first ever
**BOOK
LAUNCH!**

On Thursday 4th December, we hosted a community event at Holland Road Site where families were invited to join us for our community cookbook launch. Despite the chilly weather, there was an amazing turn out.

There were so many delicious and varied dishes to sample that are featured in the book, as well as drinks kindly donated by the Holland Road PTA, as well as games and toys for the children.

We have currently sold 70 books out of our target of 125. If you haven't had a chance to see them yet, they are on sale at all of our Christmas events at all sites for £12 each.

With warmest wishes, Miss K-H, Mrs Pearce and Mrs Dawson





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Make a contribution to
our School Fund! All
money raised directly
supports resources for our
children.



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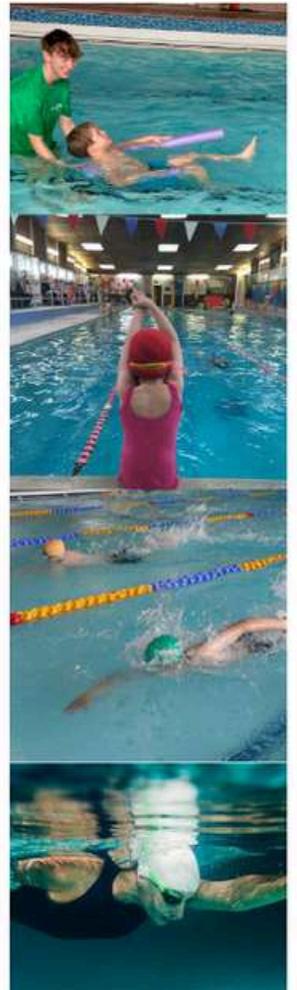
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SPRING TERM 2026



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BUSHCRAFT: HEAD SHELTER MAKING

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OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED



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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**HOVE LEARNING FEDERATION'S
SCHOOL HOLIDAY
CHILDCARE
FOR 4-11 YEAR OLDS
8.30AM-4.30PM
£35 PER DAY**



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SCHOOL ROAD SITE**

**Join us this holiday for themed
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CHRISTMAS ART WORKSHOPS 2025

WEEK ONE

Monday 15th December: K-Pop Demon Hunters Christmas Special!
Tuesday 16th December: Jamie Smart Christmas Cartoons
Wednesday 17th December: Snoopy Christmas Special!
Thursday 18th December: Kawaii Cute Christmas Workshop!
Friday 19th December: K-Pop Demon Hunters Christmas Special!

Saturday 20th December:

Weekend PARENT & CHILD Christmas printing workshops
10am - 12.30pm and 1pm - 3.30pm

WEEK TWO

Monday 22nd December: Jamie Smart Christmas Cartoons
Tuesday 23rd December: K-Pop Demon Hunters Christmas Special!

ALL DAY WORKSHOPS SUITABLE FOR 6 - 13 YEAR OLDS

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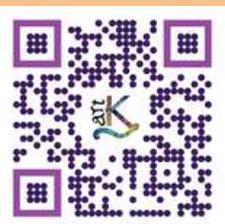
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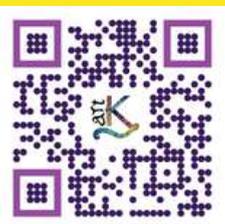


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COINS FOR COMPUTERS

FINAL COLLECTION IN JANUARY

We're collecting ALL foreign coins and banknotes – every single one helps!

In **January**, the collection buckets will be gathered and the money sent off to be counted.

Every penny raised will go directly towards **vital IT equipment**, helping to give our children the **best possible learning experience**.

WHAT WE CAN ACCEPT:

ANY currency, ANY age

- Damaged coins & notes
- All foreign coins & banknotes
- Old British & Irish currency (including old £1 coins)
- Pre-decimal & pre-euro currency
- Anything that is or was ever currency!

Find collection points at reception

Clear out your drawers, piggy banks and holiday stashes – small change really does make a big difference!

