



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

Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Families,

This term we have been working with the University of Sussex looking at research to increase the sense of belonging in school. With the aim of thinking about how we can, as a federation help all our pupils, regardless of their background, trust our school and feel that they belong and are respected here.

As part of this work we will be:

- Continuing with Community Events (Bowls of Belonging/My Hair, My Heritage coming soon!)
- Relaunching Voice Boxes in classes ensuring all voices and opinions are valued and heard
- Including Values Affirmation Sessions added to PSHE Planning Revised and trialled including Gratitude.
- Enhancing our Transition Project with Year 2-3 at PR and HR sites in summer 2026
- Including Staff Values Spotlights in Newsletter and Staff Values Videos

<https://us02web.com.us/0887143121>

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. At the start of Term we shared 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?



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.

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:

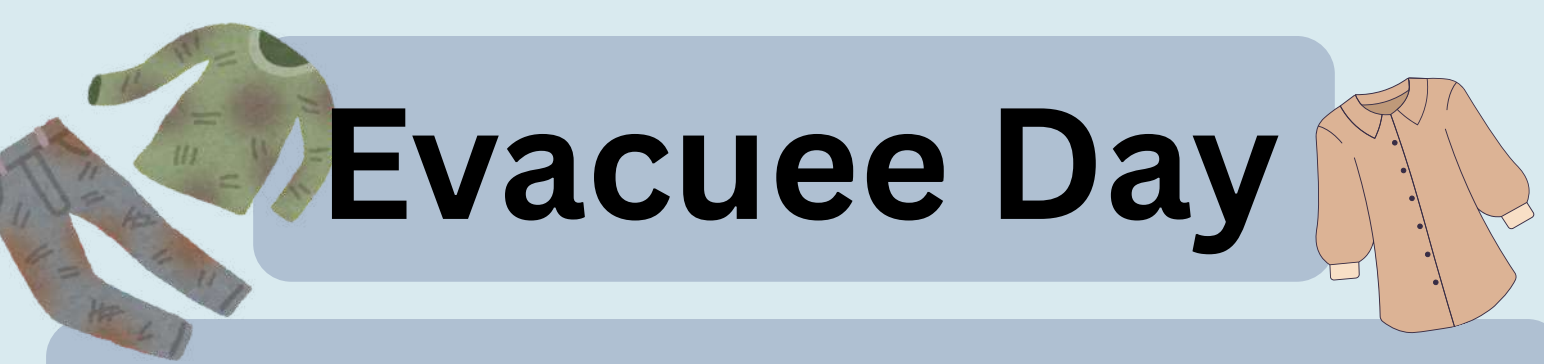
<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/parents/school-uniform/> and <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/uniform>

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.



EQUAL ACCESS SCHOOL 2025



Evacuee Day

On Tuesday 20th January, Year 6 took part in an 'Evacuee Day' where the children were transported back to 1940. After arriving at school dressed as evacuees, the children participated in a wide range of activities including:

- Choosing a 1940s name & creating their evacuee label
- Exploring the contents of real evacuee suitcases before designing their own
- Experiencing several air raids (which included taking shelter under the table)
- Being 'billeted' by Billeting Officer Mrs Southern in the playground before boarding the train bound for the countryside
- Being assigned new families once we reached the countryside
- Writing emotive letters home about their new lives in the countryside whilst eating jam sandwiches
- Reading Grimm's fairytales and practising dictation
- Creating Blackout Poetry using pages from 'Letters from the Lighthouse'
- Playing Battleships
- Taking part in 1940s fitness session on the playground



Staff Spotlight



★ ★ ★
-Mrs Southern-
Executive Headteacher ★ ★ ★

“Integrity”

This newsletter **Mrs Southern’s** value is **integrity!** Integrity is all about being honest, making good choices, and standing by what is right, even when it's difficult. It means doing the right thing when no one is watching. At HLF, we believe that nurturing integrity starts from an early age. It helps our children grow into responsible and trustworthy individuals.

“Integrity”- Reflection points

Here are some engaging reflection points that can encourage and inspire our children to show integrity:

- **Listen Actively**- When other are speaking, listen carefully and show that you values their thoughts and feelings
- **Help Others**- If you see someone struggling, whether with schoolwork or something else, offer to help them
- **Speak Up for What’s Right**- If you see someone being treated unfairly or if something wrong is happening, tell a teacher or an adult
- **Respect Others Property**- Treat school supplies and classmate’s belongings with care, If you borrow something, return it in good condition.
- **Include Everyone**- Be fair in how you treat others. Make sure everyone feels included in games and group activities.
- **Apologise When Needed**- If you hurt someone or make a is take, say you’re sorry sincerely and try to make things right.
- **Follow the Routines and rules in school**- This shows respect for your school and everyone in it working together as a team.

Here are some ways we can show integrity at home:

1. **Practice Gratitude** - Say thank you for the things your family does for you, acknowledging their efforts and showing appreciation
2. **Be Responsible with Chores** - Complete your chores without being reminded, This shows you’re reliable and trustworthy
3. **Admit Mistakes** - When you male a mistake, own up to it immediately. Discuss with your family why it happened and how you can avoid repeating it.
4. **Help Siblings** - Offer assistance to your brothers or sisters with their homework or other tasks without expecting anything in return.
5. **Create a Values Jar** - Each time someone in the family demonstrates integrity, write it down on a piece of paper and put it in a jar. Occasionally read these out loud to celebrate these moments
6. **Be Kind to Pets** - Show responsibility by taking care off family pets, feeding them on time, and treating them with kindness and respect.
7. **Manage Screen Time** - Stick to the screen time limits set by your parents. If you accidentally go over, let them know instead of keeping it a secret.

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

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Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



Lorna Cummings
Co-Executive Headteacher



Sam Ledger
Head of School

Diary Dates

- 13th Feb** - Last day of term
- 16th Feb - 20th Feb** - Half Term Break
- 23rd Feb** - First day of term
- 3rd Mar** - Parents evening
- 5th Mar** - World Book Day
- 12th Mar** - Parents evening
- 17th Mar** - Lets Dance at the Brighton Dome
- 18th Mar** - Red Nose Day Comic Relief
- 19th Mar** - Drusilla's Zoo trip

Reminder:

As a way of reducing the number of e-mails which were sent out, our school bulletin is now sent out to all parents/carers every Thursday afternoon. It's a great way to keep up to date with what's happening in school, both during the current week and in the weeks ahead. You'll find reminders about events, information on clubs, school trips, and lots more.



Coming Soon...

MY HAIR, MY HERITAGE



We invite you to share your child's favourite hairstyle with us as part of a photography project celebrating our communities sense of style. We want to celebrate the whole of our school community and share the stories they represent, from afros to hijabs, mullets to braids: everyone's invited to show off their style!

If you would like your child's style featured in this photography project, please sign up via the link below:



<https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/Ug68TWmf>

Sign-up deadline is Friday 13th Feb
Photographs taken in Spring 2-dates to follow!





Easter Holiday Netball Camp

Tuesday 7th-10th April '26

10am-3pm @ Cardinal Newman

BUILDING CONFIDENCE & IMPROVING PERFORMANCE:

- Engaging & fun drills that enhance an understanding of the rules of netball
 - Lots of game play to put learnt skills and techniques into practice
- Led by Tracy Lewis (Hove Juniors netball coach & PE Teacher)**
- Meet and form new friendships with other netball enthusiasts!**

- School Years 4-6
- Mixed Gender/Mixed Ability
- £30 per day - 4 day discount available



Book now to secure your place!!
www.sportlearning.co.uk
or use the QR code on the back of the flyer

Additional camp information & policies found
when booking at www.sportlearning.co.uk

Email:
tracy@sportlearning.co.uk

HOLLAND ROADS SCHOOL

INCLUSION INTERVENTIONS – DONATIONS REQUEST

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are currently looking for a variety of items to support our Inclusion Interventions across school. If you are able to help, please have a look at home to see if you can donate any of the items listed below.

All donations are very gratefully received. Thank you for your support!

GENERAL ITEMS NEEDED

- Magnetic alphabet letters (upper & lower case)
- White flour
- Glitter / Sequins
- Shaving Foam
- Cotton Balls
- Balls of Wool
- Paintbrushes (all sizes)
- Fake Flowers
- Play Tea Set
- Push & Pull Toys
- Balloons
- Streamers
- Fly Swats
- Glow Sticks
- Building Blocks
- Small Rubber Ducks
- Sieves / Small Nets
- Balloons
- Streamers
- Fly Swats
- Wind-up Toys
- Pop-Up Toys
- Puppets

PHONICS & SOUND-SPECIFIC ITEMS

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- Plastic Animals
- Dolls House Furniture
- Dolls House Furniture
- Toy Food Sets
- Toy Food Sets
- Dolls Clothes
- Animal Hand Puppets

SENSORY & MESSY PLAY ITEMS

- Cornflour
- Slime
- Putty for Play
- Kinetic Sand
- Magnets
- Shaving Foam

Thank you for supporting Inclusion at
Holland Roads School

Please bring any donations to the School Office
or your child's class teacher.



FRESH START

community association



CERTIFICATE

Of Appreciation

This certificate is proudly presented to you, for participating in Christmas Cheer 2025, with Fresh Start Community Association.



Grace Machel Joseph
Project Manager/Co-Founder



FRESH START

community association



Thanks to your donation for Christmas Cheer 2025, Fresh Start Community Association was able to put together the following items:



- Toiletries that benefitted **70 individuals.**
- Non-perishable food items that benefitted **70 individuals.**
- Christmas luxury foods that benefitted **73 individuals.**
- Christmas Dinner hamper (with all the trimmings) that benefitted **96 individuals.**
- 74 households recieved gift and toy hampers. Directly impacting **220 individuals.**



175 different hampers were delivered, benefiting 529 individuals.

Thank you for your continued partnership.

Grace Machel Joseph
Project Manager/Co-Founder

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

SPRING TERM 2026



"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:

YETI DINNER PLATES CAMPFIRE COOKOUT:
MARSHMALLOWS CUDDLY TOY CATAPULT
ASSAULT MINIBEAST MAYHEM: BUG
HUNTING VIKING RUNESTONES & CODE
BREAKING BUSHCRAFT: FIRELIGHTING
TECHNIQUES BUSHCRAFT: HEAD SHELTER
MAKING FAIRY DOORS & TREE SPIRITS & AS
USUAL: FUN TIMES & ADVENTURE!

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

HOVE JUNIOR SCHOOL &
WEST HOVE INFANTS

EVERY TUESDAY UNTIL 4:20/4:30PM

YEARGROUPS 1 - 6

6TH JANUARY - 24TH MARCH 2026

PRICE: £88 (11 WEEK TERM)

The
Outdoors
Project

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

HOLIDAY CLUBS - BIRTHDAY PARTIES - SCHOOL WORKSHOPS - AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS - SABLINGS PARENT & TODDLER GROUP
OFSTED REGISTERED & CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

The Outdoors Project will be running activities this February half term at 3 locations in Hove. Activities include: Pancake Day Campfire Cookout | Minecraft vs Bushcraft | Nerf: Wild West Showdown | Tribal Adventure: Build, Craft & Survive | & We're Going On A Yeti Hunt! | All designed to encourage kids to get outside, have fun together & develop key skills. For all children in Year 1 - Year 6. 8:45am-3:15pm. £39.50/day. Tax Free Childcare & Childcare Vouchers accepted. Ofsted registered. More info & bookings at:

<http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk/brighton>

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

COTTESMORE ST. MARY'S, THE UPPER DRIVE, BN3 6NB

MON 16 FEB TRIBAL ADVENTURE: BUILD, CRAFT & SURVIVE!
TUE 17 FEB CAMPFIRE COOKOUT PANCAKE DAY SPECIAL & BUSHCRAFT
WED 18 FEB WE'RE GOING ON A YETI HUNT!
THU 19 FEB BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT
FRI 20 FEB NERF: WILD WEST SHOWDOWN

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For more info on dates, locations and how the clubs run & to book: WWW.THEOUTDOORSPROJECT.CO.UK



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- ★ Live, **one-on-one tutor support**
- ★ **Self-paced** program

Learn more here:

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**Brighton & Hove
City Council**



Holiday cycle training courses

Cycle training is held at Hove and Preston Park during the February half term.
Level 1 & 2 – Ages 9 to 15 Cost £47 per person, concessions available



Monday 16 - Thursday 19 February
10.00 – 12.30 each day
Children must have completed all level 1
activities before progressing to Level 2

Level 3 – Ages 11 to 15 Cost £52 per person, concessions available



Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 February
13.15 – 15.15 each day
Children must have attended Level 2 activities
before progressing to Level 3.

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Places are limited and on a first-come first served basis.

To book a place visit

<https://cycling.envelope.host/courses>

or contact **01273 293847** or email east.central@brighton-hove.gov.uk



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**



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.



Free Swimming

Now available for 18 year olds and under

King Alfred Leisure Centre
Prince Regent Swimming Complex
St Luke's Swimming Pool

Call 0845 803 5519
Visit www.freedom-leisure.co.uk/freeswimmingBH



Brighton Miles

WHAT IS JUNIOR PARK RUN?

Walk, jog, run,
skip around the
course, volunteer
or spectate

A weekly 2k
community event
for 4 to 14 year olds
in green spaces

Events are
created and run by
amazing volunteers
of all ages

It's fun, free,
every Sunday at
9am & everyone
is welcome!



junior parkrun



Group by Brighton & Hove City Council

Healthy Lifestyles in Brighton & Hove

Public group · 69 members

Join Group



Hove Holiday Hub:

Hove Holiday Hub will no longer be running this February half term; however, **Hopscotch Holiday Club** will be operating at **West Hove Infant and Junior School (Holland Road site)**. The club will run **Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February**, from **8:30am to 5:30pm** where the children will be able to join in with a fun-filled week of circus-themed activities.

Please see the poster below for more information. Places are limited so it is advised to book in advance.

Hopscotch Holiday Club

Bookings Now Open!

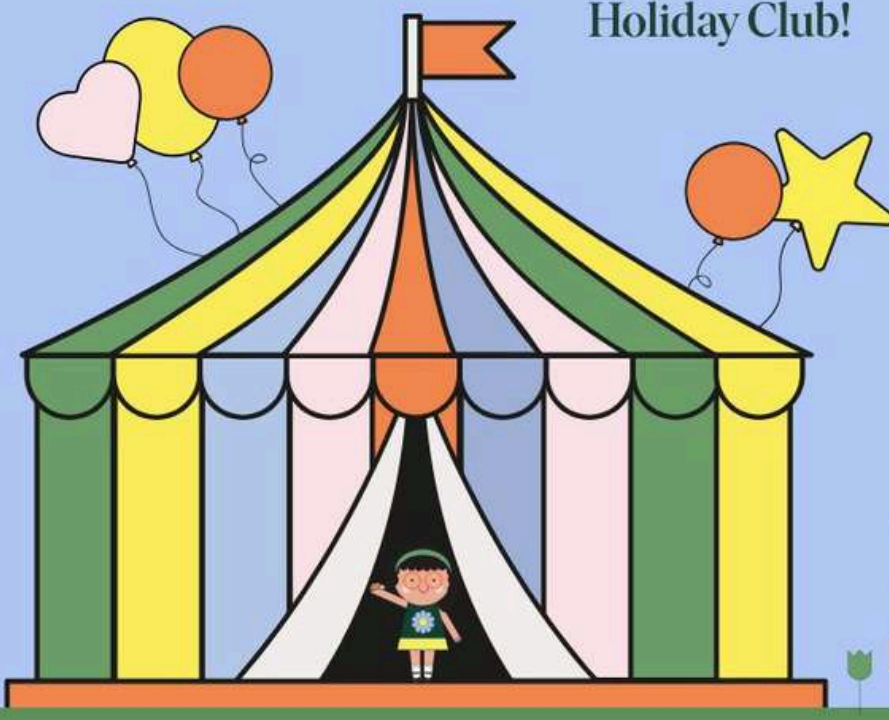


Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February
8:30AM - 5:30PM



Located at West Hove Infant and Junior School
Holland Road Site

Join us for a week of circus-themed fun at the Hopscotch
Holiday Club!



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Let's talk about kids and smartphones

Come along to an open, non-judgemental conversation about the impacts of smartphones on childhood

When

Thursday 29th
18:30-20:30
Doors open 18:00 for a prompt start.

Where

Brighton Academy,
Lewes Road,
Brighton,
BN2 4PN



Reserve your seat by scanning the QR code or visiting luma.com/xvsegeqgm. Tickets are free but spaces are limited.

Smartphone Free Childhood is a grassroots movement bringing families together to stand up for healthier, happier childhoods.

Our guest speakers include:



Mandy Marshall-Taylor - Panel Host

As a Naked Truth Project associate Mandy works to educate and raise awareness of the harmful effects of pornography on children and young people.



Dr. Eleanor Mason

AWest Sussex GP for 12 years, Eleanor brings unique insights into the impact of smartphones on children's mental health.



DCI Luke Kyriakides-Yeldham & DI Cyrtac Beling

As senior members of the Online Child Abuse Team, they will discuss the dangers of indecent image sharing, sexting, sextortion and online grooming.



Drew Dower - Head of School

Drew has led the way on becoming one of the first Smartphone free primary schools in the city. He will talk to us about the process and the response to the school's new policy.

Jack Davies - Principal

BACA Principal Jack Davies will be joined by year 11 students who will share their experiences of smartphones and the online world.



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