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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

Dear Families,

Our pupils have had a great day celebrating World Book Day on 5 March in this 'The National Year of Reading'. The campaign slogan for 2026 is "Go All In," encouraging reading for pleasure which is in line with Brighton & Hove's Reading Charter pledge: to developing a culture of reading in our city that celebrates our children and their enjoyment of reading, so they become life-long readers. We've signed up to the LA 'Reading Charter' and our photos across the federation capture the joy and love of reading across our schools.

We read for all sorts of reasons - to learn, to laugh, to understood and connect. But did you also know reading is seriously good for your health? Recent long term research using EEG brain scans shows what happens when we get lost in a book. The results are just striking! Just 5 minutes of reading reduces stress by 20%. Your focus and concentration improves by up to 11%. Reading is shown to boost connection and build empathy.

Reading is the best gift you can give your children - reading to them, along side them and showing your family the pleasures of reading for pleasure.

Happy Reading!

<https://www.hovelearning.com/0267143121>

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 (8:45 SR), 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.

HLF Governor Update

We would like to share an update on some recent changes to our Governing Board and highlight an opportunity to become involved.

We are very pleased to welcome Tom Edwards and Dr. Amir Khodavirdipour to the Governing Board.

Tom joins us as our new Local Authority Governor and brings a wealth of experience in SEND and Inclusion. We are delighted to have his expertise supporting the work of the board and the school.

We are also pleased to welcome Amir as our new Parent Governor, following Ollie Tunmer's decision to step back from the role due to work commitments. Amir received strong support in last term's parent governor election and we are delighted that he will now be joining the board. Amir has a medical background and brings valuable experience including SEND, Inclusion and mental health

We would like to extend our thanks to Ollie for his contribution as a governor and for his continued, invaluable support of music and arts across our schools. We would also like to thank Alex Scott who is stepping down, but remains an active and valued member of our parent community.

Can you help us find our next Finance Link Governor?

We are currently looking to appoint a Co-opted Governor with financial expertise to support the board's strategic oversight of finance. If you have relevant skills, or know someone who might be interested, we would love to hear from you.

Please visit the Governor section of the website for full details:

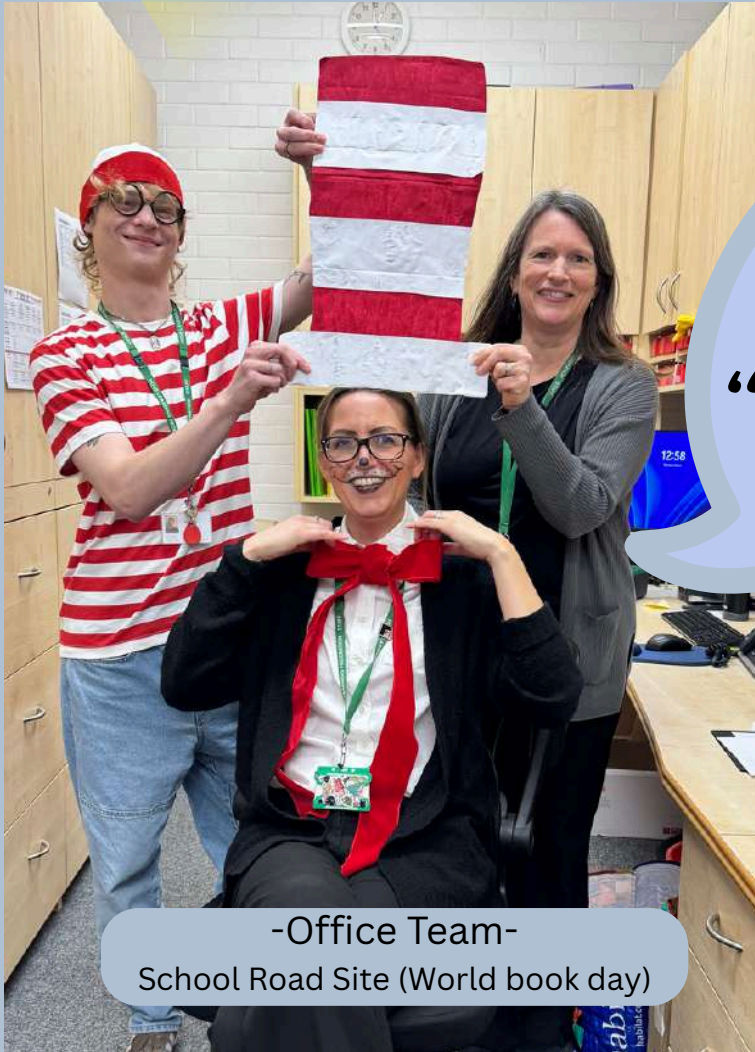
WHIS - <https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/governors-2/governor-vacancies/>

HJS - <https://www.hovejuniorschool.co.uk/governorvacancies>

World book day 2026



Staff Spotlight



-Office Team-
School Road Site (World book day)

“Team work”

This newsletter **School Road Office Teams** value is **Teamwork!** But what is Teamwork? Teamwork is the combined action of a group, especially when effective and efficient. The Office wouldn't run without teamwork! So how can we show teamwork?

“Teamwork”- Reflection points

Here are some engaging reflection points that can encourage and inspire our children to be team players:

- **Did I listen to everyone's ideas?** - When working in a team it is important to value different ideas equally and to acknowledge different perspectives to create the best outcome. Ensure that you really listen to others idea’s to make them feel heard.
- **Did I share my own ideas kindly?** - Reflect on whether you shared your own ideas in a respectful way that helps the group.
- **Did I help someone when they needed it?** - Consider if you offered help or support to a team mate who may be struggling to understand a task.
- **Did I let everyone have a turn?** - Ensure that you make space for others input and allow them to take part equally.
- **Did I celebrate our success?** - When working in a team it is important to celebrate the successes of our teamwork, for example saying “well done” to another member of your team.

Here are some ways we can model teamwork at home:

1. **Daily routines** - Include chores or activities that require teamwork in your daily routines, for example having your child help you cook or clean, this will help teach your child the value of cooperation.
2. **Positive reinforcement** - Praise children for their collaborative efforts, this will reinforce the value of working together in a team.
3. **Playful learning** - Engage children in cooperative play through activities that require teamwork, such as board games.

By modelling teamwork in everyday life, parents can help their children develop the skills they need to work well with others in various aspects of life.

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

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Best wishes,
Maddie Southern

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Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



Lorna Cummings
Co-Executive Headteacher



Sam Ledger
Head of School

Diary Dates

- 12th Mar** - Parents evening
- 17th Mar** - Lets Dance at the Brighton Dome
- 19th Mar** - Drusilla's Zoo trip
- 19th Mar** - Rampion wind farm trip
- 20th Mar** - Red Nose Day Comic Relief
- 26th Mar** - Rampion wind farm 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.



You're invited!

**MY HAIR,
MY
HERITAGE**

Launch party! 25th March
3.30-5 @ School Road Site.
Free entry!



You're invited!

MY HAIR,
MY
HERITAGE

Open free to all sites!

Wednesday 25th March
3.30-5 at School Road site

Featuring...

The Photography project
PEG Hair salon owner Dan Stanley
The Book Nook
...and more!



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:

The Outdoors Project are looking forward to the 2nd half of the term's after school club. The activities to come are: Fairy Door Making, Campfire Cookout, Bug Hunting, Micro Den Making (head shelters!), & Yeti Dinner Plates. After school club bookings last for the whole term, so if you've already been attending this term, there's no need to rebook. The price has been amended to reflect the remaining weeks of the term.

More info & bookings:

[The Outdoor Project](http://www.theoutdoorsproject.co.uk)

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)



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



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!!
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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



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.

Does your child struggle to go to school? Regular drop-in sessions for parents and carers

Hosted by the Family Support team, the sessions are a friendly space to access information and support and meet other parents/carers facing the same challenges.

Online sessions

24 February 7-8.30pm 19

May 7-8.30pm

Face to face sessions

Modelo Lounge (145 Church Road, Hove BN3 2AE)

17 March 10 -11.30am

Alcampo Lounge (84 London Road, Brighton BN1 4JF)

21 April 10-11.30am

23 June 10-11.30am

To Find out more or book onto the online sessions, please email:

schoolsmentalhealthservice@brighton-hove.gov.uk or Jo Roeg:
jo.roeg@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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during the EASTER BREAK!**

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Primary School,
BN23 8ED

Brighton

Stanley Deason
Leisure Centre,
BN2 5PB

Hastings

Christ Church
CE Primary,
TN37 6JJ

HAF

Free HAF
spaces available
for those
receiving
benefits related
free school
meals



Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this Easter as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy this half term!

Book now for a holiday full of excitement!



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