

Whole School Messages

Thursday 8th January 2026

Welcome back:

Welcome back to school! We hope everyone had a restful and joyful Christmas break filled with time to relax, celebrate, and recharge. We are really looking forward to another great half term and can't wait to see all the wonderful learning, effort, and enthusiasm happening in classrooms again.

Smart Phone Free:

A reminder that from the start of January our **Smartphone free school decision comes into permanent effect**. If a child does bring in a smartphone into school the class teacher or HLTA will bring the smartphone or smartwatch to the school office and ask the office team to ring the P/C and ask them to collect it.

We have also reminded all our staff members in all areas of the school, that they should not be seen using a Smartphone anywhere around the building by the children and that from now on phones aren't to be on desks during staff training.

A big thank you to all our families for supporting this as we work to model better phone use to the children.

Social Media:

Stay connected with Hove Learning Federation by following us on Facebook and Instagram! You'll get regular updates on upcoming clubs and activities, highlights of what the children have been enjoying during the school day and important announcements and information. You can find us on @hovelearningfederation.

Cardinal Newman proposed admission arrangements for the school year 2027-28.

Proposed changes are being made to admission arrangements for Cardinal Newman Catholic School for the school year 2027/28. The six-week (minimum) consultation will begin on *Friday 19th December 2025* with the closing date for submitting comments being *Friday 30th January 2026*. The proposed arrangements (admissions policy and supplementary information form (SIF) can be viewed on the school website: www.cncs.co.uk under [admissions policies](#)

Alternatively, if you do not have access to the Internet and you wish to request a printed copy of the admissions arrangements and a response form, please contact our *Admissions Manager* at *Cardinal Newman Catholic School* – admissions@cncs.co.uk The proposed admission arrangements for consultation are detailed under sub category (b) in the oversubscription criteria 1 to 3, 5 or 7 in the 2027-28 Admissions Policy.

Comments on the proposed admission arrangements should be sent to *Cardinal Newman Catholic School* by the closing date (latest midnight on *Friday 30th January 2026*)

Cold Weather:

A gentle reminder that all pupils need to be bringing a coat to school during the colder months. Without one they will not be able to go outside during their break and lunchtimes. If you require support to purchase a coat, we are able to help. The PTA have second hand uniform and coats available.

Arbor:

The Parent Portal and Parent App allow you to manage your child's school activities and payments. You will also be able to book parents' evening appointments through the portal when booking becomes available.

The app can be downloaded to your mobile phone, and if you need any help doing so, please follow this link: [How to download the Arbor app](#)

Year Group Messages

Reception:

Please see the below letter from the Brighton and Hove School Nursing Service. There is a questionnaire where you will be able to identify any outstanding health needs or concerns you may have and it also gives you the opportunity to opt in for support from their service to address any concerns.

Saplings

During your child's Sapling sessions over the next few weeks, the children will be making 'blobsters' out of clay and other natural resources. We are in need of some extra natural resources such as: sticks, leaves, berries, flowers, bark & moss. If you are able to forage any of these over the weekend, please hand them in to your class teacher at the beginning of the week. Thank you.

Year 3:

We are really excited to begin our new topic, Trash to Treasure, in January. Our Stunning Start will be on **Monday**

12th January and the children will be wearing their usual school uniform for this. We would love your rubbish and were wondering whether you could please help us out by bringing in plastic bottle tops (e.g. from juice cartons) and used wrapping paper, the more colourful the better. We need these in school by Friday 9th January. Thank you ever so much in advance for your help.

Year 6:

On 20th January we are asking for the children to come in to school dressed as a WWII evacuee, please refer to the original letter if you are in need of some costume ideas.

On 29th January we have our Take Shelter school trip to Downs Junior School. The cost for this trip is £11 which can be paid via ParentPay. The children will be back in school in time for their lunch as normal.

Key Dates

RECEPTION	
January	
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term

YEAR 1	
January	
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term

YEAR 2	
January	
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term

YEAR 3	
January	
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term

YEAR 4	
January	
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term

YEAR 5	
January	
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term

YEAR 6	
January	
20/01/26	Evacuee Day
29/01/26	Take Shelter Trip
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term

Reception parents/carers



Sussex Community
NHS Foundation Trust

Brighton and Hove Healthy Child Programme 5-19 Team
City View
Brighton General Hospital
Elm Grove
Brighton
BN2 3EW
01273 696011 EXT 1692

6th January 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Reception Year School Entry Health Questionnaire

School Nurses are part of the 0-19 Healthy Child Programme and take over care of children from the Health Visiting service when children turn 5 years of age. We offer health advice and support to families and children throughout their school years. Each school in Brighton & Hove has a named nurse, and we visit schools regularly as well as offering clinics and home visits. We offer a termly drop in at all infant, junior and primary schools.

To help identify any support or advice you may need, we invite parents/carers to complete a school entry health questionnaire when their child is in reception class. Please use the QR or link below to access the questionnaire.



<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/RECEPTQR/>

If you indicate that you have any health concerns for your child and require advice or support, one of the team will be in touch with you to offer either a phone call, video call or face to face appointment.

You can also speak to a School Nurse on 01273 696011 ext. 1692 or text the team via our text advice line number 07480 635423 (Monday to Friday from 9 - 4.30pm).

You can also visit our website for more information [School Nursing Service](#).

The information you give us is held confidentially and securely. SystemOne is the electronic health record database used by Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust (SCFT). Your child's record will be updated with any relevant information following contact with the service. This questionnaire is not shared with the school and is kept securely by SCFT. For information about how to access your child's health records please contact the School Nurse Team.

If you would like some information on patient information and how Sussex Community NHS Foundation Trust use it please visit www.sussexcommunity.nhs.uk/contact-us/patient-records.htm

If you require this information or the attached information in any language or format (e.g.: overseas language or Braille) or any other general enquiries, please contact the Diversity and Inclusion Team on sc-tr.equality@nhs.net. We can also provide a paper questionnaire to complete.



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