

Whole School Messages

Thursday 22nd
January 2026

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](#)

Unwanted Gifts:

If you received a Christmas gift that you don't need, please consider donating it to the school for use in the Summer Fete tombola. A yellow donation box is located in the main reception for any unopened items. Thank you in advance!

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.

Sussex Music School:

The next intake for one-to-one instrumental lessons in school time is now open and children will start lessons after half term if you apply before the deadline of **31st January**.

At present, places are available only for Violin. Waiting list applications are being accepted as we hope to expand, and Brass lessons may be introduced after Easter.

Please see the poster attached below for more information. If you would like to sign your child/children up, please [click here](#)

A Huge Thank you:

Fresh Start Community Association, who put together all of the Christmas hampers for those in need, have been in contact to say a huge thank you to everybody who donated items. Due to the generosity, the association was able to put together toiletries that benefitted 70 individuals, non-perishable food items that benefitted 73 individuals, Christmas luxury foods (with all the trimmings) that benefitted 96 individuals and 74 households received gift and toy hampers which directly impacted 220 individuals. In total, 175 different hampers were delivered, benefiting 529 individuals. Without your generous donations, those in need would have been without this Christmas, thank you ever so much.

Smartphone Free Childhood:

A reminder that the Smartphone free childhood panel event is on 29th January at 18:30-20:30 at Brighton Aldridge Community Academy (See the poster below for more information).

The conversation around smartphones, social media, and internet safety is changing. Please join us for an open, non-judgmental event where we will discuss these issues in depth. Further details can be found in the attached flyer.

This event is for parents, teachers, governors, and anyone concerned about smartphone use among young people. Everyone is welcome. You can book your free tickets here: [Let's Talk About Kids and SmartPhones · Luma](#)

Year Group Messages

Years 4 - 6

Chelsea FC are holding trial sessions, and would like to invite all players from U9s to U11s Boys and Girls, down to their Lancing Boys/Girls development centre programme. The sessions are designed to develop children with their movement, fundamentals, and technical ability.

This is taking place on Tuesday 27th January at The Sir Robert Woodard Academy Lancing, BN15 9QZ. The trial is running from 17:30 – 18:45 and as this is a 3G pitch, no metal studs are to be worn. Please ensure your child has water with them and shin pads must be worn to participate. Please follow the link below if you wish to book a space for your child.

[Under 10's Boys Trial Booking Link](#)

[Under 11's Boys Trial Booking Link](#)

[Under 9/10's Girls Trial Booking Link](#)

[Under 11's/Under 12's Girls Trial Booking Link](#)

Key Dates

Year 3	
January	
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term – non-school uniform day
23/02/26	First day of term

Year 4	
January	
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term – non-school uniform day
23/02/26	First day of term



Year 5	
January	
February	
04/02/26	Hove Park theatre trip to see Annie – Packed lunch needed. Please refer to the letter which was sent home.
13/02/26	Last day of term – non-school uniform day
23/02/26	First day of term

Year 6	
January	
27/01/26	6G & 6B - Air Raid Shelter trip, Downs Junior School
28/01/26	6Y & 6R – Air Raid Shelter trip, Downs Junior School
February	
13/02/26	Last day of term – non-school uniform day
23/02/26	First day of term




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!

Scan here to join us:



Holiday Club

Instrumental Lessons at Hove Junior School - Portland Road

Keyboard, Piano, Violin and Cello,
Trumpet and Trombone lessons
available during school hours
for a fixed monthly fee

Sing, Play, Create

Pricing

30 minute - £66.00 pcm

20 minutes - £51.00 pcm

An initial adjustment
payment will be taken on
confirmation of your place

Available Instruments

Trumpet, Cornet and
Trombone with Faye

Violin with Russ and Karen

Cello with Emily

Piano with Irma, Mimmi and
Karen - limited spaces

Why Choose Us

- DBS-checked, qualified, friendly and experienced teachers who receive regular CPD
- Lessons during the school day on a revolving timetable
- Contact details of your teacher, regular updates via practice books, opportunity to chat with the teacher at least once a year and annual written progress report



Russ
BA (Hons)



Mimmi
BA (Hons)(Jazz),
Pedagogy and music
didactics from NTNU



Irma
Bachelor of Arts in Music
(University of Surrey),
Postgraduate Diploma in
Music Performance
(London College of Music
and Media),



Faye
University of South Florida,
Royal Academy of Music
Bachelor of Music, Tenor
Trombone, BMus
Trinity College of Music
Brit School of Performing Arts
BTSC Triple Distinction



Emily
MA and PG Dip Cello
- Royal Academy of
Music



Karen
Grade 8 Violin

● **Online Applications:** <https://www.sussexmusicschool.com/west-hove-junior-school>



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
January 2026
18:30-20:30
Doors open 18:00
for a prompt start.

Where

Brighton Aldridge
Community Academy,
Lewes Road,
Brighton,
BN2 4PN



Reserve your seat by scanning the QR code or visiting luma.com/xysegeem.
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

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



DCI Luke Kyriakides-Yeldham & DI Cyntac 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.

WEBSITE: WWW.SFCBRIGHTON.CO.UK

SOCIALS: @SMARTPHONEFREECHILDHOOD