

## Whole School Messages

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>  
March 2026

### Earth Hour:

In class on Friday, your child will be marking a day called 'Earth Hour'. Earth Hour is a symbol of hope for nature and climate and the difference we can make, together. We will be discussing saving electricity to protect habitats, simple daily changes we can make and learning a little bit about the solar power engineer Maria Telkes. We will also be switching off non-essential lights and electronics. The following day, on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Earth Hour will be marked around the world between 8:30 and 9:30 PM. Since 2007, Earth Hour has been known for the symbolic "lights off" in support of our planet. Please do take part at home and discuss this global event as a family if you would like to. Here is some more information about Earth Hour:

<https://www.earthhour.org/> <https://www.wwf.org.uk/earth-hour> Here are 10 facts about Earth

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Best wishes, Eco Committee

### School Nurse:

A reminder that the School Nurse service is available during the Easter Break. They operate Monday-Friday 9am-4:30pm and are closed at weekends and bank holidays (Good Friday and Easter Monday). You can contact the service by phone on 01273 696011 ext 1692, or you can text the chat health service on 07480 635 423.

### Easter Holidays:

We would like to thank all of our wonderful children and staff for yet another fantastic half term. We hope you all have a lovely Easter break and we look forward to seeing you back at school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April.

## Year Group Messages

### Year 3:

Our Stunning Start will take place on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**, the first Friday back after the holidays. On this day, the children will be completing a number of Romans-based activities in school. We would like to invite children to dress up as a Roman, if they would like to. This can be as simple as a large white t-shirt with a belt as a toga, or wearing red and black like a Roman soldier. Please don't worry too much; we just want them to be comfortable and have fun!

### Year 5:

We are excited to share that we will be launching our new topic, Ancient Greece, with a special "Portals to the Past" workshop on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April**. To make the day even more memorable, we invite the children to come to school dressed in Ancient Greek - themed costumes. This could include simple outfits such as tunics, robes or accessories inspired by the period. Please don't feel any pressure to buy anything new - creative, homemade costumes are absolutely welcome. A bed sheet can make an excellent toga!

### Year 6:

A letter was sent home on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March in regards to the leaver's hoodies. There will only be one, single bulk order placed and therefore, we cannot take any additional order requests once the order has been processed. If you would like to order one, please do so via the google form link which is in the letter that was sent home. **The deadline for any orders is Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**

### Years 3 – 6

#### School Meals Debt Policy:

We have recently noticed a significant increase in the number of school meal accounts that are falling into debt. We would like to gently remind you that the school operates a strict no-debt policy for school meals. When accounts go into debt, the cost must be covered by the school budget. This means that funds intended to support children's education are instead used to pay for unpaid meals, which we are keen to avoid. If your child is having a school meal, payment must be made in advance via ParentPay. Please note that a meal will not be provided if the account debt is in excess of £2.85.

If you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, please contact the school office for further information.

#### External Clubs:

Please [click here](#) to access any flyers which advertise the external clubs that will be running locally, or over the Easter Holidays.

# Key Dates

<b>RECEPTION</b>	
<b>March</b>	
<b>26/03/26</b>	Easter Bonnet Parade – 3:05pm
<b>26/03/26</b>	Spring Disco – 3:15pm – 4:00pm
<b>27/03/26</b>	Last day of term – Dress down day.
<b>April</b>	
<b>13/04/26</b>	First day of summer term

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<b>YEAR 2</b>	
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<b>YEAR 3</b>	
<b>March</b>	
<b>26/03/26</b>	Rampion Windfarm Trip, 3 Amber only- Packed lunch needed.
<b>26/03/26</b>	Spring Disco – 5:15pm – 6:00pm
<b>27/03/26</b>	Last day of term – Dress down day.
<b>April</b>	
<b>13/04/26</b>	First day of summer term
<b>17/03/26</b>	Roamin' Romans – Option to dress up as a Roman.

<b>YEAR 4</b>	
<b>March</b>	
<b>26/03/26</b>	Spring Disco – 5:15pm – 6:00pm
<b>27/03/26</b>	Last day of term – Dress down day.
<b>April</b>	
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<b>YEAR 5</b>	
<b>March</b>	
<b>26/03/26</b>	Spring Disco – 6:15pm – 7:00pm
<b>27/03/26</b>	Last day of term – Dress down day.
<b>April</b>	
<b>13/04/26</b>	First day of summer term
<b>17/04/26</b>	Portals to the past workshop – Option to dress up as an Ancient Greek.

<b>YEAR 6</b>	
<b>March</b>	
<b>26/03/26</b>	Spring Disco – 6:15pm – 7:00pm
<b>27/03/26</b>	Last day of term – Dress down day.
<b>April</b>	
<b>13/04/26</b>	First day of summer term
<b>22/04/26</b>	Deadline for leavers hoodie orders.

## My Hair, My Heritage

Thank you so much to everyone who came to our 'My Hair, My Heritage' event yesterday at the School Road site Infant school. A special thank you to The Photography Project, Dan Stanley at PEG Hair, Katie Erdwin for her fabulous braiding workshop and our wonderful parent volunteers for their support.

Such a fantastic atmosphere, celebrating and admiring all of the amazing hairstyles. The raffle closes at midnight tonight and the prize winners to be announced soon – stay tuned!





### Update from Smartphone Free Childhood

🎉 The first three months of our fully smartphone-free school policy have been a real success! 🎉

A HUGE thank you to the whole school community for supporting this change and making it happen, protecting all of our children from the risks of early device use. The school has been so pleased at the positive reaction from families and is grateful for their support in adhering to the policy.

Incidents of online bullying and problematic WhatsApp use reported to the school have been greatly reduced. This has been incredibly beneficial for our children's wellbeing, and also for school staff, reducing precious time and resources spent resolving issues.

Hove Learning Federation is one of seven primary schools across the city that have gone 'fully smartphone-free' - a number that is growing all the time. This means that children aren't allowed to bring smartphones or smartwatches into school at all. As such they can enjoy a school day free to concentrate and learn, as well as a journey to and from school without the pressure and risks that access to the internet and social media brings. We can feel incredibly proud at being one of the first schools in the city to do this!

Are you starting to think about secondary schools for your child? [Check out the map on the SFC Brighton website](#) to see what the secondary schools in your area are doing about smartphones.

To meet other parents choosing to delay smartphones at our school, join our parent SFC WhatsApp group. [QR codes to join are on the school's website](#).

Would you like to learn more about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement across Brighton & Hove? Visit [sfcbrighton.co.uk](http://sfcbrighton.co.uk) or sign up to receive the [SFC Brighton newsletter](#).

Want to know why a nationwide network of parents is pushing for a smartphone free childhood? Watch [Molly vs the Machines](#) on Channel 4, an urgent documentary about online harm. It is a hard watch, but an important one - the story of a heartbroken father's quest to uncover the truth behind his daughter's death and his fightback against how the most powerful corporations of the modern age operate.

And finally... want to find out more about why our school supports parents to delay getting a smartphone until children are older? Watch last week's fantastic West Sussex webinar by Papaya and Smartphone Free Childhood: '[Let's talk about our kids and their tech](#)'. It is super informative about the risks around smartphones, social media, gaming and more, and hugely inspiring in terms of the changes we can all make at home and at school to help keep our children safe and happy.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break! Best wishes,  
The Hove Learning Federation Smartphone Free Childhood Working Group



**ALL YEARS**

**STREET DANCE CLUB!!**

**For Holland Road Children at Brunswick School**

**TUESDAYS FROM 14<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2026**

**3.15 -4.30PM**

**PICK UP @ BRUNSWICK SCHOOL**



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**LIMITED SPACES!!!!**



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

