

Whole School Messages

Thursday 16th April 2026

Welcome back to the Summer Term!

We hope you all had a lovely Easter break and are returning refreshed, recharged, and ready for a new term of learning.

Brighton and Hove Inclusion and Support Service meeting:

If you have an autistic child, a child on the pathway or a child with speech or language difficulties, please join our session on Thursday 23rd April from 9 -10am, where we will be discussing 'Behaviour that challenges us'.

Mandy Leahy, a family support worker will be here to share suggestions and strategies to support our young people.

Sussex Primary Schools Cross Country Finals:

On Thursday 26th March, The Brighton and Hove team won a well-earned 3rd place at the Cross Country Finals. This was a contributed effort and we would like to congratulate Oscar, Donny and Izaak, in Year 6, on such a fantastic achievement. Well done – we are all very proud of you!



Year Group Messages

3 Yellow

3 Yellow have worked really hard and have earned a 'Marble Treat'. They have voted to have a film afternoon which will take place tomorrow afternoon (17th April).

Children can bring in pyjamas/comfy clothes and a small soft toy (this should fit inside their school bag). We will be providing a small snack so children don't need to bring in any food.

Key Dates

Year 3	
May	
04/05/26	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed.
18/05/26	Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip – Packed lunch needed.
20/05/26	RSE Parent/Carer workshop – 3:30pm. Info to follow shortly.
21/05/26	Last Day of Term – Dress down day.

Year 4	
May	
04/05/26	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
20/05/26	RSE Parent/Carer workshop – 3:30pm. Info to follow shortly.
21/05/26	Last Day of Term – Dress down day.

Year 5	
May	
04/05/26	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
20/05/26	RSE Parent/Carer workshop – 3:30pm. Info to follow shortly.
21/05/26	Last Day of Term – Dress down day.

Year 6	
May	
04/05/26	May Day Bank Holiday – School Closed
20/05/26	RSE Parent/Carer workshop – 3:30pm. Info to follow shortly.
21/05/26	Last Day of Term – Dress down day.

Update from the 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 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 Hove Learning Federation 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 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.


Best wishes,

The Hove Learning Federation Smartphone Free Childhood Working Group

FRED THE SHED



Fred's shed is a school community non profit sharing shed that can help with non perishing items to those who are finding it especially hard in the current climate.




Our aim is to help as many families in our school community as possible and it is run by volunteering parents and carers, the sharing shed completely relies on donations of non perishable items which can be dropped into either school reception areas.



OPEN every Friday
after school
along with Fred's free bakery
which comes from generous
volunteers from Olio

Fred's shed is located in the juniors front playground just next to the main gates



If you don't feel comfortable with approaching the sharing shed, please email our anonymous email address fredshedschoolroad@gmail.com

and items can be requested and left in the school reception area.

If you'd like to support Fred's Shed with your time, contact fowhis@gmail.com
To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both school receptions.



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children.

