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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Families,

It's been a memorable start to the summer term with some inspiring workshops and stunning starts to bring the new topics to life. It's been a real privilege spending time watching the children learn so much and sharing their experiences.

We wanted to say thank you again to our PSHE team and families who inspired the successful 'My Hair, My Heritage' photography and celebration at the end of the Easter term. These joint community projects across the Federation take a huge amount of time and commitment and we greatly appreciate everyone's support.

We are looking forward to the Brighton Festival Parade and welcoming families to watch us in the parade on Saturday 2nd May.

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.

<https://uk02web.com/user/6887143131>



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>

Photo's from Lets Dance 2026





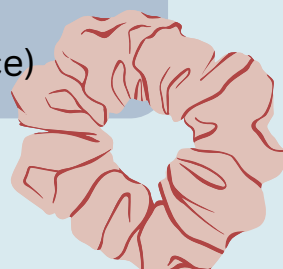
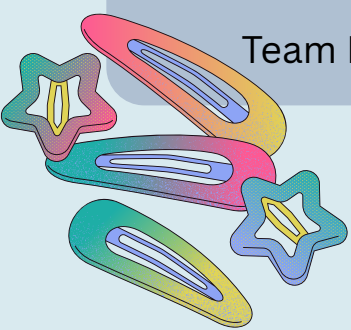
My Hair My Heritage



Thank you so much to everyone who came to our My Hair, My Heritage event. 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 the amazing hairstyles. Raffle prize winners to be announced soon - stay tuned!

Team PSHE (Miss Kemp-Harris, Mrs Dawson and Mrs Pearce)



Year 3 visited the Rampion Wind Farm Visitor Centre.

Year 3 loved their walk to Rampion Windfarm Visitor Centre. They learnt about how wind turbines work with a hands-on experiment then helped out by doing a beach clean.



Year 4 Stunning start Walk like an Egyptian



Year 4 has a fantastic Stunning Start on Friday, launching their exciting Summer Term topic, Walk like an Egyptian. The children had a brilliant time immersing themselves in Ancient Egyptian life and history. They put their English learning into practice by exploring the process of mummification - using oranges! 4 Amber and 4 Sapphire also discovered the importance of papyrus to the Ancient Egyptians and enjoyed creating their own papyrus style paper. Along the way, they learned about hieroglyphs, Egyptian gods, and many other fascinating aspects of this ancient civilisation. Year 4 had a wonderful time and are excited to continue their new learning journey. We hope you enjoy looking at some of their photos!

Year 4 Girls Rugby



Year 4 girls recently enjoyed an exciting rugby session in collaboration with Hove Women's Rugby Club. Despite battling some challenging weather conditions, the girls showed fantastic determination and enthusiasm throughout. They had the opportunity to learn new rugby skills, take part in fun activities, and develop their teamwork on the pitch. Most importantly, they had a great time doing it! Well done to all the girls for their positive attitude and effort—what a brilliant experience for everyone involved!



Year 5 Basketball



Year 5 recently took part in an exciting basketball tournament at BHASVIC College. The team showed fantastic determination and teamwork throughout the event, putting in a huge amount of effort in every game.

It was wonderful to see how hard they worked, supporting one another and developing their skills on the court. Most importantly, the children had a great time, enjoying the opportunity to compete and represent the school.

Well done to all involved for their enthusiasm and excellent sportsmanship!



Year 5 and 6 visit to The American Express Stadium



Eight pupils from Year 5 and 6 had an exciting opportunity to visit the American Express Stadium on Thursday 16th April as part of a special celebration event.

During the visit, they delivered presentations to other local schools, sharing their research on how Brighton & Hove Albion can become more sustainable. The pupils have worked incredibly hard on these projects over the past few weeks, and they were brave, confident, and highly impressive in their deliveries.

The group was also treated to a fantastic tour of the stadium, making it a truly memorable experience for all involved. Here are some of the highlights!

Year 5

GREEK DAY

On Friday, Year 5 had their Ancient Greek Stunning Start! The children took part in a range of engaging activities including drama telling the tale of Theseus and the Minotaur and the Greek city states. In classrooms, the children played a Greek strategy game, completed some Greek puzzles and a quiz to test their knowledge of the gods and goddesses. In the afternoon, they participated in the Hove Junior Olympics and tried some different Greek foods! What fun!





Staff Spotlight



Mrs Cummings
(Co-executive head)

COURAGE



Mr Ledger
(Head of Holland road site)

This newsletter value is **Courage!** But what is courage? Courage is being brave enough to take on challenge or trying new things— this builds resilience and character. School is an environment where tiny, daily acts of courage build the confidence they will carry throughout their lives.

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

- **Academic Courage:** Asking for help, answering a question, admitting a mistake, or presenting to the class.
- **Social Bravery:** Approaching someone lonely, standing up for a friend, or saying "no" to peer pressure.
- **Personal Growth:** Joining a new club, trying a new sport, or making a new friend.

COURAGE

How courage can be taught and nurtured-

- **Celebrating Mistakes:** Encouraging children to see failure as a necessary, brave step towards learning.
- **Role Models:** Reading stories or discussing figures like Rosa Parks or Malala Yousafzai to define moral courage.
- **Discussions & Reflection:** Encouraging children to identify their fears and discuss times they felt "small but did something big".
- **Building Resilience:** Acknowledging that fear is normal and that courage involves moving forward despite feeling nervous.

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

21st Apr - Children's parade workshop
23rd Apr - Science workshops (R - Yr 2)
27th & 28th Apr - Reception
height/weight/hearing screening.
2nd May - Children's parade
4th May - Bank holiday
6th May - Juniors class photos
8th May - Reception paradise park trip
21st May - Last day of term (dress
down day)
22nd May - Inset day
1st Jun - First day of term

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.



HOVE PARK SUMMER SCHOOL 2026



**NOW
RECRUITING
YEAR 5 PUPILS**

**28TH JULY - 27TH
- 31ST JULY**

Get to know the school
Get to know some of the
teachers
Have fun and meet new
friends



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!!

May Half Term Netball Camp

Wednesday 27th May '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



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tracy@sportlearning.co.uk

Brighton and Hove Parent Carers' Council (PaCC)



'a voice for parent carers living in Brighton & Hove'



<https://paccbrighton.org.uk/>





Resources and services available in Brighton & Hove for families of neurodivergent children



1. Information and support

Amaze			Amaze is a charity that gives information, advice and support to families with children and young people 0 to 25 with special educational needs and disabilities in Brighton & Hove and East Sussex. Contact SENDIASS sendiass@amazesussex.org.uk or 01273 772289
https://amazesussex.org.uk/		info@amazesussex.org.uk	01273 234020



Brighton & Hove Local Offer			TheLocalOffer is support for children who have special educational needs and disabilities (SEND), and their families.
https://www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities			

2. Parentcarers support groups and befriending

Amaze			Amaze runs regular, support groups in Brighton & Hove for parents of children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities. Some groups are in person, some are WhatsApp groups. Amaze also offer one-to-one befriending for those parents who need more individual support.
https://amazesussex.org.uk/parent-groups-and-befriending/brighton-hove/		info@amazesussex.org.uk	

Brighton Pebbles			Brighton Pebbles provide support and groups for SEND families who live in Brighton & Hove, especially for families who find difficult to access mainstream activities because of their child's special needs.
http://www.brightonpebbles.org.uk/		brightonpebbles1@gmail.com	07506 105265

mASCot			mASCot is a parent led peer to peer support network for families with autistic children. mASCot brings families together and enables them to connect with others in similar situations as themselves.
https://www.asc-mascot.com/		info@asc-mascot.com	07943346055

T21 Brighton			T21 Brighton & Hove offers friendship & support for children & young people with Trisomy 21/Down Syndrome and their families. They run monthly preschool meet ups, info sessions, social & sporting activities.
		T21Brighton@gmail.com	07930 418298

The Dads Group			The Dads Group brings fathers of children with additional needs and disabilities together, to meet and talk about issues that surround their family's lives.
https://amazesussex.org.uk/parent-groups-and-befriending/		dads@amazesussex.org.uk	



ALL YEARS

STREETFUNK DANCE CLUB!!

For Holland Road Children at Brunswick School

WEDNESDAYS FROM 22nd APRIL 2026 3.15

-4.30PM PICK UP @ BRUNSWICK SCHOOL



BOOK ON AT WWW.SPORTLEARNING.CO.UK

LIMITED SPACES!!!!



YEARS 3-6

GYMNASTICS CLUB!!

For HollandRoadChildrenat Brunswick School

MONDAYS FROM 13TH APRIL 2026

3.15-4.30PM

PICK UP @ BRUNSWICK SCHOOL



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more info and
to register here



(HEAD TO 'INFORMATION' > 'JUNIOR SECTION' > 'BRIGHTON & HOVE HOCKEY STARS')



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



BRIGHTON AND HOVE READING



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City Council

NEWSLETTER

EDITION 2

World Earth Day Events

Wednesday 22nd April 2026
Test your knowledge with Judy Wise

11am - age 6+

Embark on this journey through the natural world, following the footprints of Earth's most majestic creatures and magnificent minibeasts, with author Judy Wise. You'll learn some footprints are more harmful than others. [Click here to register.](#)



Mike Barfield: Earth Day

10am - Years 3 - 6

Award-winning author Mike Barfield shares his passion for nonfiction on Earth Day, delivering an interactive event packed with surprising facts to engage your class. [Click here to register.](#)



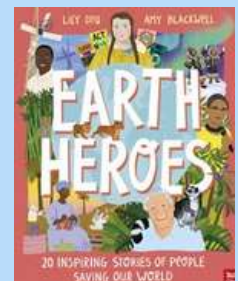
Books for World Earth Day



Clean Up
Nathan Bryon
Age 3+

Earth Heroes

Lily Dyu
Age 7-12



Global
Andrew Donkin
Age 9-14

Other virtual author visits



**The Night I
Borrowed Time**

Iqbal Hussain,
Wednesday 6 May

11am
Year 5-7

[Click here to register.](#)



Freedom Braids

Oboh Mosesth

Tuesday 28 April
2pm

Age 4+
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