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Hove Learning Federation

Holland Road
Newsletter
Friday 12th June 2026

Dear Families,

What a fantastic start to the half-term, especially with continued author visits to support our 'Federation Reading Charter'. To see the work that the English team and staff are all doing to develop the school reading community has been really inspirational. We are also continuing to build on the power of belonging and values work in PSHE and classes have relaunched their 'voice boxes' and been working on gratitude videos and affirmations with class teachers sharing best practice across the federation.

Year 4 pupils have completed their Multiplication Tables Check and we were pleased to welcome visitors to observe phonics in Year 1 with all of the pupils demonstrating resilience, focus and a positive attitude to learning over the week. We are incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved and look forward to another busy and exciting final half term of learning ahead.



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.

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>

Yr 3 & 4 Rackets Festival at Withdean stadium

Last week, our Year 3 and 4 pupils had a fantastic opportunity to attend the Rackets Festival at Withdean Stadium, where they enjoyed an exciting afternoon of trying out a range of racket sports including squash, tennis and table tennis.

The children demonstrated excellent enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship. They eagerly took part in all of the activities, listened carefully to the coaches and challenged themselves to learn new skills. It was wonderful to see so many smiling faces as they practised their serves, rallies and shots across the different sports. The event was led by experienced community coaches who provided engaging and inclusive sessions, helping every child to feel successful and confident. Our pupils were a real credit to the school, showing fantastic behaviour, encouragement towards one another and a positive attitude throughout the day.

One of the highlights of the festival was the opportunity for children to discover sports that they may not have tried before. Events like this help to inspire lifelong participation in physical activity and introduce pupils to the many sporting opportunities available within our local community.

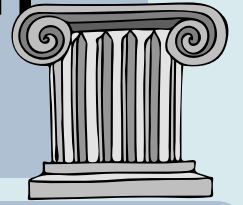
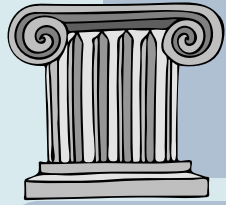
Families interested in finding out more about squash, tennis or table tennis are encouraged to explore the local clubs and coaching programmes represented at the festival. These community links provide excellent opportunities for children to continue developing their skills, make new friends and enjoy being active outside of school.

A huge well done to all of our Year 3 and 4 children for representing the school so brilliantly and making the most of this exciting experience. We are incredibly proud of you!





Year 3 Fishbourne roman palace trip



Year 3 recently enjoyed an exciting educational visit to Fishbourne Roman palace, where they stepped back in time to discover what life was like in Roman Britain. The children were amazed by the beautifully preserved ancient mosaics and learned about the history of the palace and its inhabitants. Throughout the day, they took part in a variety of hands-on activities, including exploring Roman artefacts and experiencing aspects of daily Roman life. The trip was both fun and informative, helping to bring their classroom learning to life and creating many wonderful memories.



Staff Spotlight



Resilience

Rachel Jeffers
-Head of Portland road-

This newsletter's value is **resilience!** **Resilience** the capacity to withstand or to recover quickly from difficulties. In school, **resilience** is very important because it ensures that if we do not understand something, we keep trying until we do.

Building **Resilience**: A Core Value in Our School Community

At the heart of our school ethos is a commitment to nurturing not only academic success, but also the personal qualities that help our students thrive in an ever-changing world. One of the most important of these is resilience.

Resilience is the ability to face challenges, adapt to setbacks, and keep moving forward with determination. In a school environment, this might look like a student persevering through a difficult maths problem, learning from feedback on an essay, or finding the confidence to try again after disappointment. These everyday moments are where real growth happens.

We believe that resilience is not something people are simply born with—it is a skill that can be developed over time. As teachers, we play a key role in modelling this mindset. By encouraging effort over perfection, celebrating progress, and creating a safe space where mistakes are seen as part of learning, we help students build the confidence to take risks and embrace challenges.

RESILIENCE

Why is resilience so important? Beyond the classroom, life will inevitably present obstacles. Students who develop resilience are better equipped to manage stress, overcome difficulties, and maintain a positive outlook. They learn that success is not about avoiding failure, but about learning how to respond to it.

As a school community, we are proud to support our students in becoming resilient learners—young people who are not afraid to try, to fail, and to try again. These are the qualities that will serve them well, both in school and far beyond.

Together, we continue to foster a culture where resilience is recognised, encouraged, and celebrated every day.

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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Sam Ledger
Head of School

Diary Dates

16th Jun - New parents meeting 6:00pm

22nd Jun - Sports week

22nd Jun - Yr 3&4 Sports day (AM at Brunswick primary)

22nd Jun - New Yr 3 Parents meeting 6:00pm

23rd Jun - Yr 5&6 Sports day (AM at Brunswick primary)

24th Jun - Yr 1&2 Sports day (Am at Brunswick primary)

24th Jun - Yr 6 police visit (13:15 - 15:00pm)

26th Jun - Yr 1 Lewes railway wildlife trust trip

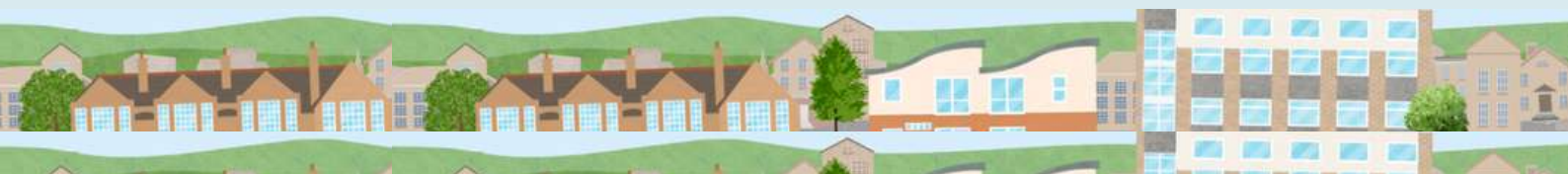
26th Jun - Reception sports day (AM at Holland road)

3rd July - Transition day across the federation

15th July - Yr 6 production (PM)

21st July - Silent disco (PM)

22nd July - Last day of term (dress down day)



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Governing board changes

As we move into this final term of the academic year, I'm writing to you as the new Chair of Governors for the Hove Learning Federation Governing Board following the forthcoming departure of our outgoing Chair, Lisa, and Vice Chair, Louise, who are both stepping down at the end of this term after many years of dedicated service.

Having joined the governing board around a year ago, it's great to take on the role of Chair and I look forward to working alongside fellow governors, school leaders, staff and our wider school community as we continue to support the success of the federation and ensure the best outcomes for all our pupils. We are still working through the appointment of our replacement Vice Chair and will be able to provide an update on this before the end of term.

On behalf of the entire governing board, I'd like to express our sincere thanks to Lisa and Louise for their outstanding service to the federation over many years. Through their dedication, expertise and unwavering commitment, they have supported countless pupils, families and staff, while playing a pivotal role in the development and success of our schools.

Their leadership has helped guide the federation through many important developments and achievements. Together, they have helped establish a strong and effective governing board, built on clear values, robust governance and a steadfast commitment to ensuring the best possible outcomes for every child.

Their contribution to the federation has been truly significant, and they leave behind strong foundations on which we will continue to build. We are incredibly grateful for everything they have done and for the positive and lasting impact they have had on our school community.

I'm also pleased to welcome three new governors: Maria Puertas, Amir Khodavirdipour and Celia Normington - each bringing valuable skills, experience and perspectives. We are delighted to have them as we continue to strengthen governance across the federation.

Many parents and carers may not always see the work governors undertake behind the scenes. The governing board plays an important strategic role within the federation, working closely with school leaders to help shape the long-term vision and direction of the schools. Governors provide support and constructive challenge, oversee financial performance, monitor educational outcomes, ensure safeguarding arrangements are robust and hold school leaders to account for delivering the best possible education and opportunities for every child.

Alongside our regular board and committee meetings, governors visit the schools, meet with staff leaders, review key areas including safeguarding, curriculum, finance and pupil outcomes, and work to ensure the federation continues to provide a high-quality learning environment where children can flourish.

As Chair, I am keen to help families better understand the work of the governing board and the role we play. From this term onwards, we'll be providing a short governor update each half term, sharing some of the key areas we have been focusing on and how we are supporting the continued success of the federation.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools and wider community. I look forward to working with governors, school leaders, staff, parents and carers as we continue to build on the many strengths of Hove Learning Federation and ensure every child is given the opportunity to thrive.

Governing board news and updates

As governors, we continue to be incredibly proud of the vibrant, inclusive and supportive culture that exists across our federation. A wonderful example of this was the recent My Hair, My Heritage event, which saw fantastic engagement from pupils, families and staff. The event was a real celebration of identity, diversity and belonging, showcasing many of the values that make our schools such special places to learn and grow.



Last term, we also held our termly Curriculum and Inclusion and Finance and Leadership Committee meetings. During these sessions, governors reviewed a number of key areas of school improvement and performance. In particular, we were pleased to see the continued focus on Mastering Number and to review the findings from the recent mathematics subject review. The review identified high levels of pupil engagement, with pupils in every classroom visited speaking positively about mathematics and demonstrating enthusiasm and confidence when sharing their learning. It was encouraging to see the positive impact of the school's ongoing work to strengthen mathematical understanding and enjoyment across the federation.

Governors also undertook monitoring visits focused on Health and Safety and Safeguarding. During these visits, we reviewed how safeguarding and health and safety are managed across the federation, examined school risk assessments and considered the findings of the latest Health and Safety audit.

These meetings and visits provide important assurance that robust systems and processes remain in place to support the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, staff and visitors.

Looking ahead, governors will be coming together for a strategic away day later this term. The session will provide an opportunity to consider the new Ofsted framework and reflect on what this may mean for our schools, pupils and wider community. We will also review our strategic governance priorities for the forthcoming new academic year, ensuring that our focus remains firmly on supporting high-quality education, inclusion, wellbeing and the continued success of the federation. We are looking forward to working with school leaders to shape our priorities and ambitions for the year ahead.

Many governors are also looking forward to attending the upcoming School Fetes on 20th June at Portland Road/School Road and 4th July at Holland Road. Events such as these play an important role in bringing together pupils, families, staff and the wider community, and we thank everyone who plays a role in ensuring the fete is the huge success it is. We look forward to seeing many parents, carers and local residents there.

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Regular drop-in sessions for parents and carers

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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

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21 April 10-11.30am

23 June 10-11.30am

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