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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Families,

This week has been a fantastic and memorable one for our children, filled with exciting opportunities, teamwork, and resilience.

Our Year 6 pupils had a wonderful time at Blacklands Farm, where they took part in a range of adventurous outdoor activities. These included abseiling and canoeing, which challenged the children to step outside their comfort zones, build confidence, and develop their resilience. It was inspiring to see them encouraging one another, showing determination, and celebrating each other's successes. A big thank you to our school staff and parent/carer volunteers who looked after everyone.

Back at school, at the start of the week we have also enjoyed a highly successful Sports Week and Sports Days. A huge thank you goes to our PE team for their excellent organisation and enthusiasm, ensuring the children experienced a wide variety of activities. Highlights included laser tag and archery, alongside many other sporting events.

Throughout the week, we have been incredibly proud of how the children have conducted themselves. They have shown kindness, support, and teamwork, consistently encouraging one another and working together positively in the heat.

Due to the recent heat, a small number of activities were unfortunately cancelled to ensure everyone's safety. We are pleased to confirm that these activities will be rebooked, so no one misses out.

At Holland Road, we are looking forward to the summer fair and thank you as always to the PTA for organising such a fantastic event. It will be a wonderful fair for our whole community, with a wide range of activities for everyone to enjoy offering something for everyone. We look forward to seeing you all there. Thank you for your continued support. It has truly been a week to remember!



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>

Staff Spotlight

Creativity

-Tania Hedges-
Angelfish

-Olivia Nicholls-
3 Blue

This newsletters value is **creativity**. **Creativity** is about using our imagination, expressing our ideas and being willing to think differently. Music provides many opportunities for **creativity**, whether we are singing, composing, performing or exploring new sounds. Being **creative** helps us develop confidence, solve problems and discover new ways to express ourselves.

Creativity points for reflection-

- Musical Expression: Using music to share emotions, ideas, and stories.
- Composing and Creating: Making up rhythms, melodies, songs, or musical patterns.
- Exploring New Sounds: Experimenting with different instruments, voices, and musical styles.
- Creative Confidence: Sharing original ideas and being willing to try something new

CREATIVITY

How can **creativity** be taught and nurtured-

- Encouraging Exploration: Giving children opportunities to experiment with sounds, instruments, and musical ideas.
- Celebrating Original Thinking: Valuing unique ideas and different approaches to musical tasks.
- Inspiring Through Music: Listening to a wide range of music from different cultures, genres, and traditions.
- Providing Opportunities to Perform: Creating safe spaces for children to share their musical creations with others.
- Fostering Imagination: Encouraging children to use music to tell stories, express feelings, and communicate ideas.

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

- 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)

Job vacancies

We currently have vacancies for various job roles, if you are interested and would like more information, please click [here](#)



GET READING!

AT
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READING

News!

Looking for some fun reading activities to do at home? The Book Trust have a great page for you to try:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/how-we-help/have-fun-at-home/>



OUR TOP BOOKS



5Amber recommend *Rumble Star* by Abi Elphinstone because it's 'imaginative, adventurous and wonderful!'



Why did the librarian slip over?



They were in the non-friction section!

The World of READING

Summer Reading Challenge! Begins July 4, 2026 at [East Sussex Libraries](#). Under-4s can join the Pre-school Challenge to collect stickers for every book read.



NEW releases



5+ *The Turtle who Turned the Tide* by Rachel Bright and Jim Field



7+ *Squid Bits: That's a nice hat* by Jess Bradley



9+ *The Poisoned King* by Katherine Rundell



HOVE LEARNING FEDERATION
HOLLAND ROAD PTA



SUMMER FAIR

SAT 4th JULY. 11AM TO 3PM

HOLLAND ROAD SCHOOL SITE BN3 1JY

PERFORMANCES

from school and community
(more details on the PTA website)

PRE-LOVED GOODS

(including school uniform)

INFLATABLES, CRAFT
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FOOD

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food scene

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non-alcoholic)

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recipe book by Hove Learning
Federation



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SUMMER HOLIDAY SUPPORT

All sessions need to be booked in advance. Please book at <https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/smhs-summer-2026-4842716>

**29 JULY, 4, 12, 18,
25 AUG**

WALK AND TALK

📍 Hove, Preston or Queen's Park

Join our friendly team for a relaxed Walk and Talk session. An opportunity to talk through questions or concerns about your young person, with mental health professionals

ONLINE PARENT/CARER DROP IN

Online sessions with our mental health professionals to ask questions or discuss concerns you have about your child or young person (age 4-18)

📍 Online

**27 JULY, 3, 10, 11,
17, AUG**

6, 13, 20 AUG

PARENT DROP IN AND PLAY FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGE 4-11

Come along to Portslade Hub for a chance to chat with our team about your children's mental health and wellbeing. Children are welcome and will be able to play while you speak to the team.

📍 Portslade Hub, BN41 2PG.

🕒 10.30 - 12.30

SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION - ONLINE DROP INS

Online drop in sessions, available throughout the day, to talk through worries or questions about your child's transition into Year 7

 Online

27 AUG

TRANSITION TO SECONDARY SCHOOL - IN PERSON SESSIONS

 Portslade Hub, BN41 2PG.

**4,6,26,28 AUG,
1 SEPT**

These sessions provide a space for young people going into Y7, 1:1, in person. Parent/Carers are also welcome. This space is designed to explore any worries or anxieties about transition to secondary school and to discuss strategies to help manage this change.

To get the most out of these sessions, young people will need to be able to discuss their worries/anxieties with a practitioner and be prepared to engage and practice the strategies explored in the session.

MANAGING THE RETURN TO SCHOOL

 Al Campo Lounge, 84 London Road BN1 4JF

A space for parents/carers to talk to SMHS practitioners about easing the transition to school for the new term. Bring any concerns and questions you have. Children are welcome and are the responsibility of the parent.

**5 AND 27 AUGUST
10.30 -12**

Questions? Email schoolsmentalhealthservice@brighton-hove.gov.uk



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION – BACK TO SCHOOL 2026

SchoolUniformSalesDuringOurBusy Season

Dear Parents/Carers and Schools,

Our busiest period of the year runs from 1st July to 14th September as families prepare for the new school year.

To help ensure everyone receives the uniform they need, we would like to make you aware of some important changes to our service during this period.

Please Expect Longer Waiting Times

Due to reduced staffing levels this year and the high volume of customers we serve during the summer months, there may be:

- Longer queues both inside and outside the shop
- Increased waiting times for assistance and fitting
- Temporary shop closures during lunchtime if demand becomes exceptionally high

We appreciate your patience and understanding while our team works hard to serve everyone as efficiently as possible.

We Strongly Recommend Ordering Online Where Possible

To avoid queues and waiting times, we highly recommend that parents:

- Order uniforms online wherever possible
 - Select items to try on at home
 - Place orders as early as possible
- There is a 3 month time limit on exchanges providing any labels are still attached at the clothing is kept clean and not creased. This has been extended from 30 days to encourage parents/carers to purchase uniform earlier.

This will help reduce pressure on the shop and provide a more convenient experience for families.

Online Order Deadline

To ensure online orders can be fulfilled before the start of the new school term, please place orders by:

20th August

While we will continue to accept orders after this date, we cannot guarantee that they will be processed before the start of term.

Shop Opening Hours

During the busy season:

- The shop will close at 5:00pm
- The entrance door will close promptly at 5:00pm
- Customers arriving after this time may not be admitted and asked to return on another day.

We recommend allowing plenty of time for your visit, particularly during August and early September when demand is at its highest.

Saturday Opening Days

- Whilst we don't usually open on a Saturday, there is a possibility that we will provide some extra support this year for parents and carers who cannot attend during the standard opening hours. Please check our website for updates on this.

Private Car Park

- As some of you will be aware, our car park is now under private ownership. There will be a car park warden who regularly attends. Unfortunately, we are in a battle with them to ensure that none of our customers receive a parking ticket. Whilst they allow a 15 minute stay, there is the possibility that they will issue a ticket. Whilst we know this is extremely frustrating; we want to assure you that any tickets received by customers who have attended our shop will have any tickets cancelled immediately. Please contact us straight away if you receive a ticket and we will void this our end. We apologise for this and we are working as hard as we can to come to an agreement with the car park owners.

ThankYou

We would like to thank schools, parents and students for their continued support. By planning ahead and ordering early, you can help us ensure a smoother and more efficient service for everyone during our busiest time of the year.

We look forward to helping you prepare for the new school year.

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Each will give you time to think, supporting you to make decisions, however small, to create positive changes in your life.



DATES

6TH JUNE, 3RD OCT, 28TH NOV
2026 & 20TH FEB 2027

TIME

10.30AM-12PM

LOCATION

PLOT 22, WEALD ALLOTMENTS, HOVE

TICKETS: £30 FOR THE COMPLETE PROGRAMME OR £10 PER SESSION.

BOOK AT: [PLOT22.ORG/PLOT-OFFERINGS/P/ANCHOR](https://plot22.org/plot-offerings/p/anchor)

OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW:





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.

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