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Hove Learning Federation School/Portland 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.

Firstly, a huge thank you to FOWHIS and the PTA for organising such a fantastic school summer fair. It was a wonderful event for our whole community, with a wide range of activities for everyone to enjoy. Highlights included our fabulous compered talent show, inflatables, football, face painting, and a variety of stalls offering something for all.

We are incredibly grateful to all of the volunteers who gave their time and energy to make the event such a success. Your support makes a real difference to our school community, and we truly appreciate all that you do.

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 thankyou 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.

Thank you for your continued support. It has truly been a week to remember!



Afterschool club contact info

ASC number 07342536023 get in touch for last minute changes for collections. Use the enquirieshlf.afterschoolclub@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk email if notifying us in advance and any other enquires.

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>

Robert the lollypop man is retiring

At the end of this term, we will be saying a fond farewell to our much-valued lollipop man, Robert, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to our school community. We are incredibly grateful for the care, commitment and friendly smile he has shown to our children and families each day, helping everyone cross the road safely. We are sure you will join us in wishing him a long, happy and well-deserved retirement.

If you would like to donate to his retirement fund, follow the link below-

<https://app.collectionpot.com/pot/3510339>

Year 4 travel back to ancient Egypt



Year 4 had a fantastic time taking part in an interactive Ancient Egypt workshop led by Rainbow Theatre London as part of their Marvellous Middle. Pupils were transported thousands of years back in time as they explored life in Ancient Egypt through drama, storytelling and audience participation.

The performance brought many of the topics studied this term to life, including pyramids, hieroglyphics, mummification, the River Nile and the story of Moses. Children particularly enjoyed taking on roles within the performance, dressing as Ancient Egyptians and becoming part of the action.

The workshop provided a memorable way to deepen pupils' understanding of Ancient Egyptian civilisation and helped reinforce learning from our history curriculum. The enthusiasm, knowledge and impressive costumes on display made for a truly enjoyable afternoon, with many children continuing to discuss the performance long after it had finished.

A huge thank you to Rainbow Theatre London for delivering such an engaging and educational experience.



Music idol day



Year 6 residential

The Year 6 residential trip got off to a lively start with plenty of singing on the coach journey before the children arrived at camp and settled into their groups and tents. After getting used to the wildlife around Blacklands, they enjoyed a range of exciting activities including climbing, rafting, gladiators, crates, scrambling and team challenges. Evenings included team-building activities, a campfire with songs and stories, and lots of opportunities for children to bond and make memories. Despite some late-night excitement, the children showed great resilience, teamwork and independence. They worked together during activities, supported each other through challenges and grew in confidence throughout the trip. The final day included a visit to the gift shop, more team-building activities, packing up camp and a final group photo before heading home. The children returned tired but proud, having had a fantastic experience full of adventure, laughter and friendship.



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



Niamh O'Shea
Head of School, School Road



Rachel Jeffers
Head of School, Portland Road

Diary Dates

- 30th June** - Sports day (1C, 1G, 2M and 2TR)
- 1st July** - Sports day (1B, 1D, 2L and 2T)
- 3rd July** - Transition day across the federation
- 16th July** - Yr 6 production (PM)
- 21st July** - Silent disco (AM)
- 22nd July** - Last day of term (dress down day bring non-perishable food for our community food bank)

Job vacancies

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



GET READING!

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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

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

Brighton & Hove School Streets

West Hove Infant School and Hove Junior



Keeping our children safe on the school run

New measures to enforce our School Streets at:

- Queen's Park Primary
- Hangleton Primary
- West Hove Infant School and Hove Junior

In December 2025, Brighton & Hove City Council were given new powers to use cameras to enforce restrictions on the city's School Streets schemes.

This will help create a safer environment for children, their families, carers, and school staff during drop-off, and pick-up and encourage more walking, cycling and scooting.

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-streets
We'll be introducing this new enforcement from September 2026.

School Streets Hove Junior Portland Rd



How it will work

Brighton & Hove has a citywide School Streets programme.

They restrict access for motor vehicles on the roads around schools for one hour at either end of the school day, which has been challenging to manage with volunteers.

We can now use cameras to issue Penalty Charge Notices to non-exempt vehicle owners who ignore the restrictions.

Cameras will only be used for capturing number plate information. This data is secure, access restricted, retained only for the purposes of enforcement, and then deleted.

Exemptions

The following applicants are eligible to apply for a School Street exemption. It is strongly recommended to apply well in advance, as the council may require up to 10 working days to process applications.

In all cases, proof of eligibility is required. If evidence is insufficient, your application may be delayed or declined.

- **Vehicles registered to a residential address within the restricted area**

- **Blue Badge holders (dependent on need to access a property on the street)**

- **Medical Practitioners**

- **Carers for vulnerable residents (dependent on need to access a property on the street)**

- **School staff / authorised school access.**

- **Vehicles registered to a business address within the restricted area**

- **Vehicles being driven by a person working at a business within the School Street**

- **driving a taxi serving a property within the School Street (with proof of booking)**

Residents and businesses with an active Resident or Business Parking Permit registered to a property inside a School Street will automatically be approved for an exemption.

Residents or businesses without a Parking Permit must still apply if the vehicle is registered to the School Street address. If you are unsure if a property is inside a School Street, please refer to the map or contact the School Streets team and we can assist you.

In exceptional emergency situations, you may request an exemption within 24 hours upon entering a School Street, with evidence.

A full list of exemptions can be found on the School Streets web page.

If you feel you need to be added to the exemption list for your School Street, visit:

www.brighton-hove.gov.uk/school-streets



Please direct any questions relating to School Streets in the city to:
school.streets@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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Led by Kate Reynolds-Smith (MotherNatureChild), each session uses the current season as an anchor and a guide - to help you ground yourself, care for yourself and remember who you are.

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.

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
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