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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Families,

This week has been full of exciting opportunities for our pupils to learn, explore and stay active. All Year 2 pupils across the federation enjoyed a wonderful beach walk, making the most of our fantastic local environment. During their visit, the children explored the coastline and discussed the importance of looking after our beaches. The walk provided a valuable opportunity to combine learning with outdoor exploration, and they showed great curiosity and enthusiasm throughout.

Meanwhile, Year 4 pupils at Holland Road visited Yellowwave Beach Sports Centre for an exciting day of beach volleyball and environmental activities. They developed their teamwork, communication and sporting skills while learning the fundamentals of volleyball. The children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating excellent behaviour, resilience and a willingness to embrace new challenges. We have also had the opportunity to take part in a range of other sporting activities. Our pupils thoroughly enjoyed an action-packed laser tag session, where teamwork, communication and strategic thinking were put to the test. It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and cooperation as the children encouraged one another and celebrated their successes.

Pupils were also introduced to the exciting sport of fencing. Under the guidance of specialist coaches, they learned basic techniques and important safety procedures. They enjoyed practising their footwork, balance and coordination while developing a completely new skill, and impressed staff with their determination and focus.

These experiences help to create memorable learning opportunities beyond the classroom. Next week is our Federation Art Week, with themes linked to science and belonging. We are looking forward to seeing the final artworks and sharing our pupils' creative achievements.

Well done to all of our pupils for their enthusiasm, positivity and commitment throughout another fantastic week.



Keyboard Lessons with Create Music – Spaces Available!

Charlotte, the keyboard teacher at Create Music, has a limited number of spaces available for keyboard lessons during the school day from the new September term. Whether your child is a complete beginner or already enjoys playing, lessons are designed to be fun, engaging, and tailored to help every pupil grow in confidence and develop their musical skills. Learning the keyboard is a fantastic way to boost creativity, concentration, and self-expression while enjoying the excitement of making music. You are invited to join the waiting list to secure a place for September – follow this link to apply: <https://createmusic.org.uk/for-children-and-young-people/lessons-at-school/>.

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>

Year 6 residential to Blacklands



Year 6 enjoyed a three-day residential to Blacklands this month. The children took part in lots of activities including kayaking, Jacob's Ladder, crates, abseiling, archery and teambuilding. They also enjoyed songs around a camp fire, playing '21' in the woods (with some excellent disguises) and daily wake-up songs from the speakers. We were so proud of all the children's engagement, perseverance, maturity and resilience.



Staff Spotlight

Growth



Holland Road's
Office team

This newsletter's value is **growth**. **Growth** is about learning something new every day and becoming the best version of ourselves. At school, children grow by trying new experiences, asking questions, practising new skills, and learning from their mistakes. Whether they are reading, creating, playing, or working together, every small step helps them to become more confident and capable. Having a growth mindset encourages children to keep trying, celebrate their achievements, and believe that with effort and perseverance, they can continue to improve.

Growth points for reflection-

- **Learning New Skills:** Trying new things and developing confidence through practice and perseverance.
- **Embracing Challenges:** Understanding that mistakes are part of learning and help us improve.
- **Building Confidence:** Taking small steps each day to become more independent and capable.
- **Supporting One Another:** Growing together by encouraging, helping and learning from each other.

Growth

How can **growth** be encouraged and nurtured?

- **Creating Safe Opportunities to Learn:** Giving children the confidence to try new experiences without fear of making mistakes.
- **Celebrating Progress:** Recognising effort, perseverance and every achievement, big or small.
- **Encouraging a Growth Mindset:** Helping children understand that skills develop through practice, determination and resilience.
- **Learning Together:** Working collaboratively, sharing ideas and supporting one another to achieve our goals.
- **Leading by Example:** Showing children that adults continue to learn and grow too. This term, some of our office team have embraced new roles, demonstrating that growth is a lifelong journey and that everyone can thrive with support and encouragement.

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

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](#)





ALL YEARS

STREETFUNK DANCE CLUB!!

For Holland Road Children at Brunswick School

WEDNESDAYS

3.15 -4.30PM

PICK UP @ BRUNSWICK SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/carer,

I'm delighted to let you know that I currently have space in my timetable to take on new guitar pupils. Lessons happen weekly and take place within school hours (on a rotating timetable to avoid too much disruption).

Our lessons follow a nationally recognised syllabus but are tailored to each pupils individual tastes.

If you want to learn to play Foo Fighters, you'll learn Foo Fighters!

If you want to learn to play Ed Sheeran, you'll learn Ed Sheeran!

If you want to learn to play Justin Bieber, you'll learn Metallica!!

Pupils have the choice to learn just for fun or to take graded exams which eventually start counting towards UCAS points. We work in small groups or on an individual basis and as well as lessons we have a whole range of extra curricular activities such as Rock and Pop band projects, guitar orchestras and many more!

For more information on lesson cost and to apply please drop me an email on the address below. Please feel free to check out my guitar demo on the YouTube link below as well

jordanjamescresswell@hotmail.co.uk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E5KkpHWrjDo>

Jordan Cresswell, Guitar Tutor

Could You Be the Next Chair of HLF Holland Road PTA?

We're looking for an enthusiastic new Chair to lead the HLF Holland Road PTA and help take an already successful PTA to the next level.

Last year was a fantastic year for the PTA:

We raised over £8,000 for the school.

We launched a brand-new PTA website (<https://hlf-holland-road-pta.mailchimpsites.com>) to help engage and inform our school community.

We delivered a range of successful events and activities for families throughout the year.

Now we're looking for someone with energy, ideas and enthusiasm to build on that success and help shape the PTA's next chapter.

Why become PTA Chair?

Make a real difference

Every event, fundraiser and initiative helps create additional opportunities and experiences for our children. As Chair, you'll have a direct impact on what the PTA can achieve.

Gain valuable leadership experience

This role provides hands-on experience in:

Leadership

Project and event management

Team coordination

Communication and stakeholder engagement

Strategic planning

Help shape the future

We're ambitious about what comes next. One of our key goals is to secure charitable status, helping us unlock new opportunities, funding streams and long-term benefits for the school community.

Join a supportive team

You won't be doing it alone. You'll be supported by an experienced committee, dedicated volunteers and a school community that is passionate about making a difference.

Who are we looking for?

You don't need previous PTA experience. We're looking for someone who:

Enjoys bringing people together

Has good organisational skills

Can help coordinate volunteers and activities

Wants to make a positive contribution to our school community

This is a unique opportunity to develop skills, build friendships and leave a lasting legacy for the children of HLF Holland Road.

Interested? We'd love to have an informal chat. Email us on hoveptahollandrd@gmail.com

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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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- 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.

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