



**WEST HOVE
INFANT SCHOOL**
.....
A family of friends

Hove Learning Federation School/Portland 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.



Afterschool club contact info

ASC number 07342536023 get in touch for last minute changes for collections. Use the enquirieshl@westhoveinfants.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

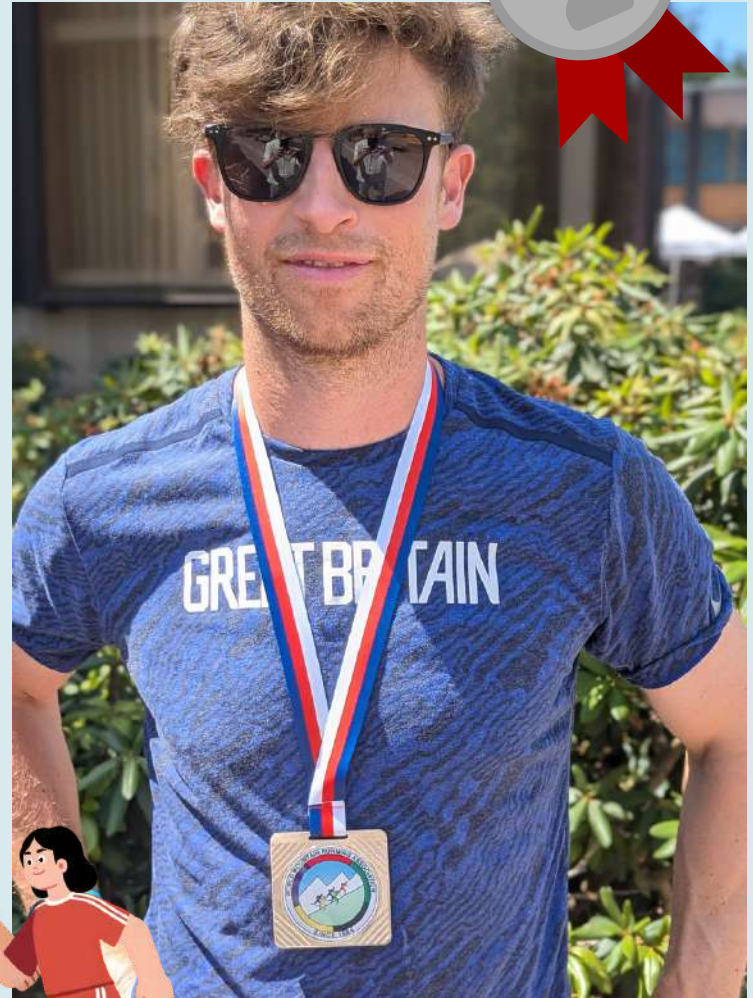
At the end of this term, we will be saying a fond farewell to our much-valued lollipop man, Robert, who is retiring after many years of dedicated service to our school community. We are incredibly grateful for the care, commitment and friendly smile he has shown to our children and families each day, 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>

Silver success for Team GB

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Our Infant SENCo, Mr Bowra, has recently returned from Czechia where he ran for Great Britain at the World Masters Mountain Running Championships. He was part of a successful GB team that returned with two silver medals in the 35-39 age category.

Staff Spotlight

Growth



Portland 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



Niamh O'Shea
Head of School, School Road



Rachel Jeffers
Head of School, Portland Road

Diary Dates

14th July - Piano recital 2:00pm

16th July - Yr 6 production (PM)

20th July - Yr 2 leavers party (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](#)





"When kids don't moan about leaving a screen you know you're onto a winner"



SUMMER OF FUN 2026

SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUBS FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-11

NATURE NINJAS **SCREEN-FREE ADVENTURES** **NERF**

WIZARDS OF THE WILD
HARRY POTTER DAY

TOY STORY ACTION

ULTIMATE WATER DAY

CAMPFIRE DRAGON STAR WARS

COOKOUT TRAINING MISSIONS

BUSHCRAFT VS MINECRAFT

FRESH AIR & SPACE TO BE WILD

UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER MEMORIES

LOCATION:	BRIGHTON & HOVE – 3 LOCATIONS
DATES:	6TH JULY–2ND SEPTEMBER
TIME:	8:45AM–3:15PM
AGE RANGE:	AGES 5–11 (YEARS 1–6)
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piano recital

summer 2026!

Tuesday 14th of July, 2pm
West Hove Infants School

featuring students of Zoe in infants and junio



WEST HOVE INFANTS- SCHOOL ROAD



HIGH QUALITY
SPORTS COACHING
& CURRICULUM
SUPPORT

MON

YRS R-2: BASKETBALL & ATHLETICS

TUE

**YRS R-2:
DANCE CLUB WITH STREETFUNK**

WED

**YRS 1/2: MIXED
FOOTBALL**

THU

**YRS R-2:
SEASONAL MULTI -
SPORTS**

FRI

**YRS R-2:
GYMNASTICS**

HOVE JUNIOR - PORTLAND ROAD



HIGH QUALITY
SPORTS COACHING
& CURRICULUM
SUPPORT

MON

**YRS 3/4: SEASONAL
MULTI- SPORTS**

**YRS 3-6: DANCE WITH
STREETFUNK**

TUE

**YRS 5/6:
NETBALL**

**YRS 5/6:
BOYS FOOTBALL**

WED

**YRS 5/6:
SEASONAL
MULTI SPORTS**

THU

**YRS 3/4
BOYSFOOTBALL**

**YRS 3-6
GIRLSFOOTBALL**

**YRS 3-6
GYMNASTICS**



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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 on 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.

Thank You

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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SUMMER Holiday clubs



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Today!



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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.



DONATE HERE

FRED SHED

Fred Shed is a school community non-profit sharing shed that stocks non-perishable items and school uniform for 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 and school uniform which can be dropped into either infants or juniors school reception areas.

OPEN every Friday
after school

along with Fred's free bakery which comes
from generous donations from
Real Patisserie and The Flour Pot Bakery

Fred's shed is located in the juniors
front playground just next to the main gates

If you need help, and don't feel comfortable approaching the sharing shed
please email us at portlandroadenquiries@hovjun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

If you'd like to support Fred Shed with your time contact hovejuniorpta@gmail.com

To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both Infants and Juniors school receptions.

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