



**WEST HOVE
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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Families,

We have had a busy start to the term with plenty of stunning starts for our new topics and it has been a joy to see the children so immersed in their learning. We have been so proud of our new reception pupils and how well they have settled into school and into their new routines. Our Heads of School have loved meeting our new families and welcoming them to the school.

We have been working hard to train new volunteers for reading with the children and it was great to see so many of you at our training workshops this week. We look forward to continuing to celebrating the love of reading throughout the year.

Parking

Thank you for helping us to keep our school community safe.

If you need to drive to school, please park safely and considerately, keeping the safety of our pupils, families, and residents in mind. Please do not double park, stop on double yellow lines, or block residents' driveways. By working together and showing consideration for our neighbours, we can help ensure the area around school remains safe and welcoming for everyone.

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, but bringing children for 8:40 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>

Scooters and bikes:

A gentle reminder that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden on the school premises before or after school. Please safely walk them in to school at the beginning of the day and avoid riding them at the end of the day until you have left the school gates.



Year Group Messages:

Year 1 Families:

Parent/Carer Phonics talks:

Join us for our Year 1 Phonics Workshop on 14th October at 8:50am in the computing suite. You will get information on your child's continuing reading journey, including; how we teach reading, how to pronounce sounds correctly, and pick up quick, easy ideas for reading at home. We will also briefly explain the Phonics Screening Check held in June.

We hope to see you there!

Year 6 Families:

A reminder that the national deadline to apply for Secondary School (Year 7) for September 2027 entry is 31st October 2026.

Please refer to the individual secondary school websites for information on their open events, or contact them directly.



Year 3 stunning Start highlights

Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a range of exciting and engaging activities as part of their Stone Age stunning start. The children were enthusiastic throughout, embracing the opportunity to explore what life was like during the Stone Age through hands-on experiences, creative activities and teamwork.



Staff Spotlight

Kindness



Miss O'Shea -
Head of School at School Road

This newsletter's value is **Kindness**. At school we use kind hands, feet and words.

Examples of how you can be kind

- Sharing a toy
- Helping your friend
- Inviting friends to play
- Speaking kindly



Please continue to keep in contact with us – should you have any questions or concerns, contact us via the following:

West Hove Infant School

admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916707

Hove Junior School

hollandroadenquiries@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

01273 916707

Hove Junior School Inclusion Team

inclusionteam@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

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Best wishes,

Maddie Southern

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Maddie Southern
Executive Headteacher



Lorna Cummings
Co-Executive Headteacher



Sally Pink
Head of School

Diary Dates

September:

Tuesday 29th - Reception 'Welcome to Early Year's meeting - 2:30pm

October:

Thursday 1st - Individual school photos

Wednesday 14th - Year 1 Parent/Carer Phonics Workshop - 8:50am.

Wednesday 14th - New Parent Visits, 10:45am

Thursday 22nd - Last day of term, dress down day.

Friday 23rd - INSET Day.

November:

Monday 2nd - First day of term





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.

Hopscotch Holiday Club – October Half term:

Fang-tastic news... Hopscotch Holiday Club October bookings are officially open! We can't wait to welcome you all back for a week filled with fa-boo-lous Halloween fun!

Whether your child loves to get cosy with a good book and embark on an exciting adventure, Hopscotch Holiday Club has something for everyone! Book now by following the link below, or scanning the QR code above! Once again, our Early Bird discount is valid for the first week of bookings! Use code: Halloween26 by midnight on Sunday, September 20th to get 20% off your booking!

- ✨ Open to children from Reception to Year 6
- ✨ 8.30am to 5.30pm
- ✨ £45 for a full day
- ✨ 7% discount when booking a full week
- ✨ 5% sibling discount

To find out more, [click here](#)



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

Online parent talk

In light of changes to smartphone policy in many schools across the city, we are thrilled to announce an online parent talk by Dr Susie Davies, founder of PAPAYA, specially for parents of Brighton & Hove!

 Date: Tuesday 6th October

 Time: 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

@ Location: Zoom (online) - [Click here to register](#)

PAPAYA

Helping our children thrive in today's digital world.

Join Dr Susie Davies as we explore how to empower our children to develop a positive, balanced approach to their digital wellbeing.

Online talk for all Brighton & Hove parents.

DATE & TIME:

TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER 2026 — 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

FREE TALK -REGISTER TO ATTEND:

<https://sfcbrighton.co.uk/register>



Dr Susie Davies

CEO and founder of PAPAYA.

Susie Davies is a GP with a special interest in adolescent mental health. She is the founder of Papaya and is passionate about improving mental health outcomes for today's adolescents.

She founded Papaya seven years ago after recognising the link between technology use and poor mental health in students. She has given countless talks across the UK and is recognised as a national advocate and speaker on this topic. She is also the author of *The Healthy Selfie: How to Like Yourself in the Digital Age*.

PAPAYA

Helping families to thrive in a digital age

In this inspirational, interactive webinar, Dr Davies will unpack some of the **complex issues** surrounding smartphone use and screen time. Using a **non-judgemental** approach, she aims to help you find practical solutions that work for **you and your family**.

Dr Davies will discuss the importance of us all working together to support our young people to thrive, and will cast a spotlight on the great work going on in **Brighton & Hove schools** around smartphone policy.

Topics

- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online
- Adult content, AI chatbots and gaming
- The impact of social media on self esteem
- How fully smartphone free, brick phone only school policies are helping
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology
- Question and discussion time

"The talk is so relevant, full of insight and eye-opening. You will walk away inspired to connect, reflect, and find out more. I highly recommend it."

— Claire Curtis, parent and SFC volunteer.

Year's 1-6:

Please see the flyers below if your child is interested in learning to play violin, piano or cello after the Easter holidays. [Click here](#) for more information for Infant children, or contact Sussex Music School directly on info@sussexmusicschool.com

Instrumental Lessons at West Hove Infant School (Holland Road Site)

A range of instrumental lessons with expert teachers in a friendly and supportive environment to spark creativity and passion for music, tailored for children and young people. Lessons take place in school hours

30 minute – £72.25 pcm (£25.50 per lesson)
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Pair/Small group – £38.50pcm (£13.50 per lesson) –
recorder only

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Violin and
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Grade 8
Trumpet



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Instrumental Lessons Hove Junior School (Holland Road Site)

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30 minute – £72.25 pcm (£25.50 per lesson)
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ALL YEARS

STREETFUNK DANCE CLUB!!

For Holland Road Children at Brunswick School

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School: (Years 1&2)

Day and Time: Fridays 1520-1620

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5 Week Programme Cost: £46

Our After School Programmes are designed to inspire our children towards gaining an interest in the Sciences. Our workshops are a mixture of exciting demonstrations and thought provoking hands-on experiments and tasks.



'Out of Our Senses' - Sensational Science!

'TASTE BUDDIES'

Finding out about flavour is the aim of this session, we explore the reasons why we like some food and drinks, but not others. We will even make sherbet to help investigate what makes our drinks fizz and more acidic.



'GO WITH MY GUT'

Follow food down into the belly as we enter the guts and digest the inner workings of our body from dinner plate to toilet bowl. Find out how the body gets as much as we can by eating and what waste we leave behind.

'SNOTTY SCIENCE'

The body is under attack from dangerous germs and we must protect it! Find out about this seasons must have mucus and how it protects us from the dangerous invaders all around us. Just in case, take some extra home with you as well.

'SHOW ME THE LIGHT'

Become illuminated as we split apart light into rainbows. Discover how light travels and how it can be used every day. Discover invisible messages that are hidden in plain sight to help keep us all safe.



Seeing is not always believing! We open our eyes to the wonderful world of optics and the workings of the brain. We will see how our brain plays tricks on us to see things are not really there!

FUN GRADUATION!

Hopefully we have opened your eyes to the world around us! You will be rewarded with a certificate and a special gift in this fun-filled SOUND session.

Terms and Conditions -Refunds can only be given for cancellations made seven days prior to programme commencing. Any cancellations not made within this period will be charged £5.00 administration fee. No reimbursements will be given for any child asked to leave the programme due to bad behaviour. Refunds can not be given for children missing sessions. Programmes may change without prior notice, however every effort is made to keep to workshops as those stated above.

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GIRLS-ONLY SESSION | YEARS 3-6

WEDNESDAYS

BOYS & GIRLS FOOTBALL
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Spaces are available this term on Wednesdays for keyboard lessons during school time, please do visit the website for more info or get in touch with charlotte.davis@createmusic.org.uk

Volunteers needed

We need parent volunteers to help
with reading, Saplings and more!

Looking for a change of career? Volunteering at
our schools could lead to job opportunities
within the school including Midday Supervisor,
Learning Support Assistant, Breakfast & After
School Club assistant or roles within our Office
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Did you know that if you work in one of our
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attend for free?

For more information, a volunteer pack or
application form contact:
emmabarrell@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk



**Want to know more about DLD
(developmental language disorder)?**

**Want to meet with other parents/carers
living with children and young people with
DLD?**

**Join Claire Edwards, Specialist Language teacher (BHISS),
Lydia Marsden, Speech and Language Therapist and Mandy
Leahy, Specialist Family Support Worker (BHISS) on:**

- **Tuesday 24th November 2026 9:30 -11 at Roundabout
Children's Centre, 178 Whitehawk Road, BN2 5FL**

This is a great opportunity to:

- **Find out more about DLD: what it means and what support is
out there.**
- **Meet other parents/carers of young people in primary school
to share experiences.**
- **Find out what parent/carer groups will be available in future.**

**There are limited places available so if you'd like to join us,
please reply ASAP to: Jane Hale at Jane.hale@brighton-hove.gov.uk**

**We will email you 2 weeks before the meeting to confirm you
have a place.**

We look forward to seeing you there!



PACA's Open Evening

Thursday 8th October

5.00pm to 8.00pm

All Y5 and Y6 students welcome
(No booking required)

PACA, Chalky Road, Portslade, BN41 2WS

Please come and see our beautiful school
on the edge of the Downs





Join us for our Open Events



Open Evening: 5:30pm – 7:30pm Wednesday 23rd September 2026

**Open Mornings: 9am Monday 28th September,
9am Thursday 1st October and 9am Friday 2nd October 2026**

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Dear Prospective Patcham High School Families,

We know what a big decision choosing a secondary school is. It's the place where your child will spend the next five years, making new friends, discovering new interests and growing from a Year 6 student into a young adult taking their next steps in life.

We are a proud, ambitious and inclusive school at the heart of our community. Every student is known, supported and challenged through great teaching, strong relationships and high expectations.

There is so much on offer at Patcham High, both in the classroom and beyond it. We want our students to achieve well, enjoy coming to school, get involved, try new things and make the most of the opportunities available to them.

We would love the opportunity to show you what life at Patcham High is like.

Join us at our Open Evening or one of our Open Mornings. Meet our students and staff, explore the school, see lessons in action and ask us the questions that matter to you and your child.

We'll also be organising some additional events for Year 6 children and their families over the coming weeks, so keep an eye on our website and social media for details.

We look forward to welcoming you to Patcham High

Scan the QR
code to visit
our school
website, watch
our video &
view our
prospectus



To: *Prospective*

Patcham High School

Families

From: *All of us at*

Patcham High

Ladies Mile Road, Brighton, BN1 8PB

office@patchamhigh.org.uk

<https://www.patchamhigh.brighton-hove.sch.uk> **@patchamhighschoolofficial**



Open Evening

Thursday 24th September

5.00pm - 8.00pm

We warmly invite all prospective families to attend our upcoming open evening. Our Headteacher, Mrs Sarah Price, will be giving talks at 5.30pm, 6.15pm and 7.00pm.

The evening will give you the opportunity to look around our school, explore the fantastic range of subjects, meet our skilled teachers and see our great facilities.

You will be able to experience what it would be like to be part of the King's community and to join a wonderful school.



Please visit our website for further information

www.kingsschoolhove.org.uk/

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