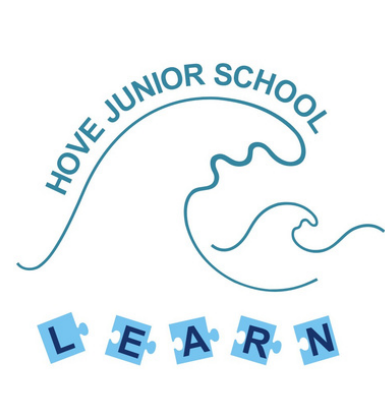




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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 9th October 2026

Dear Families,

It has been a busy and exciting time across the federation, with a range of workshops and events taking place for families. It has been wonderful to see so many parents and carers engaging with our recent maths and reading volunteering workshops.

During these sessions, families gained a greater understanding of how maths is taught across the school and the methods children use in lessons. Parents explored strategies for developing number fluency, calculation skills and mathematical reasoning, and were shown practical ways to support their child's learning at home.

The workshops also provided opportunities for parents/carers to experience some of the resources and activities used in class, and helping them to build confidence in supporting reading fluency. We are grateful for the positive feedback received and appreciate the strong partnership between home and school. Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to making these sessions such a success. We look forward to welcoming more families to future workshops and events throughout the year.

We are pleased to be introducing our new KS2 Class Reading Spine:

This year, we are excited to introduce a new KS2 Class Reading Spine as part of our work towards the **Brighton & Hove Reading Charter Bronze Award**. Each class will enjoy a carefully selected, high-quality book during each half term, alongside a poetry collection which will be shared throughout the year. The books have been chosen to inspire a love of reading, introduce children to a wide range of authors, characters, cultures and experiences, and support our work around themes such as **belonging, empathy, resilience and identity**. Most importantly, we want every child to have the opportunity to enjoy being read to every day.

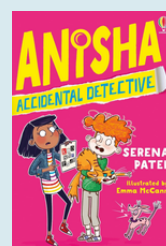


This term, our class readers are:

Year 3: The Wild Robot by Peter Brown



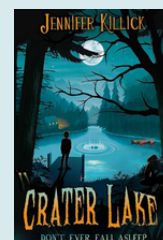
Year 4: Anisha, Accidental Detective by Serena Patel



Year 5: A Kind of Spark by Elle McNicoll



Year 6: Crater Lake by Jennifer Killick



Attendance at Hove Learning Federation

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 well-being 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

Absence:

When your child, is unwell and unable to attend school, we kindly ask that you let us know by calling or emailing the school and provide the following information.

- Your child's name:
- Year/Class
- Date of Birth:
- Symptoms they are experiencing
- If you're seeking medical advice or have sought medical advice

This information will assist us in ensuring that we support your child effectively during their absence.

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.

Donations of good-quality play equipment:

As a school, we would be hugely appreciative of any donations of good-quality play equipment suitable for children of all ages.

Our funds for purchasing additional play resources are limited, so every donation really does make a difference to the play opportunities and environments we can provide for our children. As we begin the lead-up to Christmas, if you are having an autumn clear-out at home, we would be very grateful for any good-quality items that you no longer need.

I have created a poster with some ideas of the types of resources we would welcome, but this is by no means an exhaustive list!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school and our children.



GET READING!

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READING

News!

If you are looking for books to read to match your topic at school why not have a look at

[Booksfortopics.com](https://www.booksfortopics.com)

They have a fantastic selection!



The library!

Which building has the most stories?



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Colin's Monster by
Holly Swain

NEW releases



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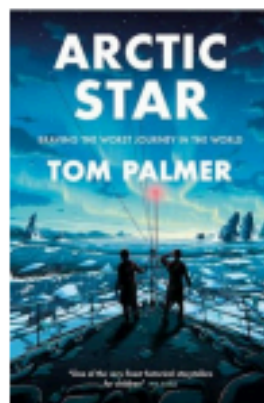
9+
*Dracula and
Daughters* by
Emma Carroll

The World of READING

Brighton & Hove City Libraries and [The Keep Archives](https://www.thekeeparchives.com) are hosting a free event showcasing the newly catalogued **Raymond Briggs archive** at **Jubilee Library on Saturday, 10 October 2026**. Why not check it out!



OUR TOP BOOKS



5 Amber recommends
Arctic Star by
Tom Palmer.
It's a gripping
story of
courage and
survival
during WW2.



Welcome to our new pack!

A huge welcome to the newest members to our community. Our youngest learners have settled into school life beautifully, as shown below!



Staff Spotlight

Empathy



Miss Jeffers -
Head of School at Portland Road

This newsletter's value is Empathy.

What empathy looks like

- Noticing feelings: Watching a friend's face or body language to see if they look sad, scared, or excited.
- Listening: Hearing someone out without interrupting them.
- Imagining: Asking yourself, "How would I feel if that happened to me?"

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

October:

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

Tuesday 3rd - Parent's Evening - Info to follow

Weds 4th - Nasal Flu vaccination consent deadline

Friday 6th - Nasal Flu Vaccination

Thursday 12th - Parent's Evening - Info to follow.





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.

Co-opted governor vacancies

Do you know someone who would make a fantastic school governor?

Hove Learning Federation (HLF), the governing body for West Hove Infant School and Hove Junior School, is looking to recruit two co-opted governors who share our vision to nurture the promise and magic that is inside all our children.

Governors play a vital role in our schools, working as a team with school leaders to provide both support and constructive challenge. The governing board helps set the vision and strategic direction of our schools, oversees their performance and ensures they are well managed, accountable and providing the best possible education and opportunities for every child.

Governors are not involved in the day-to-day running of the schools. Instead, we take a strategic view, asking questions, seeking assurance and bringing different perspectives, skills and experiences to the decisions we make.

You do not need to have worked in education or have previous experience as a governor. Training, guidance and support are provided, and we welcome people who can bring skills and experience from their professional, voluntary or personal lives.

A co-opted governor is someone from the community appointed by the existing governing board because they have skills, knowledge or experience that can strengthen the board. We welcome applications from parents, carers, family members and people from across the wider community.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for people who are willing to collaborate, build strong working relationships, listen and work in partnership, while also being prepared to ask questions, contribute to courageous conversations and constructively challenge where needed. Our governors are open minded, curious and self-reflective critical friends to our schools, and we are looking for people who want to play an active role in the life and development of HLF.

Why join HLF?

Being a governor is a hugely rewarding role. It is an opportunity to make a real difference to children's education, give something back to your community and use, and develop, your own skills and knowledge.

We are a friendly, committed and engaged board and provide new governors with support, training and guidance as they get to know our schools and the role.

To apply

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in joining us, you can download an application form [here](#).

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

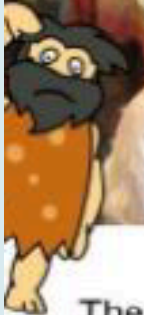
To find out more, [click here](#)





SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL FUND!

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The Hove Learning Federation School Fund helps provide extra experiences, opportunities and resources that enrich our children's learning beyond the curriculum. Thanks to the generosity of families, it has supported a range of exciting activities and workshops, including:

- Curriculum enrichment activities and special events like our EYFS 'Under the Sea' Singing Workshop, Stone Age Workshops, Viking Workshops, WW2 Victory Tea Parties
- Using school fund to support gaps in funding for external year group school trips to Paradise Park, The Wetlands and Drusilla's.
- Additional resources to enhance children's learning experiences

The School Fund is supported by a voluntary annual contribution of £30 per family. Every donation helps us provide these additional opportunities for our children and is hugely appreciated. There is no obligation to contribute if families are unable to do so, and no child will ever miss out as a result. Payments can be made easily via ParentPay.

For more information, please visit <https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/parents/school-fund-information/or> contact the school office. Thank you for your continued support.



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
teams.

Did you know that if you work in one of our
breakfast or afterschool clubs, your child(ren)
attend for free?

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

West Hove Infants & Juniors

Play Equipment Donations Needed

We are looking for donations of play equipment to support our children's play and learning.



Dressing up clothes



Small world toys



Puzzles



Maps



Scooters



Trikes



Play area equipment - kitchens, stools and tills



Wet play games



Top Trumps



LEGO



Jenga



Dolls

If you are able to donate any clean, good-quality items, we would be very grateful.

Please bring all donations to the Reception Office area.

Thank you for your support!

Donation Drive!

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Reception Outside Classrooms?
We need:

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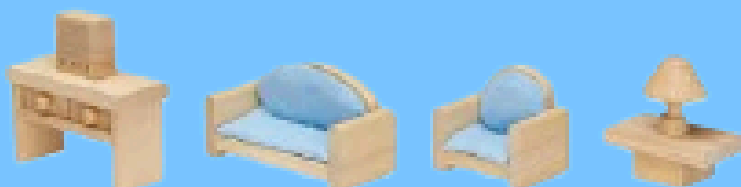
Vehicles



Animals



Toy
Furniture



Schools Mental Health Service



Support for children who have sibling(s) who are neurodivergent

The Schools Mental Health Support Team are offering term time support to the siblings of children and young people who are neurodivergent. Each session will be co-facilitated by two Education Mental Health Practitioners from the MHST Team.

We offer a space for siblings of neurodivergent children to socialise and connect with each other. The group is play based and we offer a safe space for children to explore their feelings, strengths and needs by sharing their experiences with others if they wish to.

You can refer children in Y4-6 who could benefit from attending the 6 term time sessions.

Venue: Tarner Family Hub, Ivory Place, Brighton, BN12 9QE.
Spaces are limited, please refer via your child's school.

"Siblings can often be overlooked, which can lead to feelings of isolation. If this continues, children can become vulnerable to a range of emotional and mental health problems. However, if siblings are acknowledged, and connected to sources of support, they are likely to become more resilient". (Siblings Australia)



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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.



'I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES'

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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**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!



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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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

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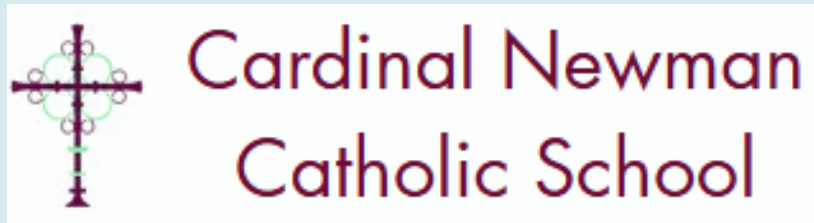
From: *All of us at*

Patcham High

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



Open House Event - Thursday 22nd October 2026

In previous years there have been schools who hold their residential trips during the week in which our Open Event falls. We have anticipated this by offering two alternative dates for a small tour for Year 6 parents and students.

This is **ONLY** if you cannot attend the main event and not an extra visit. This will also cover any exceptional reasons you have as to why you and your child cannot make Thursday 22nd October.

link to book tickets for our main event can be found [here](#)

The dates we have arranged for those of you who cannot attend our Open Event on Thursday 22nd October are:

- Monday 12th October at 9.30am - 10.20am
- Thursday 15th October at 9.30am - 10.20am

If you would like to join one of the above tour dates, please email admissions@cncs.co.uk with the reasons and a form to complete will be sent out directly to you.



King's School
Hangleton Way
Hove
BN3 8BN

01273 840004
admin@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

5th October 2026

Dear Colleagues,

Primary Transition Discussion Event, Thursday 15th October 4-5pm

In partnership with other academy schools in Brighton and Hove, we are pleased to invite you to an event at King's School on Thursday 15th October, 4-5pm. We intend to facilitate a discussion on transition from primary to secondary school and enable a sharing of expertise and best practice which we hope might be useful for people.

We do appreciate it's fairly short notice and people are busy so we'd grateful if you could let us know if you intend to send someone by RSVP'ing to head@kingsschoolhove.org.uk

Parking in our school car park is limited, but parking on all surrounding streets is free of charge. Please park considerately with our neighbours in mind.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Colin Mackinlay
CEO Russell Education Trust

Ms Sarah Price
Headteacher, King's School Hove

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