

Whole School Messages

Thursday 17th September 2026

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](#)

Holiday Activities and Food (HAF)

Funded by the Department for Education, HAF provides a programme of funded activities during the school Easter, summer, and Christmas holidays, for people who receive Targeted (previously named 'benefits-related') free school meals. Activities include sports, arts, music, and more.

Who's eligible for HAF

HAF is for children and young people in Reception to Year 11 who receive Targeted free school meals.

Please be aware that from September 2026 the Department for Education introduced national changes to free school meals. Targeted free school meals are for children from households receiving Universal Credit with annual earned income of £7,400 or less. These children remain eligible for free HAF activities.

This October there are three providers delivering HAF programmes to eligible families. The eligibility criteria will remain that half-term HAF is for school-aged children who receive Targeted (previously named 'benefits-related') free school meals, however they must have an adult accompanying them who will also be fed.

Each eligible HAF participant will be permitted to book on up to two HAF places over the half-term breaks. This will be a much more limited offer than the longer school holidays and does not provide childcare.

October half-term family HAF bookings will go live on <https://eequ.org/brightonhovehaf> on **Tuesday 15 September 2026 at 10am.**

If you have questions about Brighton & Hove HAF or need support with booking, [click here](#)

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.

For more information and an application form, please [click here](#)

Year Group Messages

Year 6:

Secondary School Open Evenings:

Portslade Aldridge Community Academy –

Bookable parent tours – Monday 28th September, 9:00am or 10:00am. Email transition@paca.uk.com with the following information:

Date and Time of Tour, Name of Student, Current Primary School, how many people will be attending in your group – max of 4, Parent Contact Name, Contact Number (in case we need to call you on the day).

Open evening on Thursday 8th October, 5:00pm – 8:00pm. No booking needed. Principal talks at 5:45pm, 6:30pm and 7:15pm.

Patcham High School:

Open Evenings: Wednesday 23rd September, 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Opening Mornings: Monday 28th September at 9:00am, Thursday 1st October at 9:00am and Friday 2nd October at 9:00am.

Please see the posters below for more information.

Key Dates

Year 3	
September	
25.09.26	Stunning Start Workshop – Option to dress up as Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age. Let class teacher know if your child is not to have their face painted
October	
20.10.26	Spooky Disco – Time TBC
22.10.26	Last day of term – Dress down day.
23.10.26	INSET Day.

Year 4	
September	
21.09.26	4 Blue only - Meet the Teacher meeting, in classroom after school.
October	
20.10.26	Spooky Disco – Time TBC
22.10.26	Last day of term – Dress down day.
23.10.26	INSET Day.

Year 5	
September	
17.09.26	Stunning Start – Donations of cardboard boxes, paper cups, kitchen roll tubes requested. Option to dress up in 'Beachwear' such as shorts and t-shirt or sunglasses and sunhat.
October	
20.10.26	Spooky Disco – Time TBC
22.10.26	Last day of term – Dress down day.
23.10.26	INSET Day.

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22.10.26	Last day of term – Dress down day.
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Hove Learning Federation is a Nut Free and Sesame Seed Free School

Please help us keep our school an allergen-free environment and minimise the risk of any person suffering allergy-induced anaphylaxis or food intolerance whilst on the school premises.

The school has a 'Healthy School' award status. We therefore politely ask that parents refrain from giving out treats on the school premises.

Thank you for your co-operation.



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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.



WANT TO DONATE?

Make a contribution to
our School Fund! All
money raised directly
supports resources for our
children.



Hopscotch Holiday Club

October Bookings Are Open!



Holiday Club



Scan the QR code or
use the link in our bio to
book your place today!



This way



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**

Pride • Respect • Success

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***

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September 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

I would like to invite you to our Open Evening on Thursday 8 October 2026 from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.

You do not need to book to attend the Open Evening you can just turn up at any time, however my talks will take place at 5.45pm, 6.30pm and 7.15pm. This is an event for parents of year 5 and year 6 students.

PACA is a vibrant, inclusive school where every student's progress and success at the heart of all we do.

Our ambition is to support your child to develop the skills, knowledge qualifications, character and ambition to create amazing opportunities and to be successful.

Learning at PACA happens within and beyond the classroom and involves far more than the formal, taught curriculum. We actively help our students to recognise their leadership and development capabilities and offer a range of enrichment activities.

With this letter I have included our new PACA Passport, which will give you a feel for our school and a glimpse of the diversity and vitality here at PACA. You can also access our newly updated prospectus on our website at www.paca.uk.com. I hope you will visit us, meet our students and staff, and see through your own eyes what makes PACA a special place to learn.

We are also offering parent tours for year 6 parents only, on the following dates and times:

Monday 5th October at 9.00am or 10.00am

If you would like to book on a tour, please could you email transition@paca.uk.com, with the following information:

Date and Time of Tour
Name of Student
Current Primary School
How many people will be attending in your group – max of 4
Parent Contact Name
Contact Number (in case we need to call you on the day)

Please note that we do limit numbers for each tour.

I look forward to meeting you.

Yours faithfully,



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