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Hove Learning Federation Holland Road Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Families,

As we reach the end of our first half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what a fantastic start we have had to the new school year.

It has been wonderful to see so many exciting events, stunning starts and opportunities taking place across the school sites, alongside the hard work, enthusiasm and determination shown by our children every day. I have been incredibly impressed by the way they have embraced their learning, challenged themselves and demonstrated our school values. There is so much to celebrate, and it has been a real pleasure to see our children growing in confidence, developing new skills and achieving so much in such a short time.

I would also like to thank our families for the warm welcome and support you have shown to Miss Pink as Head of School at Holland Road. The positive response she has received has been greatly appreciated, and I know she is already enjoying becoming part of our school community.

As we move into the half-term break, I hope you enjoy some well-deserved time to recharge and spend time together as a family. We look forward to welcoming everyone back for Autumn 2, refreshed and ready for another successful half term.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. Together, we can ensure the very best outcomes for all of our children.



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.

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:

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.

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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Autumn Term – 23rd October 2026

READING

News!

Saturday 24th October 2026

Jubilee Library 10am-5pm

Brighton Family Bookfest

Free admission

For the first time ever, Brighton Bookfest is joining forces with independent bookshops Book Nook and Afrori Books to present a book festival dedicated to children, young people and families.

There'll be craft, storytime, open mic, a graphic novel workshop, a draw-off competition and lots more to make this a festival for all ages!

[Click here for the Brighton Book Festival website](#)

OUR TOP BOOKS



Year 3

Year 3 have been enjoying listening to poetry from 'Poems Aloud' by Joseph Coelho.



Year 5



Year 5 are loving 'Bright Bursts of Colour' by Matt Goodfellow – a collection of fun poems.



Why was the book so good at keeping secrets?

Because it always kept things under cover!

The World of READING



Any age!

Gruffalo Granny
by Julia
Donaldson

NEW releases

Age 7+

Bunny Vs Monkey
– Day of the
Heroes by Jamie
Smart



Age 9+

The Starmaker by
Catherine Doyle

Events at...

THE BOOK NOOK

Wed 28th Oct Author event with Alice Hemming 'The Pumpkin Thief'

Fri 30th Oct Artist, illustrator and designer Kirsti Davidson and 'Paint Your Own' mini book bench!

Visit booknookuk.com/events for more information



OUR FIRST SCHOOL TRIP!

This week, Reception went on our ever first school trip to The Book Nook! Vanessa, who owns the shop, read us a spooky story before we explored the shop. We even bought a few books to bring back to school!



THE BOOK NOOK

Year 4 BHASVIC College PE lessons

Year 4 had a brilliant time at BHASVIC College! The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a P.E. lesson and making the most of this exciting experience. They showed excellent teamwork, enthusiasm and determination throughout. Well done, Year 4!



Staff Spotlight

perseverance



School Office Team at School Road

This newsletter's value is 'Perseverance'. **What Perseverance looks like**

- Keeping going even when something is hard.
- Not giving up when you find something difficult.
- Trying again and again until you succeed.
- Being determined to do your best, even after mistakes.

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
01273 916609

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:

Fri 23rd - INSET Day.

November:

Mon 2nd - First day of term.

Tues 3rd - Parent's Evening.

Weds 4th - Nasal Flu vaccination consent deadline.

Fri 6th - Nasal Flu Vaccination.

Thurs 12th - Parent's Evening.

Tues 24th - Year 3 Brighton Museum trip. Snack and packed lunch needed.





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.

Half Term Spooky Reading Challenge

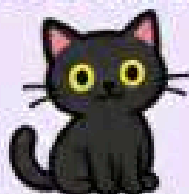


Flashlight Fiction



Read a picture book under a blanket fort using a torch.

Black Cat



Find and read a book that features a cat or a familiar animal.

Witchy Voice



Read aloud (or have an adult read) in a funny, cackling witch voice.

Nature Walk



Read a story outside surrounded by autumn leaves or under a tree.

Orange Cover



Find a book to read with the colour orange on the front cover.

Spooky Whisper



Read a whole page using only a quiet, dramatic whisper.

Bedtime Chills



Complete a cozy story session right before falling asleep.

Friendly Ghost



Look for a story with a helpful ghost or a friendly monster.

Sound Effects



Make funny wind "whoosh" or floorboard "creak" noises during the story.

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!

DONATE
£30!

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!

Can you help us resource our
Reception Outside Classrooms?

We need:

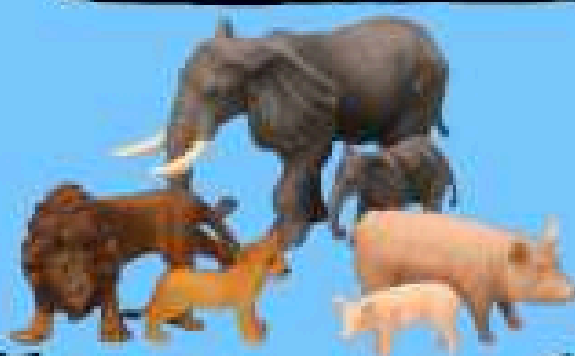
Dolls &
Figurines



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)



ALL YEARS

STREETFUNK DANCE CLUB!!

For Holland Road Children at Brunswick School

WEDNESDAYS

3.15 -4.30PM

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West Hove Infant school Holland
Road (KS1) Sept 26 - FRIDAYS
School: (Years 1&2)

Day and Time: Fridays 1520-1620

Dates: 18/09, 25/09, 02/10, 09/10, 16/10

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.



'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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BOYS & GIRLS FOOTBALL
BOYS & GIRLS | YEARS 4-6

THURSDAYS

GIRLS-ONLY FOOTBALL
GIRLS-ONLY SESSION | YEARS 3-6

WEDNESDAYS

BOYS & GIRLS FOOTBALL
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MONDAYS

GYMNASTICS
BOYS & GIRLS | YEARS 1 & 2



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FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT OUR CLUBS:

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MUSIC BRINGS **JOY**
INSPIRES **CREATIVITY**
AND CREATES **CONNECTIONS**



GROUP LESSONS • **BURSARIES** • INSTRUMENT HIRE
LESSONS IN SCHOOL • PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

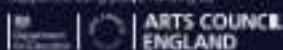
Making music can help to support young people's development and learning, and group lessons are a great way to start learning an instrument. Our team of music teachers offer weekly group or individual lessons in school during the day. Bursaries are available and hire is offered for many instruments.

To support your musical journey Create Music has five music centres across Brighton & East Sussex, offering a space for young people to learn and perform together. We also provide a range of short courses, projects and performances across the year, through Create Music Academy, to help take your skills to the next level.

Learn more at createmusic.org.uk



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Create Music:

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



**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!



PLAYER DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

Player Development Centre Trials give young players the chance to showcase their skills and join one of our local centres. Successful players will be invited to join our Player Development Programme (PDP).

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the full list of trial sessions taking place near you and register your child today!

Price:	Free to attend
Age groups:	Under 6 – Under 16 (Boys & Girls)
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