



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

Hove Learning Federation School/Portland Road Newsletter

Friday 18th July 2025

Dear Families,

Thank you so much for the many messages of support and congratulations for our latest Ofsted report. We are truly grateful and so proud of all the pupils and the team. It has been very special to share the report with you all and that the school and federation has been recognised in such a way.

"Leaders are inspirational. The curriculum is highly ambitious for all pupils. Pupils are exceptionally well prepared for their next stage of education. The school is a place where everyone is welcome, difference is celebrated and all pupils have equal access to high-quality learning opportunities."

We look forward to working with you all in the next academic year and we wish all of our year six leavers and families lots of luck in the coming years.

We are also delighted to share that the junior school has achieved the Goldmark status in PE for a third year running. This is a huge achievement across the school and showcases the enormous amount of hard work from staff and pupils.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/68877>



It has been a busy last few weeks and our year six production 'Bugsy' has been such an audience favourite with staff and pupils. We are so proud of all the cast and team and thank everyone for all their hard work and commitment across our sites.

Our 'Bowls of Belonging' event was a real community success last week and we can't thank you enough for cooking and sharing all your recipes and food with our school families. We will be continuing to have these community events throughout next year.



We hope you enjoyed reading your child's report and we look forward to welcoming you all back on September 5th 2025. Have a wonderful and relaxing summer holiday. Thank you again for your commitment and support for the schools.

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

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01273 916707

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Best wishes,

Maddie Southern

Diary Dates

21st July - Year 6 Silent Disco

22nd July - Last Day of Term (dress down day)

3rd & 4th Sept - Staff INSET days

5th Sept - First day back for pupils

12th Sept - Y3 Portals to the Past Stone Age workshops



Art Week - 7th July

As a whole school, we had a fantastic week discovering different textile and print artists and the skills they used to create their artworks. This year's theme was 'belonging' and what it means to be part of a community. Each year group had a focus artist to research and the children produced an eye-catching artist study page in their sketchbooks. They then experimented and explored printmaking techniques before creating a final artwork.

Focus artists:

Bhajan Hujan (Year 3)

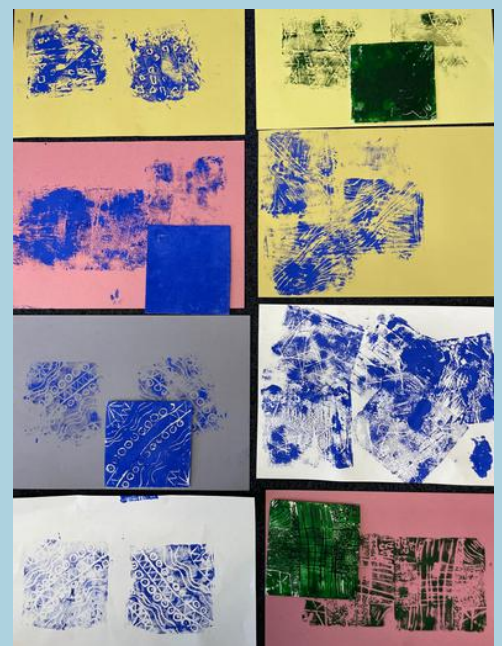
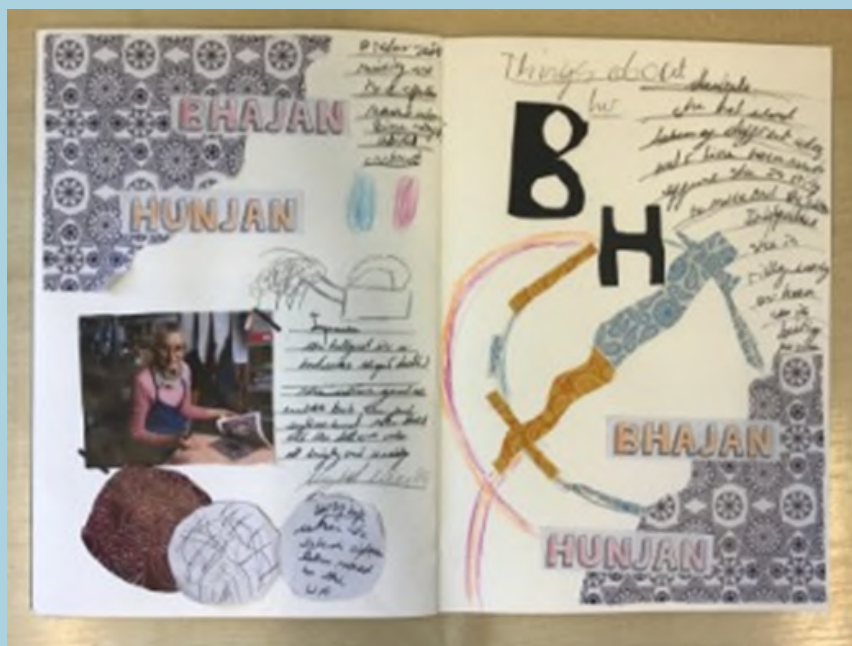
Yinka Shonibare (Year 4)

Lubaina Himid (Year 5)

Katia Barros (Year 6)

During the week, the children also made their own miniature houses and decorated them with recycled fabric and wallpaper. On our Open Afternoon, on Thursday 17th July, before all the parents and carers arrived, we gathered the houses together to create one big Hove Junior School village in the hall! It was a wonderful way to end our creative week.





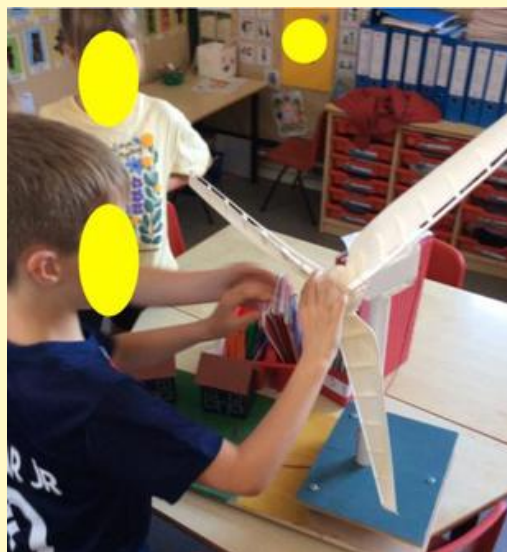
Year 2

Year 2 loved our visit from WHIS parent and engineer Charlie Humphreys last week. Charlie came in to talk to us about the work he does designing offshore windfarms as part of our Seaside topic. This linked into our Geography learning about human and physical features and how the environment can influence human decision making.

Charlie told us about the Rampion wind farm, the impacts to the marine environment and the ports and the jobs supported by the windfarm.

We were fascinated to learn that Brighton's wind turbines are as heavy as 330 elephants and as tall as 20 buses!

We loved looking at some lego models of wind turbines and having a go at turning the blades of a replica model to generate electricity!



YEAR 2 LEAVERS CELEBRATION

Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their leavers celebration, a huge thanks to FOWHIS for organising such a lovely afternoon.



Year 5 Gamelan Workshop at Varndean School

A huge thank you to Sussex Music School and Varndean School for hosting a group of our Year 5 pupils for a brilliant Gamelan music workshop this week.

The children had the chance to explore a traditional Indonesian Gamelan – a unique set of bronze percussion instruments rarely found in UK schools. Working as an ensemble, they created atmospheric music using gongs, metallophones, and drums, learning to listen closely and play in time with others.

It was a fantastic opportunity to experience music from a different culture and develop teamwork, rhythm, and concentration skills in a completely new setting.

Well done to all who took part, and thank you to the staff who accompanied the trip.



Book/Game Swap

Thank you for coming along to our game and book swap after school on 9th July!

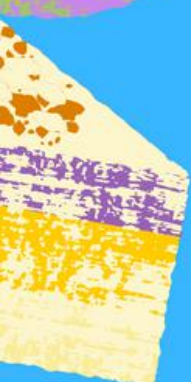
It was a huge success and we hope you found a lovely new game or book to enjoy over the Summer holidays!

Eco Committee want to wish you a SUPER holiday – see you next year for more community events 😊





Our first ever BOWLS OF BE LONGING



On Friday 11th July we hosted a community event on all of our sites where families were invited to bring a well-loved family dish to share with others. The sun shone and we were delighted with such a fantastic turn-out.

There were so many delicious and varied dishes to sample and we saw new connections being made between families and school staff alike.

We are publishing a community cook book with all of the recipes from the day: watch this space for a launch date!

We hope this will become a new school tradition, and can't wait to share more favourite flavours and stories with you.



With warmest wishes, Miss K-H, Mrs Pearce
and Mrs Dawson



Huge thanks to
Jaroslaw Jakubowski
for his amazing
photography skills!



All proceeds from the
Community Cook book
to go directly to funding
school resources!

THE PARENT & CARER WORKING GROUP

End of Year Round-up: Summer 2025

What is the PCWG?

The Parent and Carer Working Group (PCWG) is a federation-wide, parent-led group dedicated to improving all aspects of school life. We bring together the skills, time and ideas of parents and carers to support school improvement, enrich learning, and create a stronger, more connected school community for all children.

No matter your time, skills, or experience, if you're a parent or carer, you can be part of this!

Look What We've Done Together!

- ✓ Website Audit – Full review with improvement recommendations
- ✓ Holland Road Visibility – Improved school presence on ordnance survey maps, and working with Google maps and Right Move
- ✓ School Road Safety – Volunteer team managing drop-off/pick-up barriers
- ✓ Outdoor Spaces – Painted the HR outdoor classroom
- ✓ IT & Infrastructure – Supported school systems audit, and ideas for funding
- ✓ Fundraised over £4000 through crowdfund
- ✓ Grant Planning – Shortlist of project funding opportunities

Join in Next Year!

We're always looking for help with:

📚 Education | 🎨 Creativity | 👨‍🍳 Catering | 🌿 Gardening | 📈 Marketing | 🤝 Equality & more!



DONATE TO HELP
Help the school
with financial
challenges: support
our crowdfunder!

**JOIN THE
WHATSAPP GROUP**
Updates on
projects, meetings
and how to help



Thank you to every parent and carer who's contributed this year.



COINS FOR COMPUTERS

Got leftover foreign coins?

This **September**, we're launching a special **Coins for Computers** campaign to raise funds for **new IT equipment** for our schools.

From interactive whiteboards to updated computers, these resources are vital for giving our students the best possible learning experience.



HOW TO HELP

- 🪙 **From September** bring in foreign coins or notes (any amount, any currency!)
- 🪙 Drop them in the collection boxes during the first week back
- 🪙 Find collection points at reception



Transition Group

Year 7, here we come!

Who's this for?

Year 6 students who feel worried or uncertain about moving to Year 7, and want to:

- Learn about life in Year 7
- Ask questions about the transition in a safe space
- Learn about anxiety and how to manage
- Build confidence and new skills

Where & When? The group will have three 1hour sessions, over 3 days on the following dates:

- **Tuesday 29th July**
- **Tuesday 30th July**
- **Tuesday 31st July**

Time: **11am – 12pm**

Location: **Carden Primary School, County Oak Ave, Hove, BN1 8LU**

Who's running it? Vicky Heath, Sian van Eeckhout and Issy Jackson; **Educational Mental Health Practitioners** working for the **Brighton and Hove Schools Mental Health Service**

Want to join or learn more? **Sign up:** [Summer Transition Group \(Year 6 only\)](#)

Tickets, Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 11:00

[AM | Eventbrite](#)

Email us for more information: Issy.Jackson@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Schools Mental Health Service: Summer Events Flyer



For more information on any of the events below please email: schoolsmentalhealthservice@brighton-hove.gov.uk

Information	Date and Time	Staff	Number of Spaces
Moving on to Secondary School Drop-In Workshop for Year 6 Students, Parents & Carers Are you and your child getting ready for the move to secondary school? Come along to our friendly, informal drop-in session designed to support Year 6 students and their families with the transition. Join our secondary school counsellors for: - Creative activities - A safe space to talk - Helpful ideas and tools to take away Whether you have questions, worries, or just want to connect with others on the same journey — we're here to help. Location: Turner Family Hub, Ivory Place Brighton BN2 9QE	Thursday 14th August 11.00-12.30 and 1.30-3.00 Watermelon Room, Turner Family Hub Tuesday 19th August 11.00-12.30 and 1.30-3.00 Blueberry room, Turner Family Hub	Children & Young People Counsellors – Kate and Charlotte	6-8 young people per session, 2 sessions each day Book via links below: Thursday 14th August 11.00-12.30 Thursday 14th August 1.30-3.00 Tuesday 19th August 11.00-12.30 Tuesday 19th August 1.30-3.00
Information	Date and Time	Staff	Number of Spaces
Exam results support 30-Minute Support Appointments for Students (16+), parents and carers. Receiving your A Level, T Level, Diploma, or other end-of-year results can bring up many emotions. Whether you're feeling excited, anxious, or uncertain, we're here to listen and support you. Book a 30-minute online appointment with one of our counsellors to: - Talk about how you feel about your results - Explore ideas and tools to help you process your news - Find a safe, confidential space to express yourself	Thursday 21st August Friday 22 August (if required)	Children & Young People Counsellors – Kate and Charlotte	Online Appointments Available: 11am-4pm Book here: A level / T level Exam Results Support (Online) Tickets, Thu 21 Aug 2025 at 11:00 Eventbrite Take the time to care for your wellbeing—support is just a conversation away.
Exam results support 30-Minute Support Appointments for Students, parents and carers. Receiving your GCSE results can bring up many emotions. Whether you're feeling excited, anxious, or uncertain, we're here to listen and support you. Book a 30-minute online appointment with one of our counsellors to: Talk about how you feel about your results - Explore ideas and tools to help you process your news - Find a safe, confidential space to express yourself	Thursday 28th August Friday 29 August (if required)	Children & Young People Counsellors – Kate and Charlotte	Online Appointments Available: 11am-4pm Book here: GCSE Exam Results Support (Online) Tickets, Thu 28 Aug 2025 at 11:00 Eventbrite Take the time to care for your wellbeing—support is just a conversation away.

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<u>Siblings support – Summer support for children who have autistic sibling(s).</u> This small group offers a nurturing space to explore together feelings, strengths, and needs in a fun and safe way. We look forward to hearing from you if your child is in KS2 (Years 3 to 6) and you think that they could benefit from attending the 3 summer sessions. Location: Watermelon Room, Tamer Family Hub, Ivory Place Brighton BN2 9QE	All sessions will run from 10 am to 11:30 am • Session 1 - Monday 28th July • Session 2 – Monday 4th August • Session 3 – Monday 11th August	Education Mental Health Practitioners - Lauriane and Sian	Book here: <u>Siblings support – Summer support for children who have autistic sibling(s) Tickets, Mon, Jul 28, 2025 at 10:00 AM Eventbrite</u> There is a limited number of spaces available. (12 max)
<u>Summer Transition Group</u> Three summer sessions for Year 6 students who would benefit from support with the transition to secondary school. This small group will provide an opportunity for children to come together and explore their thoughts and feelings within a nurturing environment. We look forward to hearing from you if your child is currently in Year 6 and you think that	All sessions will run from 11-12pm. • Session 1 – Tuesday 29th July • Session 2 – Weds 30th July • Session 3 – Thursday 31st July	Education Mental Health Practitioners - Sian, Issy and Vicky	Book here: <u>Summer Transition Group (Year 6 only) Tickets, Tue, Jul 29, 2025 at 11:00 AM Eventbrite</u> There are a limited number of spaces available. (Max 12) Please only book a space if your child can attend all 3 sessions.

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Location: Carden Primary, County Oak Ave, BN1 8LU

<u>Information</u>	<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Number of Spaces</u>
<u>Transition to Secondary school Online sessions</u> If your child is worried about going to Secondary school, then these one-off online sessions are an opportunity for them to ask questions and explore some of those worries. Sessions will be an hour and will provide strategies and guidance for navigating those first few weeks in a new school.	Sessions to run online from 11th - 29th August.	Jamie Guiver	On-to-one sessions. To book, contact: <u>Jamie.Guiver@Brighton-Hove.gov.uk</u>
<u>Walk and Talk Sessions</u> To support young people struggling with their mental health. Up to 1 hour sessions All ages welcome- parent and young people sessions available	Dates: AM and PM Tuesday 5th August Wednesday 6th August Tuesday 12th August Wednesday 13th August Preston Park, Preston Road BN16SD(Meet by the Rotunda cafe).	Organised by Hayley Russell, PMHW	For more information and to book a place - Please email <u>Hayley.Russell@brighton-hove.gov.uk</u> to book your place



CHOMP
A ONE * THING

A School holiday session for families
that includes a hearty meal, creative
play and supportive community

Tue 12th Aug 11AM to 1PM
at Holland Road Baptist Church

Please sign up as
spaces are limited

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FOR FREE**



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Holland Road
Baptist Church

Sussex Cricket - WE'VE GOT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS COVERED!

Please see information below about activities taking place at The 1st Central County Ground to keep you all entertained during the holidays!

ONE DAY CUP:

- Sussex Sharks will play one-day cup games at The 1st Central County Ground on Friday 15th (vs. Lancashire), Thursday 21st (vs. Somerset) and Sunday 24th August (vs. Yorkshire).
- Come and support the team for a great day out with 50% off ticket prices for schools across Sussex
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- To claim your discounted tickets please visit our website and enter the following codes Lancs50, Somerset50, York50 at the checkout - Sussex Cricket - WE'VE GOT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS COVERED!

SIXES CRICKET:

- At the start of the season, we opened Sixes Cricket at The 1st Central County Ground.
- Sixes is an interactive cricket game which is fun for all the family and we want to offer our schools across Sussex with a special discount off net bookings.
- To claim please visit the Sixes website and enter the following code SIXES25 at the checkout - Sussex Cricket - WE'VE GOT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS COVERED!

SUMMER CINEMA SERIES:

- Open air cinema at The 1st Central County Ground on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August.
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- Wicked (Saturday daytime), Mamma Mia (Saturday evening) and Frozen (Sunday daytime) will all be shown.
- To claim your FREE tickets, please visit our website - Sussex Cricket - WE'VE GOT THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS COVERED!

Contemporary *Dance*

A young girl with blonde hair is captured in a dynamic contemporary dance pose. She is wearing a bright blue, short-sleeved, button-up jumpsuit with white piping along the edges. Her right arm is extended high into the air, while her left arm is extended outwards to the side. Her legs are in a wide, expressive stance, with one leg bent and the other extended. The background is a solid, vibrant blue.

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Contact:

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Monday 21st July - Friday 1st August 2025

GALAXY GIRLS SUMMER CAMP 2025



When, Where, Who:

- 📅 Mon 21st July - Fri 1st August
- 📍 Balfour Grass Pitch, BN1 6PW
- 🕒 10:00am-3:00pm
- 🧡 All Abilities Welcome
- ❓ Girls Age 6-14

What To Expect:

- FA Qualified, DBS Checked & First Aid Trained Coaches
- Fun & Inclusive Environment
- Skills Training & Daily Tournament
- Medals, Awards & Prizes for all!

Book your place today at: www.brightongalaxy.com



Are you concerned about your 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 Mental Health Lead. Link also available on our school website.

<https://www.westhoveinfants.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/10/2023/03/Capture-1.png>



Naomi Miller (Mental Health Lead) will contact you within a week of your referral.

New referrals will be discussed at half termly triage meetings and support allocated.

NB: If you have an urgent concern about a child's mental health please call 0300 304 0061 during office hours or 0300 5000 101 outside of office hours.

Book Here: <https://hovejuniorschool.magicbooking.co.uk>



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8.30am-4.30pm
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West Hove Infant School
School Road

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Breakfast & a healthy
snack included!
Lunch can be provided for
an additional charge via
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Drop us an email for more info:
clubs@hovejun.brighton-hove.sch.uk

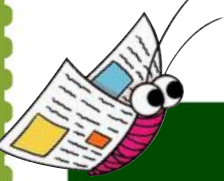
Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!

This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a FREE, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong love** of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn **rewards, certificates, and prizes**
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
👉 summerreadingchallenge.org.uk
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



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Local cash prize every week

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Hove Learning Federation After School Club

We offer wraparound care for your child at our **HLF** Afterschool Club. The children attend straight from school until 6pm. During this time your child can immerse themselves in Lego play, fancy dress, arts and crafts as well as play in one of our playgrounds - there's something for everyone. It gives the children a safe space to unwind after a busy day of learning with their friends, under the care of our fabulous school club team led by Eddie

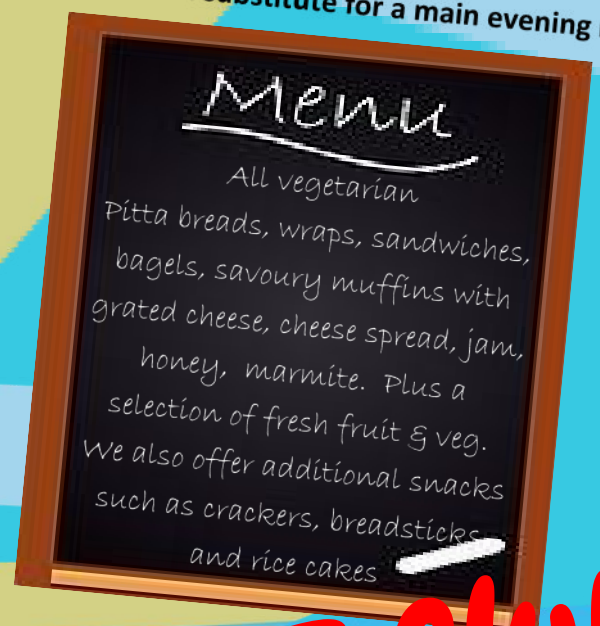
Enquiries: hlf.afterschoolclub@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

A high tea is also offered during this session - this is not intended as a substitute for a main evening meal.

£15 per session with 10% discount for additional siblings when attending the same session.

Book your child's space via Magic Booking ensuring to include additional information such as medical needs and allergies within the profile section.

If your child is attending another club beforehand or is being picked up by someone else, please contact Eddie and Finance team on the above email.



School and Portland Road Afterschool Club is based within the School Canteen - accessed via the Infants pedestrian gate.

HLF club



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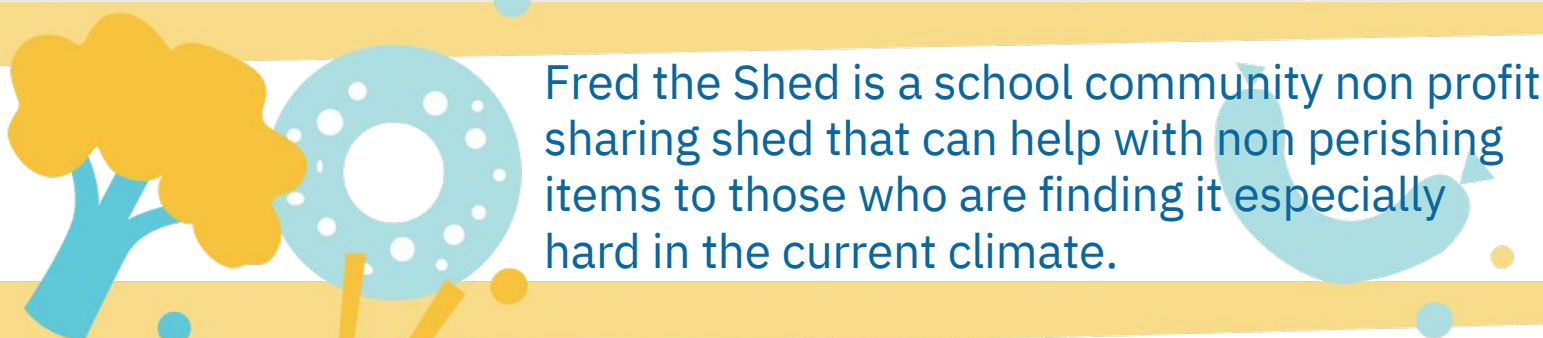


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FRED THE SHED



Fred the Shed is a school community non profit sharing shed that can help with non perishing items to 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 which can be dropped into either school reception areas.

OPEN every Friday
after school

along with Fred's free bakery
which comes from generous
volunteers from Olio

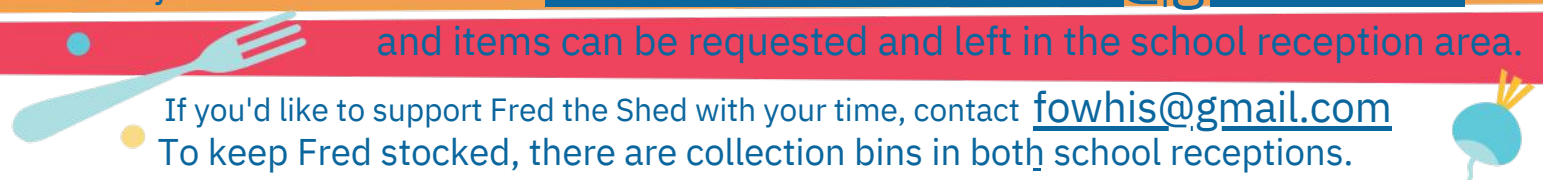
Fred the Shed is located in the juniors
front playground just next to the main gates



If you don't feel comfortable with approaching the sharing shed, please email our
anonymous email address fredshedschoolroad@gmail.com

and items can be requested and left in the school reception area.

If you'd like to support Fred the Shed with your time, contact fowhis@gmail.com
To keep Fred stocked, there are collection bins in both school receptions.





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WANT TO FEEL CONFIDENT IN YOUR YEAR 6 SATS?

Limited spots available in my:

 RYAN FAERS
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Year 6 Maths Group

Tuesdays (5.00-6.00pm) weekly

- Arithmetic & Reasoning papers
- Interactive quizzes
- Modelled examples

One
space
left!

First
lesson
free!

Current
teacher
and school
leader

This half term in Maths:

- 07/01** - Multiplying decimals by integers
- 14/01** - Dividing decimals by integers
- 28/01** - Understand percentages
- 04/02** - FDP equivalents
- 11/02** - Percentages of an amount - 1 step
- 18/02** - Percentages of an amount - 2 step

Year 6 English Group

Mondays (5.30-6.30pm) weekly

- Reading and Grammar papers
- Comprehension skills
- SPaG applied in writing tasks

Two
spaces
left!

This half term in English:

- 06/01** - Punctuating boundaries
- 13/01** - Non-Fiction comprehension skills
- 27/01** - Word classes
- 03/02** - Poetry comprehension strategies
- 10/02** - Punctuating sentences
- 17/02** - Fiction comprehension skills



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