

Weekly Bulletin – School Road

Whole School Messages

Thursday 17th September 2026

Entering and exiting the school grounds:

A gentle reminder that anyone needing to enter or leave the school premises during school hours must do so via the Infant school office. All visitors and children must be signed in and out and we cannot allow entry or exit through the junior playground at any time, other than at the beginning or the end of the day when the gates are open for everyone. Thank you.

New parent visits for September 2027 intake:

For information on our open mornings/evenings for children due to start Reception in September 2027, please [click here](#). We have 5 different open dates for you to book on to by either telephoning the school office on 01273 733386, or by e-mailing admin@westhove-inf.brighton-hove.sch.uk

Hopscotch Holiday Club – October Half term:

Fang-tastic news... Hopscotch Holiday Club October bookings are officially open and 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

Reception:

Reception playground playdate:

Join FOWHIS (Friends of West Hove Infant School) in the infants’ back playground on **Friday 2 October, 3.15pm–4.00pm**. It’s a lovely chance for children to play with their new classmates and for parents and carers to meet. There will be a bar and tuck shop, cake stall, free games and crafts — pop the date in your diary and come along!

Key Dates

Reception	
September	
October	
02.10.26	Individual School Photos
02.10.26	FOWHIS meet up in the back playground, 3:15pm – 4:00pm
22.10.26	Last day of term – Dress down day.
23.10.26	INSET Day.

Year 1	
September	
October	
02.10.26	Individual School Photos
22.10.26	Last day of term – Dress down day.
23.10.26	INSET Day.

Year 2	
September	
October	
02.10.26	Individual School Photos
22.10.26	Last day of term – Dress down day.
23.10.26	INSET Day.



DONATE HERE

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.





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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EVERY WEDNESDAY

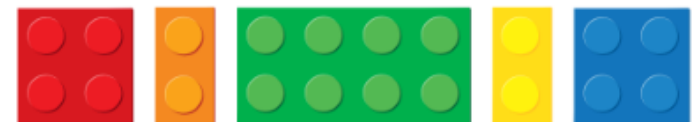
3:15 PM – 4:15 PM

EXCLUSIVELY FOR YEAR 1 & YEAR 2 STUDENTS!

PLEASE GET IN

TOUCH VIA

HOVELEGOCLUB@GMAIL.COM



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!



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