

## Welcome back



The year has started so well with the children leaping into 2025, and returning with very positive attitudes and behaviours for learning.

With high attendance, children were soon enjoying time with their friends and learning as musicians, artists, readers, scientists, geographers, writers, mathematicians, sportspersons and computer scientists.

We explored goals and ambitions this week in our assemblies. We also shared how positively we can look at life. We shared how a cold and frosty morning could seem unwelcoming and dull, but these images reflect beauty and joy:



## Assembly themes this term:

Week 1: Goals and Dreams

Week 2: A sense of place and learning about others

Week 3: Pupil leaders / HVA Citizen Certificate

Week 4: International Week / belonging

Week 5: Children's Health Week

Week 6: Internet Safety Week

## Parent Academy Councillor vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a volunteer Parent Academy Councillor. This is a role that is about school governance. If you would like to support the school's strategic direction and continued success, please consider applying via the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1kBQD6L1Wu>

## HVA 3 Charities Appeal 2024/25

At the end of last term, we shared that for the remainder of the year, we will be supporting the following 3 charities: Wallace and Gromit Grand Appeal (Bristol Children's Hospital), Weston Hospicecare and Shelter.



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February there will be one-off extra after school clubs to raise money for the Grand Appeal. The clubs will be sport and fitness focused, and link well to the theme of Child's Health for that week. *More information about the clubs plus a link to a form to book places will be sent to parents next week.* Please note: fundraising money of £2 per child/per club will be collected the week before in cash.

## Uniform providers – grey 'leg wear'

We are continuing to welcome donations of second-hand uniform to the school office which is sold at a cost of £1 per item.

For families finding some difficulty in obtaining grey 'leg wear' to meet the expectations of the uniform policy, we would like to remind all families that skirts, shorts, pinafores, tights and trousers are all options. In addition to various online retailers including various Amazon stores, the following companies appear to be able to provide appropriate clothing through their online stores, which may also include collection in store:

- Matalan online
- Asda direct online
- Primark online – collection in stores
- Sainsbury's online – collection in stores
- NK Sports in Worle
- Marks & Spencer – collection in stores

## Mentoring children – volunteering in school

Please see the attached poster to volunteer to mentor children in our school through the ROC organisation.

**In the Learning:** Here are some images from this week reflecting the experiences and opportunities that have supported children's learning this past week.



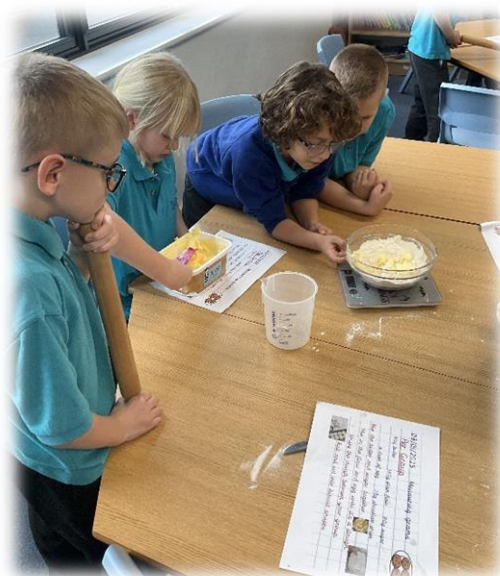
Reception children have explored Space this week with the Space Experts at the Explorer Dome and in their own role-play.



In Year 1, the week started off with children coming into school in their pyjamas and sharing their favourite bedtime books.



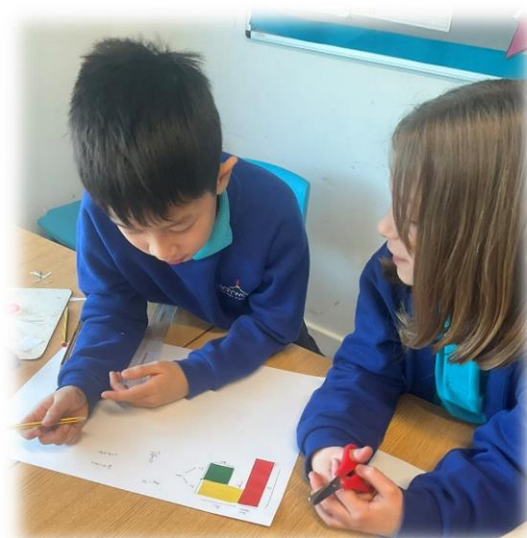
Year 2 scientists have been learning all about bones.



Year 3 mathematicians have been using scales and their knowledge of measurements to measure ingredients to bake their own cookies!



Year 4 have been recalling their knowledge of what it means to classify using biscuits! This will support their learning as scientists this term.



Year 5 mathematicians used their reasoning skills to challenge our thinking with calculating the area of different compound shapes.



Year 6 Whitebeam class welcomed the Police into school to begin their Mini-Police programme for the next 2 terms.



Well done to Lara, Myla and Arya for their artwork this week as they displayed highly impressive water-colour skills.

### School Calendar

Please view the school calendar for all school events for the year.

<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>

#### January 2025

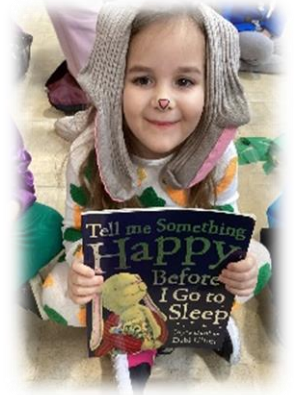
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> – Reception 2025 parents Open Afternoon, 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 start swimming lessons
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> – SENCo drop-in sessions, 2:30pm – 4pm
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - School Choir performing at Young Voices Concert in Birmingham

#### February 2025

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter, 9am – 11am
- Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 Pupil Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Pupil Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term 3
- 15<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> – Half Term holiday
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> – First day of term 4

### Looking ahead - World Book Day Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

This year we will once again enjoy World Book Day. Over the years we have encouraged families to enjoy creating home-made and recycled costumes of book characters. There are many great ideas that can be created at low cost and often families have described that pulling together these outfits whilst they take a bit more time can be fun to create together.



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