

The Firework Event on Monday 6th was clearly a huge success for our community. Despite the threat of rain, with your support the skies were lit up with a wonderful firework display and everyone enjoyed this traditional event.



School Assemblies

In our school assemblies, we typically create a theme for each week. Themes for this term are listed below.

- Week 1: Safety
- Week 2: Democracy
- Week 3: Child in Need
- Week 4: Energy Saving
- Week 5: The Arts
- Week 6: The value of money
- Week 7: Christmas

We have assemblies on Mondays and Tuesdays. On Wednesdays, we have a singing assembly. Thursdays is Team Talk and then on Fridays we have our online Celebration Assembly.

What is Team Talk?

Team Talk takes place on Thursdays. It is approximately 15-20 minutes. Your child is in a group with different age children across the school. They gather and talk about ideas linked to the assembly theme of the week. Occasionally, we have Team Talk in our classes.

Darker nights and keeping safe

This website has lots of practical good advice <https://firstaidforlife.org.uk/keeping-children-safe-in-dark/>

Although made for the North American audience, with references to words we do not often use e.g. sidewalks, this 2 minute cartoon is a good one to watch with your children

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=flv4hzJyGec>

or this 30 second advert is also one to prompt thinking about 'being seen'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JsVhdUv409s>

Recognition for excellent curriculum opportunities

You may have noticed changes to our letter footer recently. This is because we have been updating the letter footer with awards or recognition from various organisations for the curriculum opportunities we offer at HVA. These have included Gold Artsmark, Music Award, Eco Schools and the PE Gold Award.

Music Mark 2023-2024

I am delighted to say that we were nominated and granted the Music Mark Award 2023 – 2024, which celebrates the value that we place on music in our school. Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, championing and supporting access to music for all children and young people and we are thrilled that they have acknowledged all we do here to inspire, celebrate and motivate our young people in all things musical! Our 'everyone learns an instrument' approach, alongside opportunities to listen and regularly sing, are part of our commitment.



Key Stage 1 Christmas singing performance

There will be a KS1 Christmas singing performance on Monday 11th December at 2:30pm. We will not be able to fit all parents into the hall for this. This is not a full-on production and there will be a limit on the number of seats available. You will be able to sign up to attend – a form to request places will be sent out to parents soon.

Eco-Schools Award

As we gained the Eco-Schools award for the second year in a row just before the summer break, a tree has been planted on our behalf by the Eco-Schools team through the "JUST ONE tree" project. During the next rainy season, your seedling will be transported to its new home where it will remove up to 308 kgs of carbon from the atmosphere during its lifetime.



Year 6 Residential Camp

This was an excellent week, and we are all incredibly proud of the behaviour and personal challenges this group of children were involved in during last week's trip to Beam House. They were a credit to the school and whilst staff give up their time to attend, it makes it so worthwhile when the children enjoy it so much.



Car Parking for Blue Badge Holders

The Blue Badge scheme helps you park closer to your destination if you're disabled. Please be mindful that you do need to display your blue badge to avoid unnecessary challenge to your entitlement. The limited disabled parking bays in our car park should not be used by those not entitled to the spaces.



Coffee mornings

Please come and join Mrs Saunter and other special guests for tea, biscuits and chat the first Wednesday of every month from 9am to 11am in the HALE building. Our community of parents is growing, we really do want to hear your thoughts and opinions regarding all aspects of life for you and your child/children at HVA.

Term	Date	Guest/ focus
2	06.12.2023	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat 'Principal policies' This is your chance to discuss any of the HVA policies with Mr Ellis e.g., uniform, behaviour, enrichment, and trips. We would really love to hear your views.
3	03.01.2024	Simply Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat With Mrs Saunter and Fiona Mayne.
3	07.02.2024	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat 'Advanced parenting' Talk openly about parenting with Mrs Saunter and other professionals within North Somerset.
4	06.03.2024	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat 'Keeping everyone safe' Come and discuss local safeguarding issues with Mrs Saunter, Kathryn Volk and linked PCSO's/ Police officers who support our school.
5	17.04.2024	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat 'Transition talks' Building links with secondary school staff, take the chance to ask questions to support your Year 6 children.
5	01.05.2024	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat 'SEND' and Wellness for all' With Mrs Lovely, Mrs Saunter, Mrs Innes and Alastair Letch (EMHP). Meet the people who can support you and your child/children in a range of areas.
6	05.06.2024	Simply Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - With Mrs Saunter.
6	03.07.2024	Simply Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat With Mrs Saunter, Happy holidays and goodbye for now.

Foodbank

As we all know the cost of living for all families is rising, so please remember that you are always welcome to request food parcels from our school foodbank by contacting Mrs Saunter via the school office or email sarah.saunter@clf.uk.

You may not know that Mrs Sautner is also able to issue food bank vouchers for the Foodbank in Weston offered by the Trussell Trust. You can find out more about the great work The Trussell Trust do on their website <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>. The process is very simple, and the voucher will be emailed to you directly. If you require support, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Saunter, who will be happy to help you.

Attendance

We would like to update families on our approach to sickness. **When a child has sickness or diarrhoea that is infectious, they must stay off school for 48 hours.** From now on, if children experience one-off sickness, for example, travel sickness, sickness from coughing or during physical activity, **they will only need to remain off school for 24 hours.** Please anticipate that the school office may ask additional questions if you inform us your child is off school because they have been sick. If your child is experiencing one-off sickness and you are happy that they are well, we would welcome them in school after 24 hours. Please be reassured that we will inform you if your child becomes unwell during the school day and if they need to be collected.



Hedgehog news

In September four baby hedgehogs, called hoglets, were rescued by HVA staff and taken to Secret World Wildlife Rescue. You will be pleased to know that the hoglets are all doing well and will be returning to HVA next week to start a new life here. More information to follow.



School Book Fayre

The fayre will be after school on Monday 20th November, Tuesday 21st November and Wednesday 22nd November. It will be open between **3:30pm and 4pm** in the school hall on each of these days.

The book fayre is provided by Travelling books and for every book purchased Haywood Village will earn rewards which can be spent on books and resources to continue to fill our school library and classrooms with high quality texts. Your children will have the opportunity to look around the book fayre during the school day on Monday 20th November. The book fayre will accept payment by cash and card.

In the learning...

Here are some pictures and descriptions of learning in school in the past few weeks:



Pre-school exploring art about firework displays.



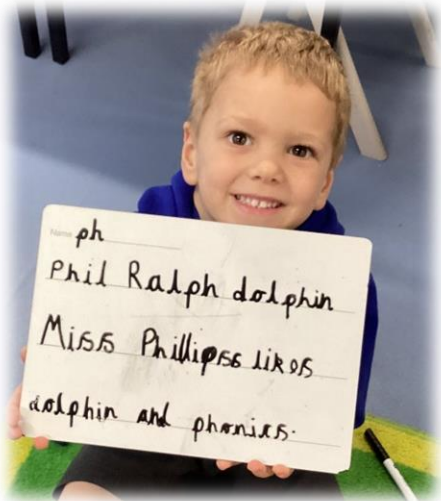
Year 2 scientists have planted cress seeds and thought how they will help them grow.



Reception artists have been celebrating Diwali this week by making Diwa lamps. They drew a plan of their designs, then created the designs using clay!



As historians, Year 3 learnt about the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes. Here they are creating a living timeline of the events that occurred on the 5th of November, all those years ago!



Year 1 writers have learnt a new sound. Can you work out what it was?



Year 4 have enjoyed ERIC (Everyone Reading In Class) time after lunch to support them to develop their reading skills.



Year 5 and other Key Stage 2 classes spoke with John Penrose (MP) about democracy and Parliament and had the chance to answer any questions the children had about the area he represents.

Golden Mentions

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The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week:

Antony, Jacob and Rory in Year 1 all wrote amazing recounts from their trip around Haywood Village. Renée and Nylah in Year 1 produced fantastic art models. Year 2 writers Athena, Emily, Lacey and Lucas for their recounts from their trip to SS Great Britain. There were many Gold Book entries for children in Year 6 for their achievements at Camp – all for building resilience and overcoming adversity!

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Calendar update

Check our events pages regularly because events will be added throughout the year.

[\(https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/\)](https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/)

- Monday 13th Nov – Tour for Reception 24/25 parents – 1:30 – 2:30pm
- Tuesday 14th Nov – Year 6 pupil showcase - 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 17th Nov – Children in Need
- 20th – 22nd November – School Book Fayre - 3:30pm – 4:00pm each day in the hall
- Thursday 30th Nov – Tour for Reception 24/25 parents – 1:30 – 2:30pm
- Friday 1st Dec – Friends of HVA Christmas Fayre – 3:30pm – 5:00pm
- Tuesday 5th Dec – Year 4 pupil showcase – 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 6th Dec – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter – 9am – 11am
- Thursday 7th Dec – Christmas Jumper Day
- Thursday 7th Dec – Year 4 trip to Weston Museum
- Monday 11th December – Key Stage 1 Christmas singing performance – 2:30pm
- Tuesday 12th Dec – Reception to Year 2 trip to the Pantomime
- Tuesday 12th Dec – Pre-school Christmas songs and crafts – 1:45pm – 3pm
- Wednesday 13th Dec – Year 3 - 6 trip to the Pantomime
- Wednesday 13th Dec – Christmas Choir Performance – 2:30pm – 3:00pm (for parents of children in choir only)
- Thursday 14th Dec – Reception Nativity performance – 9:15am – 9:45am
- Friday 15th Dec – Christmas lunch
- Friday 15th Dec – last day of term
- Tuesday 2nd Jan – INSET day – school closed to pupils
- Wednesday 3rd Jan – first day of term 3