

Happy new year!

Despite the seemingly early return and drearily heavy rain last week, we've enjoyed the energy and positivity from the children and families. The children and teachers wasted no time in reconnecting with each other and were soon jumping into their new learning for the term.

Young Voices in Birmingham

On Wednesday this week, 35 children, a large section of our choir, travelled to Birmingham to perform in the largest children's choir performance in the world. Performing to a full arena of parents, friends and family, Miss Johnson and the team were extremely proud of the children who sang and danced until late into the night. To perform in the Young Voices concert was an incredibly memorable experience.



Welcome to Mrs Robertson

This week, we have welcomed Mrs Robertson to our teaching team. Mrs Robertson is an experienced teacher who has joined us temporarily until the summer to further support children in Years 5 & 6. She will predominately work with small groups of children in the mornings.

Food bank

Thank you for all the donations you continue to bring in. Before Christmas, we were able to support some of our families in our community with some 'shopping supplies'. You can continue to donate as we build up our stock to share when this is ready to distribute. Toiletries, tinned soups, tinned fruit, pasta, rice and cereals are particularly needed. Thank you! If you need a foodbank voucher or access to our foodbank, please contact Mrs Innes or Mrs Saunter.



International Week - Reminder

During the week beginning 22nd January, we will be celebrating the diversity of our families through an International Week. We would like to invite families to contribute to this week.



- Family tree – We would like to give children the chance to share their family tree with other children. If parents can support with this, it would be great. Your child *can, but does not have to*, bring in a family tree on paper and be ready to share with other children in their class.
- We are looking for parents to volunteer to come into school to share their family heritage – particularly if this is a country outside of the UK. We can organise for whole-class talks and small group conversations with children. We would welcome parents who might want to share customs/traditions, similarities or differences with their country of origin and the UK. If you are interested, please email Miss Billitteri: gemma.billitteri@clf.uk

Parents – support for behaviour at home – last chance to sign-up

As previously advertised, we are fortunate to have a new parenting support group run by the local Mental Health in Schools Team. This will be a 6-week programme, running from Tuesday 30th January at 9.30am, held in the Community Room space at Asda. If you are interested in taking part in this group, please contact Mrs Lovely: Laura.Lovely@CLF.UK no later than Monday 15th January

Children's Mental Health Week – Your school needs you!

Do you have a skill, talent or hobby which could be shared with groups of children? Perhaps you coach a sports team. Maybe you are a talented artist. You could be a musician. Whatever your interest, we would like your help for Children's Mental Health Week, week commencing 5th February. We would like to convince children to spend less time on their digital devices and more time finding new hobbies by providing a variety of 'taster' sessions throughout the week. If you are able to donate 30 minutes, or more, of your time during that week, please complete [this online form](#) or speak to Mrs Lovely for more information.

Do you want to join the HVA team?

We are interested to hear from parents who are able to commit to support children voluntarily in school and support our children and the teaching team. We are looking for adults who can spare some time each week to help listen to children read. We are also keen to encourage volunteers who may like to consider if they can support children through our Transforming Lives for Good mentoring programme. If you are interested in this, there is specific training and more information can be found on the website <https://www.tlg.org.uk> before you contact Mrs Saunter or Mr Ellis.

We have job vacancies for Learning Partners. We are also due to advertise for more mid-day supervising assistants (SMSAs). The SMSA role supports play and mealtime supervision with the children and can be great way to start a route into teaching and teaching assistant work. Are you hardworking and kind? Can you form positive relationships with children? If so, apply and we can explore and support your application:

<https://accesspeople.accesscloud.com/CabotLearningRecruitment/>

Support with costs and free school meals

Would you like your child to receive a reduction in the cost of school trips, receive free school meals (when they are in Year 3-6), and as a family have a voucher for school uniform each year? If so, you can apply via

https://ems.n-somerset.gov.uk/CCSCitizenPortal_LIVE/en to see if you and your child are entitled to free school meals/ Pupil Premium. If you need help please contact Mrs Saunter, our family support worker.

In the learning...

Term 3 has got off to great start with learning across the curriculum!



Pre-school enjoyed learning about the role of hairdressers and how they do their job, all in preparation for their own hair salon opening up next week in the classroom.



Beech and Birch class in Reception enjoyed meeting their new Year 6 reading buddies.



Reception children enjoyed a visit to the Explorer Dome.



Year 1 enjoyed their gymnastic lesson with our Gemini Gymnastics coaches, as they worked on their balance and strength when using the climbing apparatus.



Year 2 musicians are learning the recorder over the next 10 weeks. They had their first lesson today.



Year 3 have been busy drawing inspiration from the 'Magic Brush' story. After reading, they used some brushes of our own to paint a scene from the story using watercolours, taking inspiration from famous Chinese paintings.



Year 6 artists have been exploring acrylic paint and how they make their chosen tertiary colours.



You may see Year 4 wearing times tables! Please ask us these questions as it will continue to support us with our speed and accuracy as mathematicians.

Calendar update

Check our events pages events for our school calendar:

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

- Tuesday 23rd Jan - Year 3 history activity – Henry VIII
- Tuesday 6th Feb – Year 3 pupil showcase 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 7th Feb - Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter 'Advanced parenting' - 9am
- Thursday 8th Feb – Pre-school visit to Weston Playhouse to see "Dear Zoo"
- Friday 9th Feb – last day of term 3
- Monday 19th Feb – first day of term 4
- Friday 1st Mar – PTA Sleepover
- Monday 4th Mar – Friday 8th Mar – World Book Week
- Wednesday 6th Mar – Coffee morning 'Keeping Everyone Safe' with Mrs Saunter, Kathryn Volk and local PCSOs
- Thursday 7th Mar – World Book Day
- Monday 11th Mar – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 13th Mar – Parents Evening
- Friday 15th Mar – Comic Relief 2024
- Monday 25th – Thursday 28th Mar – Haywood's Got Talent! Week
- Tuesday 26th Mar – Year 2 Pupil showcase 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Thursday 28th Mar – Haywood's Got Talent! Final
- Thursday 28th Mar – last day of term 4

Golden Mentions

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The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week:

Well done to Ronnie and Dottie for their huge improvement in knowing their times tables – great progress; all the children in the HVA Young Voices choir; Logan in Year 3 for significant personal growth and Phoebe in Year 6 for her contribution to school beyond the classroom – supporting other children.

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Like all classes, play leaders are teaching new playtime games to children. In Year 5 Pine class, their play leader taught the class 'Cross the River' as part of their PHSE 'connect me' time.