

The Poetry Slam

Following from a week of whole-school poetry when we returned after half term, many poems were forwarded to the CLF Trust-wide poetry competition. In addition, in school we held a poetry slam led by the children – this was lots of fun!

World Book Week

Last week was a really exciting week in school. We Stop, Dropped and Read – where everyone paused to read in the Street as a whole school, we dressed up as book characters/themes, there were workshops from Bristol Old Vic theatre exploring 'Reworked Fairytales' and a book-inspired bake-off from families.



Assembly themes this term:

- Week 1: Inspiration – HVA's Got Talent!
- Week 2: World Book Week
- Week 3: Shelter Awareness & Safety Week (this week)
- Week 4: Neurodiversity Week (next week)
- Week 5: Sustainability Week
- Week 6: Respects & Careers Week

Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents Evening this week. It was great to share time with parents exploring the success and next steps in their children's learning.

Success in the pool!

In February, 12 swimmers from KS2 attended the North Somerset School Swimming Gala at Hutton Moor. All of the children competed well in their events, despite varying swimming abilities taking part. HVA swimmers displayed many of our values and great learner attributes including resilience and respect. We were incredibly proud of all for their exceptional contribution, managing to finish in 2nd place, out of 16 schools!



Awareness of the Shelter charity

We talked about the charity Shelter in our assembly this week. As part of the HVA 3 Charities Appeal, we hope you can further revisit the information we shared about the important work this charity does in Weston-super-Mare and further afield. <https://england.shelter.org.uk/> The school sleepover today will raise over £700 towards Shelter.



Bend the rules raises money!

The children enjoyed bending the rules on 14th February and raised a wonderful **£942.50** for the PTFA.

Haywood's Got Talent – auditions everywhere



Children will begin classroom auditions on Monday 24th March. We have been promoting that as many children practise and offer a talent. Some children may feel that they will not be 'get chosen' to represent their year group. However, we feel that by even trying this is a great opportunity to build confidence for now and the future.

Repeat: Do you have 30-45 minutes spare each week? We have had a couple more volunteers – keep these coming.

Can you spare 30-45 minutes per week to meet with a child in school to support them as a coach and mentor? *Some children carry more than others, and they will benefit from the village of people who care and will support them.* If you want to know more, please email Mrs Saunter, our Family Support Worker Sarah.saunter@clf.uk

Parachutes After-School meet the PCSOs

Last week, our local PCSOs came into school to meet children in our after-school club and share information about the work they do in the local area.



Bristol Bears and their partnership with HVA

Please see discounted ticket information at the bottom of the newsletter.

Further to the message on the last newsletter about the Bears partnership, we are pleased to share that coaches from the Bristol Bears will support Year 4 children, in Term 5 and 6, with their rugby skills and personal development.

Citizens Certificate

Well done to all children who are working hard on completing elements of your Citizens Certificate, either through the Teams or paper versions. For inspiration, take a look at the photos below which show how some of our pupils are contributing as a citizen of our local community!



Online safety – HVA Acceptable Use Policy

As you may be aware, all children from Y1-Y6 now have individual log ins to access technology devices in school. Over the next few weeks, children in KS1 and KS2 will read and sign a '**HVA Acceptable Use Policy**' to ensure all children understand and follow guidelines for safe, responsible and effective use of technology resources in school. The Safeguarding Team (Mrs Saunter, Mr Jones and Mr Ellis) receive live alerts, each day, where unacceptable use occurs, which may be discussed with children and parents as required.

Calling Year 6 parents – 2nd April 2025 coffee morning

Mrs Saunter will host a coffee morning in HALE on Wednesday 2nd April from 9am - 11am with Secondary colleagues from Winterstoke Academy, Hans Price Academy, Broadoak Academy and others (to be confirmed). This is an informal opportunity to find out information or ask any initial questions you may have. Please note, this is not a formal transition meeting and does not replace any formal transition plans that your child's secondary school has scheduled. You do not have to stay for the whole coffee morning session, but you are most welcome to drop in for a cup of tea/coffee and a chat with secondary colleagues.

Important notice – hospital admissions

In the very rare situation that your child has to attend hospital following an accident at school, we are required to keep a record of this should your children be admitted to hospital for 24+ hours.

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



Today, pre-school Apple class celebrated the big day of maths. They explored circles, triangles and squares, then conducted a shape hunt looking for these shapes in our environment. They then used the shapes they had collected to collaboratively create pictures.



Reception children, like many others, were very excited by the re-opening of the school field for lunchtime play.



In Year 1, mathematicians were learning all about money. They set up shops, printing and adding coins to make an amount.



Year 2 artists have been exploring printing with different materials and colours.



Year 5 musicians continuing with their ukelele lessons.



Year 6 artists have been artists exploring mixed media printing! They linked their scientists theme of enquiry with their work as artists by creating prints of the heart.



Year 3 scientists used microscopes to observe the different parts of a plant in great detail (even being scientists on World Book Day!)

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Well done to Indi In Year 5 for her writing achievement this week – superb writing of a Cinderella 'Reworked fairytale'.



Year 4 writers visited a local beach to ignite their learning of our new finding tale: Renata's Seaside. They read the text in a setting that enriched the imagination, wrote Kenning's poems about the surroundings and freeze framed as well as beachcombed like Renata herself!

School Calendar

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

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

March 2025

- Friday 14th – HVA sleepover to raise money for Shelter
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th – Haywood's Got Talent! Week
- Tuesday 18th – parents invited into class to watch ELDER class recorder lesson, **start time changed to 9.00am**
- Tuesday 25th – parents invited into class to watch ELM class recorder lesson, **start time changed to 9.00am**
- Wednesday 26th - parents invited into Maple class (9:10am) and Mulberry class (9:55am) to watch a clarinet lesson

April 2025

- Tuesday 1st – Year 2 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm
- Wednesday 2nd – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter, 9am – 11am
- Wednesday 2nd – Year 2 Inventors Day
- Thursday 3rd – Year 1 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
- Friday 4th - Haywood's Got Talent! Final, 1pm – 3pm (for parents of finalists)
- Friday 4th – last day of term
- Monday 21st – Bank holiday – school closed
- Tuesday 22nd – First day of term
- Wednesday 23rd – Year 3 trip to The Matthew and M Shed, Bristol
- Friday 25th – Tulip photography - class and leavers photographs
- Tuesday 29th – ZooLab visits Reception classes

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Bristol Bears Community Foundation will host an annual Community Day when Exeter Chiefs visit Ashton Gate on Saturday, March 22nd (5:30pm KO).

As part of their commitment to our local partners, Bristol Bears Community Foundation is offering a special discount rate in the Atyeo Stand. Local school and rugby club partners will be able to claim discounted tickets, with adult tickets priced at £20, and U12s at £7.50. The game will be a celebration of the work of Bristol Bears Community Foundation as well as a chance to find out more about our plans for the future. Please see the code and artwork below.

