

After a long couple of terms, the children deserve a break, and no doubt parents may enjoy a break in the school routines too. We are really pleased and proud of the achievements of the children – not only in how they are as learners but how they are developing as lovely people. We hope you have a safe, restful, and enjoyable time this Christmas/winter break with your families.

### 10,000 reads gave us a wonderful surprise!

After challenging the children to collectively reach 10,000 reads this term, the teaching team surprised the children with a 'Sleigh-pool Karaoke'. Mrs Lovely, as *James Corden*, picked up various teachers on a wintry journey as they selected the best Christmas song with Alexa (Mrs Giles). Highlights included the Principal and Vice Principal as reindeers and Mr Allen and Mr Chapman as Christmas rappers!



### Pantomime at the Weston Playhouse

Thank you to everyone for supporting the whole-school panto trip this week. It was a great experience, full of the traditional panto comedy and themes. We also appreciate the time some parents were able to offer to support as volunteers as they joined us to keep our children safe.



### More musical success at Haywood Village

We are continuing to promote musical opportunities beyond classroom teaching and we thank families for supporting the Choir's Christmas singing performance this week and Year 3's Ukelele showcase.

Following on from the interest and excitement of the Year 6 clarinet and Year 3 ukelele lessons in Term 1+ 2 we have investigated how we can offer pupils the opportunity to further develop these skills. In the new year we can now offer Key Stage 2 pupils the opportunity to learn the Clarinet, Guitar (acoustic), Guitar (electric) and Ukulele through extra paid lessons. You can also choose whether your child has an individual, paired or a group session.

If you wish to apply for lessons, please follow the link: [www.wema.org.uk/register](http://www.wema.org.uk/register)

You then need to select Haywood Village from the drop-down list of schools, here you will find prices and further information.



### Pre-school parents – Apply for Reception 2024 school places

The deadline to register your children for Reception places at school for September 2024 is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

### International Week

During the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:gemma.billitteri@clf.uk)

### **In the learning...**

A busy last week in school has seen a mix of seasonal fun and lots of opportunities for the 'designers' curriculum.



Pre-school had a great time at their Christmas craft and sing-along. The most popular table was the biscuit decorating!



Year 2 visiting the school library on Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.



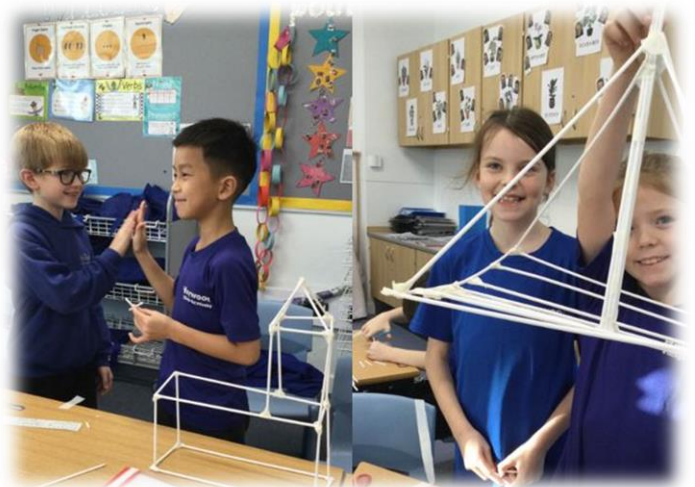
Beech and Birch class in Reception put on a wonderful nativity show of 'Wriggly nativity'.



Year 3 designers creating their first successful catapult and trebuchet! Amazing prototypes during our designer's week.



Year 1 were treated to Fiona Mayne, Haywood Village Church's pioneer minister, telling the story of Christmas that Christians believe in.



Year 4 designers working as teams to create their structures.



Year 5 designers exploring levers, with these two being able to explain their understanding.

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As mathematicians, Year 6 used scales to measure out ingredients for our Christmas shortbread.

### Clubs for next term

Hopefully everyone has had the chance to book onto clubs for next term. You will find out if your child has a place in a club early next term. Clubs will start w/c 8<sup>th</sup> January. We are looking to add 2 further outdoor learning/ forest school clubs in Term 4, but will monitor how the weather impacts the Forest School area in Term 3.

### HVA Citizen Certificate update

Thank you to parents for the feedback to support the development of the HVA Citizen Certificate. We begin the new year sharing this with children in assembly and will give children a further opportunity to discuss it in their Team Talk. After this, we will share in more detail with parents.

### Christmas Radio Show

Our DJ Radio Crew have produced a Christmas radio show. You can tune in and listen to the short 10 minute show full of jokes and seasonal chat on <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/curriculum/school-radio-2/>. You can also download the app for Soundcloud and search for Haywood Village Academy.

### Calendar update

Check our events pages events for our school calendar:

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

- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan – INSET day – school closed to pupils
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – first day of term 3
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter and Fiona Mayne – 9am
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 2 start swimming lessons
- w/c Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – After-school clubs restart
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – meeting for parents re: Year 6 residential Oct 2024 – 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan – Year 4 workshop on times tables rock stars and MTC – 4:00pm – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – choir travelling to Birmingham to attend Young Voices Concert
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan – Explorer Dome visiting Reception
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan – Inclusion team 'drop-in' sessions with Mrs Lovely – 9:00am – 10:30am
- Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 3 pupil showcase 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb - Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter 'Advanced parenting' - 9am
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb – last day of term 3
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Feb – first day of term 4
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – PTA Sleepover
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Mar – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Week
- Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Mar – Coffee morning 'Keeping Everyone Safe' with Mrs Saunter, Kathryn Volk and local PCSOs
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – World Book Day
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents Evening
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> Mar – Parents Evening

### Golden Mentions



The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week:

Lacey, Leighton and Casey for their tremendous progress in reading, writing and maths in recent months.

Luca and Oskar, in Year 5, for their design skills, in which they confidently shared their understanding of levers, mechanisms and the design process.

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