



Newsletter
15th May 2026

Assembly themes in Term 5

- Week 1: Empathy – Understanding behaviour and resilience
- Week 2: Responsibility – Citizens and safety
- Week 3: Curriculum - Linguists
- Week 4: Kindness – Medical differences
- Week 5: Respect – Protected characteristics

Haywood Village Academy

Email information regarding your concern to safeguarding@hva.clf.uk and a member of the safeguarding team (Mrs Saunter, Mr Ellis or Miss Hall) will get back to you to find out more.

School gates

For morning arrival, register begins from 8:55am, with pupils completing morning tasks from 8:45am. The school gates close at 8:55am in the morning. Often, our team on the gate will need to be in school to start teaching at 9am, so please ensure prompt arrival or use the office entrance after 8:55am if needed. We also want to remind you that the school gates are closed at 3:40pm in the afternoons.

Reading Challenge and Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair is back in town. The book fair is with us on **Monday 18th, Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th May**. Scholastic have kindly provided us with 5 FREE vouchers worth £5 for spending at the book fair during this time. Every child who has read FIVE TIMES during a week will go into a prize draw to win one of these vouchers each week up until the fair.



This time, the book fair will be positioned **under the Forest School canopy**. There will be signs and posters guiding you where to go. Card and cash payments will be available.

School Uniform

In line with new government guidance, we would like to update that from September, there will be three branded items that are available to purchase for uniform. These are the school polo t-shirt, the PE t-shirt and the school jumper. In regards to other items, they can continue to be worn and will be naturally phased out over time as the items become too small to wear.

We would also like to remind that uniform expectations are all-year round, including the last term of the year! Staff will be issuing letters to inform you when pupils are not adhering to the school policy. It may also happen that staff provide pupils with reminders within the school day. Our uniform policy states the next steps that can be taken should uniform not be at the expected standard. Our policy can be found on our school website:

<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/School-Uniform-Policy-2026.pdf>

School Dog Trial - update

As an update, Robyn has completed her first two trial mornings, which have been successful. We will continue to trial in the next term so she is able to meet as many members of our school community as possible!



Year 6 SATs week

This week, our Year 6 pupils have completed their statutory assessments, consisting of Grammar, Spelling, Reading and Mathematics papers. They have shown exceptional levels of motivation, courage and resilience throughout the week. The rest of the school have supported brilliantly by creating a calm and quiet atmosphere for the Year 6 children to complete their papers. Well done to all Year 6 children, staff and parents for supporting throughout the week!

HVA 3 Charities Appeal



Our upcoming **community car boot sale** for Weston Hospicecare is nearly here! This will take place in the HALE carpark from 11:30am -1:15pm on Saturday 23rd May. All members of the community are invited – we have a limited number of stalls remaining so do book ASAP! Tables cost £5 and must be booked in advance. Please bring £5 cash to the school office to book your table.



Upcoming Writing Exhibition – Thursday 21st May

Every child from Pre-school to Year 6 will have work displayed within our school hall with opportunities to achieve awards for writing skill, presentation and improvement. Parents/carers will be able to see how children's writing has developed and improved over the school year. Parents are welcome to view the exhibition from 3:30pm - 4:45pm. Please enter via the Forest School gate.


Upcoming – Year 4 MTC tests

The Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) window is approaching and will take place from 1st to 12th June. The MTC is a statutory assessment for all Year 4 pupils, designed to check rapid recall of multiplication facts up to 12×12 . It includes 25 questions with limited time per question, encouraging fluency. The checks will be delivered in the school street over the course of the two weeks. Strong times table knowledge underpins success in maths, supporting division, fractions, and problem solving. Please support your child by practising daily for 5–10 minutes, especially using Times Tables Rock Stars. Optional breaktime sessions are available for extra support.

Parent communication requests

We are working on a document which clarifies school responses for different types of parent communication requests. This will range from immediate requests to meet with a member of staff, the leadership team and the school's timeline in which you can expect a response. This will be communicated within the next week.

Please note our current code of conduct that we expect both parents and staff to adhere to in an equal manner. Thank you for your support with this.


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- ✓ Our staff have a right to work in a safe environment.
- ✓ They must be able to come to work without fear of violence, abuse or harassment.
- ✓ The academy has a zero-tolerance attitude to any of the above.
- ✓ Violent, threatening, abusive or harassing behaviour will not be tolerated.
- ✓ Any individuals that act in the above manner will be asked to leave the premises.
- ✓ Our staff are here to help; please treat them with respect.

Haywood Village Residents' Association

Haywood Village Leisure Enterprise (HALE) are really keen for members of the local community to join them in reigniting the HVRA. It is a chance to be part of community events or have your say on what is offered in our local community.

If you are interested, please contact Dave on the email below:
haywoodairfieldle@gmail.com

Elm class drop-in teacher sessions

We are offering a drop-in opportunity for Elm parents to meet Mr McKenzie for informal parent/teacher meetings next week. These meetings will run on:

- Tuesday 19th May - 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Thursday 21st May - 3:30pm - 4:30pm
- Friday 22nd May - 3:30pm - 4:30pm

These meetings will be run on a drop-in basis, but if you want to pencil in an approximate time, please talk to Mr McKenzie at the class door at collection or drop off.

Senco drop-in sessions

The next SENCO drop-in sessions will be held on:

- Friday 15th May, 2.30pm - 3.30pm
- Thursday 4th June, 8.30am - 9.30am
- Tuesday 7th July, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Come along and speak to Mrs Lovely (SENCO) regarding any concerns you have about your child's learning, health, or wellbeing.

Community litter pickers – free hire

As a drive to keep supporting the local community, we have made some litter pickers and hoops for bin/waste bags available to hire (for free) from our school office. This can be for pupils to work towards their Citizens' Certificate or members of the local community. All you need is to provide your name and contact number, alongside length of hire (weeknight or weekend)! This system will be in place for the start of Term 6.

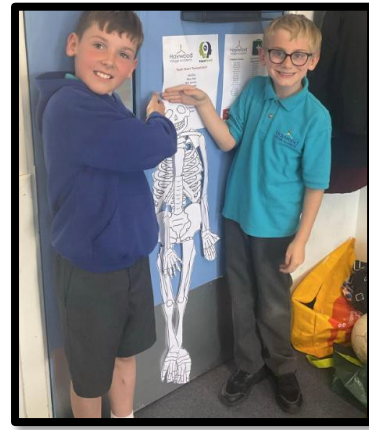
In the Learning: Here are some images from the last two weeks reflecting the experiences and opportunities that have supported children's learning.



In Pre-school, Apple class had Bob the Badger in to explain all about brushing our teeth!



In Reception, writing standards continue to be exceptional!



As scientists, Year 4 have been learning all about the skeleton system.



Year 1 have produced some fantastic collages this week.



Year 5 have been out enjoying Forest School this week (and term).



What a fantastic trip to Court Farm our Year 2 pupils had this week – thanks to all parents for supporting with this!



Year 6 have been preparing hard for, and completing SATs tests, over the last few weeks. This image is of a very exciting Spelling Bee competition!



Year 3 mathematicians have been exploring and using perpendicular lines.

Golden Mentions

Well done to:

- Rory (Y1 Chestnut) – his learning all about parts of a flower!
- Saraya (Y2 Elder) – Great independent writing!
- Leo (Y1 Chestnut) – Earning his 25 metre swimming certificate!
- Dottie-May (Y4 Mulberry) – An excellent 'Chloe and the Thunderdog' story!



School Calendar

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

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

May 2026

- Monday 18th – Wednesday 20th – Book Fair, 3:20pm – 4pm in the Forest school canopy area
- Tuesday 19th – Year 6 trip to Warner Bros. studios – Making of Harry Potter
- Tuesday 19th – Year 3 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 20th – Year 1 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Thursday 21st – Writer's exhibition, 3:30pm – 4:45pm in the school hall
- Friday 22nd - Last day of term 5
- Saturday 23rd – Car Boot Sale in aid of Weston Hospice care, 11:30am – 1:15pm

June 2026

- Monday 1st – First day of term 6
- Thursday 9th – Year 6 Portals to the Past immersive history day
- Tuesday 16th – Reception trip to Bristol Sea Aquarium
- Friday 19th – Art Exhibition, 3:30pm – 5:30pm in the hall
- Monday 22nd – Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 24th – Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 7pm
- Friday 26th – Rainbow Day
- Tuesday 30th – Moving Up transition Afternoon 1

July 2026

- Wednesday 1st – Moving Up transition Afternoon 2
- Friday 3rd – INSET Day – School Closed
- Friday 10th – Sports Day
- Wednesday 15th - Reception Pupil showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Tuesday 21st – Year 6 Leavers Assembly, 9am – 10:30am
- Tuesday 21st – Last day of term.



Free, safe and anonymous mental health and wellbeing support in North Somerset for all parents & carers.

Whatever you're going through, we're here to help



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- Find practical advice and information
- Chat anonymously with a counsellor
- Access a range of emotional wellbeing tools



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SAVE THE DATE

Bookings go live **Friday 12th June at 9am**

Young people who receive benefits related free school meals are invited to book onto our free HAF Summer Activities.





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For more information about HAF please visit: About the HAF programme | North Somerset Council





Winterstoke Hundred Academy Year 6 Transition Days:

Tuesday 30th June 2026
9am - 2.45pm

Wednesday 1st July 2026
9am - 2.45pm

Thursday 2nd July 2026
9am - 2.45pm

All to be held at our Locking Parklands site on Apprentice Way



GET READY FOR MAY-HEM 2.0 HOLIDAY CLUB

READY TO BOOK

BOOK EARLY TO AVOID THE PRICE INCREASE
PRICE INCREASE FROM 11th MAY

This May half-term, we're turning up the energy and excitement with our **MAY-HEM 2.0 Holiday Club**. Running from 26th to the 29th May. **MAY-HEM** is a multi-sport and craft activity club designed to keep kids engaged, active, and smiling from drop-off to pick-up. Whether your child loves running around outdoors, discovering new games, or getting creative with colourful crafts, there's something here for everyone!

MAY-HEM Holiday club details...

26th – 29th May 2026
8am to 5pm (Shorter days available)
From **£24.68** for the shorter day
(£28 shorter day from 11th May)

<https://www.futurestarscoaching.co.uk/product/holiday-club-booking/>