

We have had a really fun few weeks in school recently. We are fortunate to have such a supportive community who have helped add to the interest and quality of the education we are offering.

We continue to teach our planned curriculum. However, we also add extra focus on some days and weeks, where there are national special weeks or days of interest.

### British Science Week and special guests

During this week, we have had several classes across the school enjoy meeting some of our parents who use science as part of their jobs. It has been very inspiring, and the children have been very positive about this.

Thank you so much to Mrs Chewter for sharing how she supports surgeons with Laparoscopy (keyhole surgery) and their skills in using the technology. Thank you to Mrs Bees, who is a paediatrician, who was able to lead a presentation on how she uses her understanding of human biology to care for children. Thank you to Mrs Volk, who is a vet, who shared her work with the biology of animals to help and care for them.



### It was World Maths Day... on Tuesday

We are fairly sure that parents were pleased that we did not ask them to help the children to dress up as numbers or calculations! During the day, we raised the profile of maths through an assembly, a battle of times tables on TT Rock Stars and some more open-ended problem-solving challenges.

### Red Nose Day

We look forward to sharing our fundraising today. After school today there was the opportunity to soak the highest voted-for member of staff in the stocks!



FRIDAY 17 MARCH

### We have chicks again!

Well done to Year 1 who have looked after and supported the hatching of two chicks. Children across the school have been keen to see them. Videos of their arrival can be seen on the following link!

[https://twitter.com/HVA\\_chestnut/status/1635675279543631872](https://twitter.com/HVA_chestnut/status/1635675279543631872)

### Our local police have been working with our children

This week Reception have met members of the police to explore road safety and *stranger danger*.



### Lunches at school

This week in school, all the children had a chance to feedback in their Team Talk groups on their mealtimes. This was following an assembly from the school's catering company, Aspens. The children seemed very comfortable to share their honest opinions about what Aspens provides. This included, but was not limited to, comments such as wanting more food, more healthy fruit desserts and different options such as those provided on theme days. We will be sharing their feedback with Aspens.

### Writers Exhibition – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Children from Pre-school to Year 6 have been working incredibly hard as writers. As we get ready to move into the summer term, we have been reflecting on how far we have come as writers both in our presentation and quality of writing. We welcome parents to visit the exhibition on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March after school to celebrate your child's work. We will be sharing the winners of Most Improved Writers and Best Quality Piece of Writing next week!



Haywood Village Academy presents...

HVA Writers Exhibition  
Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March  
Open from 3:15-5:30

Please join your children after school in the hall to celebrate our writing from Preschool – Year Six. Every child will have work on show.

Prizes to be won:

Most Improved Writers, Best Quality Piece of Writing



### Learning in action!

Families can view learning experiences on the class pages on the school curriculum pages on the HVA webpage. Below is snapshot of some of the action:



Year 1 Historians finding out about life in the past from Miss Philips' grandma.



Pre-school have enjoyed the chicks hatching in Year 1 – lots of talking!



Year 2 exploring static electricity as Scientists!



Reception enjoyed World Maths Day and explored repeating patterns together.



As Musicians learning and singing sea shanties.





Year 4 Scientists using refraction to bend light and create optical illusions – clever and fun!



Year 5 Artists drawing silhouettes.



Year 6 Scientists using equipment such as a pen torch to examine the condition of the eye, following their paediatrician visitor.

## Calendar update

Check our events pages regularly because events will be added throughout the year. (<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>)

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March - Writers Exhibition 3:15pm – 5:30pm.
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Year 1 trip to The Wild Place Project.
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Pre-school trip to Weston Playhouse.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Year 1 pupil showcase 2:30pm – 3:15pm.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Year 2 Inventors Day.
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> March – Haywood's Got Talent week.
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – last day of term.

## Dogs on site

We request that dog owners do not bring their dogs onto the school site. This has been our policy for 6 years. More recently it has been helpful to reduce the chance of distraction as Ned, the school dog, is able to keep his focus on supporting children to come into school on some days.

## Pantomime – December 2023

This is to confirm that we have booked the panto at the Weston Playhouse for Reception to Year 6. This continues the tradition of 'one year on, one year off' to enjoy the Christmas tradition.

## Would you like to book into Breakfast Club or Parachutes After School Child Care?

Breakfast Club runs from 7:45am. It costs £4 for pre-school children and £2.50 for all others.

Children can start the day in a calm environment and choose to have cereal and/or toast for breakfast.

Parachutes is staffed by three HVA staff members. It starts at the end of the school day and ends at 5:45pm. It costs £4 for the short session (until 4pm) and £7 for the long session (£9 for pre-school children). Children have opportunities to play outside and in the hall, do crafts and fun activities, watch programmes, do their homework, play board games, read stories and more.

## Interested in being a teacher?

You can train with the CLF's School Centred Initial Teacher Training Programme (SCITT). Visit <https://institute.clf.uk/train-to-teach/> to find out more.

## Golden Mentions

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The following pupil went into the Gold Book this week:

Logan (Year 6) for maths, Joseph (Year 5) for writing and Eva (Year 1) for great learning.

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