

With a shorter week next week, we are looking to make the most of school every day before the half term break. Teachers plan right up until the very last day – let's try and finish the term well altogether. We would love to get 100% attendance!

Can you believe we even managed to get onto the field this week? This is always so much fun for the children.

As we go into the second term, there are big changes with school communications and payments we need all parents to be aware of. They are noted in this newsletter and on separate letters being shared next week.

Assembly themes this term:

Week 1: Returning to school/House Team names

Week 2: Great Learners

Week 3: Responsibilities & Safety

Week 4: Charity – Food

Week 5: Black History & Poetry

Week 6: Black History

Week 7: Self-Agency, Democracy (this week)

Week 8: Energy Week (next week)

Whitney has returned home!

Whitney, our very own Norbot, has returned from being displayed at the Grand Appeal exhibition at The Mall, Cribbs Causeway.

As part of our 3 Charities Appeal, we helped to contribute in raising over £2,000,000 for poorly children in Bristol and beyond as part of the Bristol Children's Hospital endorsed charity.

Look out for a revisit of our Charity Appeal work through assemblies and Team Talk groups next term!



Important Changes to Communications - headlines

There are significant changes beginning after half term – please read our letters that we will share next week.

What stops?

- Twitter/X
- Teachers2parents texts and emails

What stays?

- Termly emails by year groups
- Letters home and events on our website
- Fortnightly newsletter

What is new?

- All messaging and emails via MCAS app
- Class Dojo app to be used to see pictures of school life

Payments

All bookings and payments for lunches as well as Parachutes after-school club and breakfast club and enrichment activities such as school trips, visitors to school, swimming and after-school clubs will now need to be made via the MCAS app.

Important Change to Booking School Lunches

From **Monday 3rd November** school lunch choices for *all* children will need to be ordered via the MCAS system using the dinner ordering section of the app.

For Key Stage 1 this will replace the usual paper copy of the meal choices sent home on a 3-weekly cycle. If a meal has not been chosen by parents via the MCAS app then your child will be given the main lunch choice.

Lunch choices need to be made in the app by Friday before the upcoming school week. This helps us plan accurately for the week's meals, ensures the kitchen can order the right supplies, and helps prevent food waste.

If you need help setting up your MCAS account or have any questions about ordering lunches, please contact the office. A paper copy of the meal choices will be available from the office if you require one.

Road Safety messages

"We can report that our car parking and car safety is much improved – thank you. People are slower and safer" Toby (Y5) and Pippa (Y6) .

Every other term, our Health & Safety reps, supported by Ms Shapiro, observe how parents are parking and driving. We would like to see fewer children jumping out of unparked cars. So please drop off by the cones so children can walk to a nearby path – we will look to see if we can install road markings to help with this.

Poppy Appeal

The children will be selling poppies and other items in aid of the Royal British Legion when we return to school, week commencing Monday 3rd November.



Attendance

As we reach the end of Term 1, we want to say a huge well done for such strong attendance across the school. It's been a fantastic start to the year! Have a restful and enjoyable half term break — we look forward to welcoming everyone back for Term 2.

Looking ahead, please remember not to book holidays during the school term in the lead-up to Christmas. Every day in school matters — children take part in valuable learning. Missing even a few days can have a big impact on their progress.

Let's all teach them – knives and forks

As a plea for the half term coming up, can parents support our lunchtime team by teaching the children to eat with their knife and fork.

- Eating with a knife and fork helps children's fine motor skills, which in turn helps handwriting, art and general presentation.
- Even more importantly, it helps children to manage and eat their food safely.

Top tips:

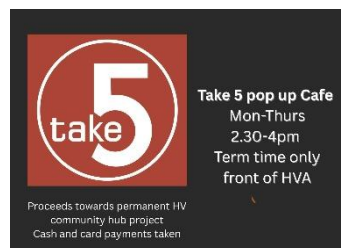
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The Return of Take 5

Take 5 pop up cafe will be launching at the front of school after half term on Monday 3rd November 2.30pm - 4 pm. It will run Mondays-Thursdays term time only with a team of volunteers serving you. You will be able to buy tea, coffee, fruit teas, hot chocolate, lattes, cappuccinos and Americanos to keep you warm as you collect your children.

Other activities will happen around the T5 stand too. Watch this space! Proceeds will go towards a permanent community cafe hub for Haywood Village. Cash and card payments accepted.



Friends of HVA Firework Display

The firework display is on Tuesday 4th November. Gates opens at 6pm and the display will start at 7pm-7.15pm. A letter has been emailed to parents with more information.

- £6 Adult ticket
- £3.50 Child ticket
- Free Under 2's ticket
- £15 Family of 4 Ticket (Max 2 Adults)

Click on this link to order tickets: <https://friends-of-haywood-village-academy-ptfa.square.site/>



Come in and read any and every day after school

Every parent, including grandparents, are very welcome to come into the classroom at the end of the day and listen to your child read. Having this opportunity for families seems to be helping families have a positive reading experience.



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



Pre-school Apple class have been learning important teeth-brushing skills as they grow their independence and understanding of hygiene.



Reception children have been exploring and practising their threading skills – creative fun and supporting their fine motor skill development.



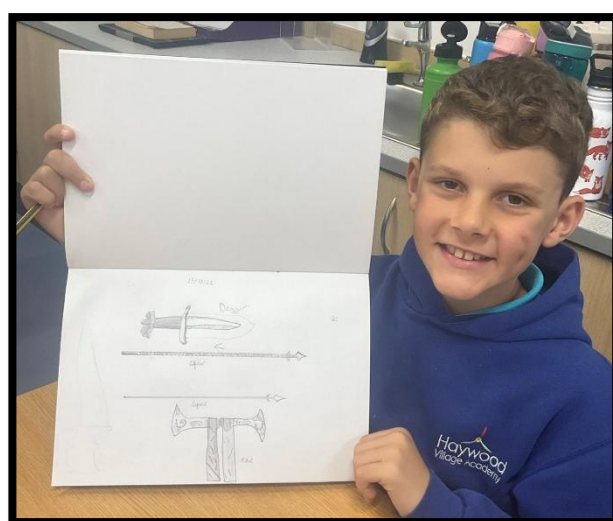
Year 1 artists have looked at the work of Keith Haring. They commented on how fun his pictures are. His work makes some of us feel happy!



Year 2 historians ventured to Bristol and explored the SS Great Britain.



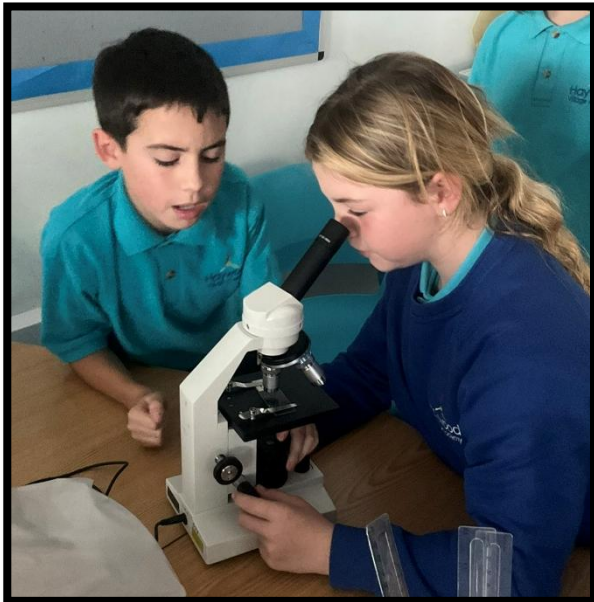
Year 3 scientists have been investigating the properties of rocks – they were exploring permeability.



Year 4 historians have been learning about Anglo-Saxons. This week they have been developing their skills creating texture in drawings of Anglo-Saxon items.



Year 5 mathematicians started a new unit in maths. They explored money, identifying the values of each coin/note. They role-played buying and selling items, needing to give exact amounts and giving change.



Year 6 scientists have been looking at cells under a microscope. Ask them the parts of the cell!



Golden Mentions

Well done to Emily (Year 4) for promoting the foodbank as one of her school jobs.



School Calendar

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

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

October 2025

- Sunday 19th – Wednesday 22nd – Year 6 residential to Barton Hill
- Monday 20th – Reception 2026 Open Evening, 7pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 21st – Year 5 Pupil Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 22nd - Last day of term
- Thursday 23rd – Friday 24th - INSET days, no children in school.

November 2025

- Monday 3rd – start of term 2
- Monday 3rd – Year 5 Ancient Egypt Day
- Tuesday 4th – Reception 2026 Open Morning, 9:15am – 10:45am
- Tuesday 4th – PTFA Fireworks Display, gates open 6pm
- Monday 10th – Odd Socks Day
- Tuesday 11th – SENCO drop-in session, 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- Tuesday 11th – flu immunisations for Reception to Year 6 children
- Wednesday 12th – Hawthorn class trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre
- Thursday 13th - Reception 2026 Open Morning, 9:15am – 10:45am
- Thursday 13th – Hornbeam class trip to Somerset Earth Science Centre
- Friday 14th – Children in Need
- Friday 14th – Wednesday 19th – Book Fayre
- Wednesday 19th – Reception 2026 Open Afternoon, 1:30pm – 3pm
- Friday 21st – Once Upon a Winter theatre production, 5pm – 6pm (information to follow)
- Thursday 27th – Year 4 trip to Weston Museum

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