



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

I hope you all enjoyed your summer break and are excited to be back with the rest of our school community! This first newsletter of the 2026/27 academic year contains some summer updates, important reminders and information in response to some parent queries. I hope this is helpful.

It has been great to see all our pupils return so enthusiastically and begin developing relationships with their new adults. We appreciate that most children will have had exciting, joy-filled summer breaks, but some may have had more challenges, and our teaching team have been ready to support those who have needed it. Thank you for those of you that provided us with information in the 'back to school' form that our staff could use to support those conversations.

I am sure you are aware of the current preparatory building work that is taking place for new homes at the rear of the school. This began unexpectedly on the first day of the academic year, without notice. Please be assured that we are in communication with Persimmon Homes and North Somerset Council to ensure that any disruption is kept at a minimum for our pupils. Thank you to parents who have raised concerns. If you have any more questions or queries, please do contact andrew.dearing@n-somerset.gov.uk for more information.

This week, we have seen our new Pre-school pupils in for the whole week, and our reception pupils attending for their first lunchtime. We extend a warm welcome to all our new families, and hope your children have enjoyed their first few weeks as HVA pupils! Do reach out to our PTFA via friendsofHVA@outlook.com if you are interested in further supporting the school community.

Enjoy reading.
Mr Ellis



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Assembly Themes in Term 1 2026-27

Week 2	HVA Values and Great Learner behaviours
Week 3	Responsibility and safety
Week 4	Kindness - Charity focus
Week 5	Kindness - Diversity week
Week 6	Respect - Cultural diversity
Week 7	Honesty and Respect - Our community
Week 8	Responsibility - Energy week

Reading Challenge Term 1

We are incredibly excited to introduce a brand new reading challenge for term one of this year: **GET CAUGHT READING!** Our lovely new library space has a new board, ready for photos and quotes from children who have been reading with different people and in different places. Send in photos to the main school e-mail address (info@hva.clf.uk) and we will celebrate these images in Celebration Assembly each week and make sure they take pride of place on display.

The importance of reading:

Listening to your child read has many benefits, including the below:

- The "Million-Word Gap": A child who reads at home for 20 minutes a day hears nearly 2 million more words a year than a child who doesn't.
- Books Have Better Words Than Parents: Spoken language uses a very limited vocabulary. Children's books contain three times more rare words than everyday adult speech or television.
- It's a 10-Minute Stress Reliever: Research shows that reading together can lower stress levels by 68% in less than 20 minutes, providing a calm, bonding routine before bed.

Safeguarding Team

Email information regarding your concern to safeguarding@hva.clf.uk and a member of the safeguarding team will get back to you to find out more.



Mrs Saunter



Mr Ellis



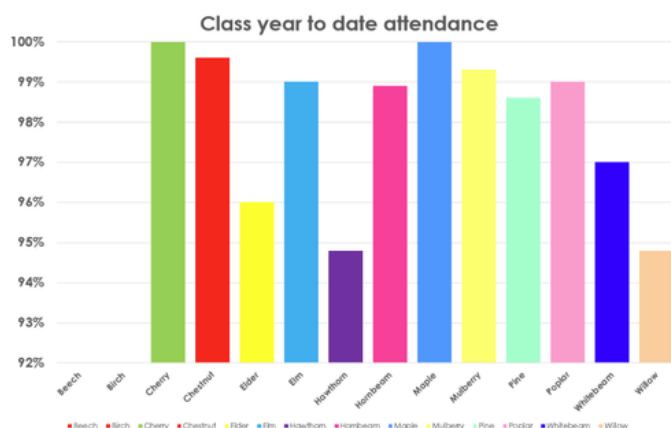
Miss Hall

Attendance update

We are delighted to see such a positive start to attendance this academic year. Thank you to all families for supporting strong attendance and punctuality.

Our aim is for every child to be in school, on time, every day, so they can make the most of every learning opportunity. **As a reminder, school gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55am.** These first 15 minutes of the school day are a valuable part of the learning experience, allowing children to settle into their classroom routines, connect with their peers and revisit key learning from the previous day, helping them to feel confident and ready for the day ahead.

Together, let's keep attendance high and ensure every child starts each day ready to learn.



Mobile phones on school site

This year, our safeguarding policies will be updated to further reflect government guidance on mobile phone use within the school site. This is also in response to some escalation of social media issues that arise on pupils' travels to and from school.

We are now asking that **all** mobile phones, for adults and pupils, are not being used when on the school site, including the playground and outside areas when inside the school gates.

Thank you for your support in enforcing these new guidelines, and helping us to set an example for our children.

School dog trial - update

We are further trialing and training Robyn in and around our Academy.

Currently, Robyn will be in school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.

You may have seen Robyn on the school gate; she is continuing to settle well into routines and rhythms of school life.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do let us know!



Building works at HVA

Over the summer, HVA has had a considerable amount of building work to improve the school site, both for adults and pupils. Amongst the work is a new planning and preparation area for our teaching team, and the creation of our Inclusion Support Base, which is aiding pupils needing extra support on top of mainstream school provision. You may hear pupils talk about The Runway, which is a specialised teaching space for some pupils. Another section of this base is The Den (name chosen by a Team Talk pupil vote!), which offers a calming, safe space for pupils to use when they are feeling anxious or overwhelmed. We will share pictures of these spaces in our upcoming newsletters!

You may also have noticed our brand new cricket nets, which will be used in conjunction with HALE as community use on evenings and weekends. They will be fully netted and operational for use from Spring!



Uniform

A reminder that in line with updated government guidance on the amount of uniform items needed, school hoodies will no longer be available to buy from our local supplier, NK Uniform. Pupils can continue to wear remaining hoodies as a 'soft' transition point before newer uniform is required. Please do refer to our uniform policy for further expectations. We aim to maintain high standards for this, and will look to address where uniform is not meeting the expected standard. A frequently asked question is regarding footwear - which we ask to be all black. Please refer to our images within the policy for examples.



New catering suppliers

To follow on from previous communications, you may have seen that we have new catering suppliers at HVA, called Innovate. We are really pleased with the standard of meals on offer, we hope you are too! As a reminder, from Reception to Year 2, all pupils receive a free lunch option from the menu, unless there is an identified medical reason where a packed lunch is required.



Our Learning Across the School

Pre-school

Apple class enjoyed their first ever PE lesson in our school hall!



Reception

Reception children have had a brilliant start to the year!



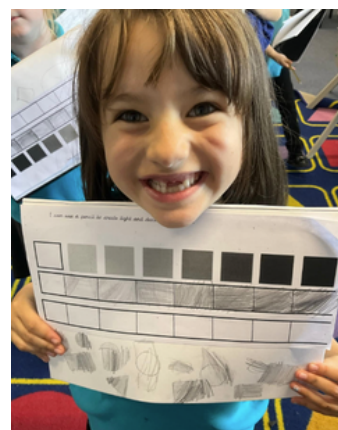
Year 1

Year 1 have been re-enacting the story of the three little pigs to inform their writing lessons!



Year 2

Excellent use of tone as artists in Year 2!



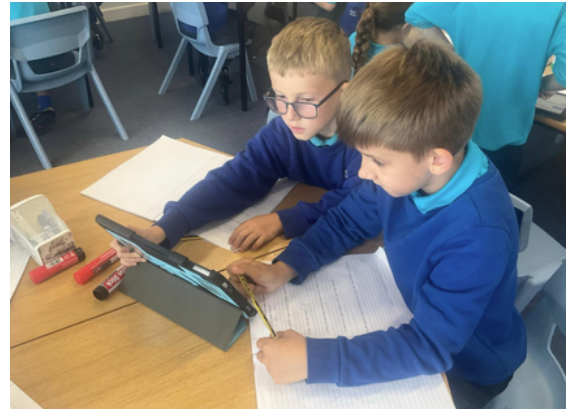
Year 3

Excellent use of manipulatives by our
Year 3 mathematicians!



Year 4

Year 4 have been researching all about
Anglo-Saxons as historians!



Year 5

Year 5 geographers have been identifying
the different continents of the world!



Year 6

Year 6 have enjoyed learning the clarinet
as part of their whole-class music
lessons!



GOLDEN MENTIONS

Any golden mentions will appear here.

Dates for your Diary

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

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September 2026	Event	Time
Fri 18th	Reception Meet the Teacher	3pm
Mon 21st	Pre-school Meet the Teacher	2:45pm
Tues 22nd	School Photographs	morning
Wed 23rd	Pre-school Boromi Stay and Play	2:15pm - 3pm
Thurs 24th	Year 6 Trip	
Mon 28th	Year 6 Residential Q & A Meeting for Parents	3:30pm - 4pm
Tues 29th	Year 4 Portals of the Past Workshop	morning
Tues 29th	Reception 27/28 Tour	5pm - 6pm

October 2026	Event	Time
Mon 1st	Year 2 Trip	
Thurs 8th	2027 Residential Meeting for Y5 Parents	3:30pm - 4pm
Fri 9th	Flu Immunisations for Reception - Year 6 Pupils	
Mon 12th	Parents Evening	TBC
Wed 14th	Year 6 Pupil Showcase	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Wed 14th	Parents Evening	TBC
Fri 16th	Reception 27/28 Tour	9:30am - 10:30am
Sun 18 th - Wed 21st	Year 6 Residential	
Thurs 22nd	INSET Day - School closed	
Fri 23rd	INSET Day - School closed	
Sat 24th	Reception 27/28 Tour	10am - 11am
Mon 26th - Fri 30th	Half Term Holiday	

Haywood Village Academy Reception 2027/28 Tours

We will be running tours for Reception 2027/28 parents later this term and in term 2.

- Tues 29th Sep - 5pm - 6pm
- Fri 16th Oct - 9.30am - 10.30am
- Sat 24th Oct - 10am - 11am
- Tues 3rd Nov - 7pm - 8pm
- Mon 9th Nov - 2pm - 3pm
- Thurs 19th Nov - 10.30am - 11.30am

During these visits you get an opportunity to look at the school and meet a member of the Senior leadership team. Parents will have a chance to learn about our vision, values and school community and ask questions.



Haywood Village Academy
RECEPTION TOURS
SEPTEMBER 2027 STARTERS

TUESDAY 29 TH SEPTEMBER 5-6PM	FRIDAY 16 TH OCTOBER 9:30-10:30AM
SATURDAY 24 TH OCTOBER 10-11AM	TUESDAY 3 RD NOVEMBER 7-8PM
MONDAY 9 TH NOVEMBER 2-3PM	THURSDAY 19 TH NOVEMBER 10:30-11:30AM

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

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Nurturing Parenting Programme - Message from Miss Eastland (Family Support Worker)

We are inviting parents and carers to register their interest in taking part in an 11-week Nurturing Parenting Programme, starting in October 2026.

The programme is a supportive and practical opportunity to develop parenting skills, build stronger relationships with your children and explore positive ways of responding to behaviour and emotions.

What is the Nurturing Parenting Programme?

The programme is designed to help parents and carers better understand their children and develop positive, nurturing approaches to parenting.

Over the 11 weeks, we will explore topics such as:

- Understanding your child's feelings, needs and behaviour
- Building strong and positive relationships with your child
- Communication and listening
- Understanding children's development and having realistic expectations
- Managing challenging behaviour in positive ways
- Setting boundaries and using positive discipline
- Encouraging confidence and self-esteem
- Supporting your child's emotional wellbeing
- Looking after yourself as a parent or carer
- Developing practical strategies that can be used at home

At this stage, we are simply asking parents and carers to email our Family Support Worker, Jess, to register your interest. Please contact Jess at: Jessica.eastland@clf.uk



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7:30PM-8:30PM: YEARS 5-9 GIRLS ONLY
8:30PM-9:30PM: YEARS 10,11 & 12

TUESDAYS
6PM-7PM: YEARS 3, 4 & 5
7PM-8PM: YEARS 6 & 7
8PM-9PM: YEARS 8 & 9

FREE TRIALS AVAILABLE

www.somersetstatebasketball.com





Somerset State Basketball is a local community basketball club at Locking Parklands Secondary and they would love to try and get more children engaged in basketball.



CURRENT VACANCIES

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GIRLS U12S

BALLERS U4S




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As a registered charity, Banwell FC is passionate about providing accessible, inclusive and affordable opportunities for local children and young people to take part in football and be part of their community. They're a FA 2-Star Accredited Club with FA-qualified coaches, great facilities and a friendly, supportive environment.

They currently have a number of opportunities available across our boys' and girls' teams, including vacancies for Year 6 and Year 7 girls, and would particularly love to reach families who may be interested in getting involved.

Weston-super-Mare AFC Women are delighted to announce the launch of our brand-new FA Wildcats sessions, providing girls aged 8-11 with the perfect introduction to football in a fun, safe and welcoming environment.

Starting this season, our Wildcats programme will run every Monday and Friday from 5:00pm – 6:00pm, offering young girls the opportunity to develop their football skills, make new friends and build confidence through exciting and engaging sessions led by FA-qualified coaches.

Whether your child has never kicked a football before or is looking for a fun place to play with other girls, Wildcats is designed to inspire a love for the game through enjoyable, non-competitive activities. The programme focuses on developing fundamental movement skills, teamwork and confidence while ensuring every participant has plenty of fun. The new sessions form part of Weston-super-Mare AFC Women's growing commitment to providing opportunities for girls of all ages and abilities, creating a clear pathway from introductory football through to our Girls Academy teams.

Session Details

-  Mondays & Fridays
-  5:00pm – 6:00pm
-  Optima Stadium 3G, Weston-super-Mare
-  Girls aged 8-11

 Fun, inclusive sessions led by FA-qualified coaches

Places are limited, so we encourage parents to book early.

Book your place today: <https://book.EnglandFootball.com/Book/8327d210-a990-4ab6-9440-a0daa2adc70c?venue=westonsupermareafcwomen>

Come and start your football journey with Weston-super-Mare AFC Women – where confidence grows, friendships are made and every girl is welcome.

Parenting village coffee morning



This is a relaxed and friendly drop-in session where parents and parenting specialists will be on hand to share resources, offer support, a listening ear or just spend time talking about what it's like to be a parent.

"It takes a village to raise a child" comes from an old African proverb. It shares the message that it takes many people to provide a safe and healthy environment in which children can flourish.



Scan here to learn more about our advanced parenting groups



When? First Friday of each month
Where? Best Start Family Hub Castle Batch, Bishop Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PQ
What time? 09:30am – 11:00am

TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED

When? Third Monday of each month
Where? Clevedon Library, 37 Old Church Road, BS21 6NN
What time? 9.30am - 11am



The next family forest skills sessions are happening this October half term!

We are offering a morning and an afternoon session on Wednesday 28th October at the @WORLE centre, 58 New Bristol Road, BS22 6AQ.

Morning session: 10:00-12:00

Afternoon session: 13:00-15:00

Please request a space using the QR code. An email with confirmation of your space will be sent to you.

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SIGN UP:



TIME & PLACE:
@Worle centre
58 New Bristol Road, W-S-M
BS22 6AQ

Wednesday 28th 2026
Morning session: 10:00-12:00
Afternoon session: 13:00-15:00

To find out more, email samantha.hunn@brandontrust.org or visit our socials: @BrandonPlayLink