

"We wish you a Merry Christmas! We wish you a merry Christmas! We wish you a merry Christmas and a happy new year!"

Assembly themes this term:

Week 1: Responsibility - HVA Citizen & Safety

Week 2: Empathy – Remembrance & Child in Need

Week 3: Kindness - Respect & Anti-bullying Week (this week)

Week 4: Honesty - Democracy & Great Learners

Week 5: Respect - Inclusion / Cultural diversity

Week 6: Responsibility - Traditions

and ceremonies / Religious diversity

Week 7: Empathy - Christmas Story (this week)

Save the Children fundraiser

This week, in assembly, we talked to the children about the Save the Children charity. Last week, our Christmas Jumper Day raised £184.28 for Save the Children - this is fantastic!

Christmas dinner – Thank you Aspens!

Christmas lunch was a real success – with crackers pulled, jokes told and debates on who does or doesn't like brussel sprouts. Staff ate with the children, children helped to clear up and Mr Jones was even serving gravy and asking the children about their favourite Christmas movies.



HVA 3 Charities Appeal

In term 3, we will begin to gather the suggestions from the children, staff and parents as to which 3 charities the school will support for the remainder of the year. For each charity, we will raise the profile through assemblies and events that the children can enjoy.

Mental Health & Wellbeing at Christmas

Attached to this Newsletter is some information from Mrs Lovely, Mrs Saunter, Mrs Innes and Miss Eastland about support services which may be of use to you

during the Christmas break from school. Please do reach out to these services if required.

Reception to Year 6 Christmas Panto

This was a great trip! Every 2 years, our school does a near whole-school trip, over two days, to the panto at the Weston Playhouse. It is great trip which the children really enjoy. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to accompany the children on the trip.



Free Bus pass for children this Christmas

<https://travelwest.info/bus/kids-go-free/>

Over the winter break, children will be able to ride the bus for free in North Somerset. We hope this opportunity will help families to explore the area in the holiday season.

Christmas Carol Concert

Please consider adding to your diary the community Carol service.



Staff changes

In the new year we welcome Miss Porter to teach Year 2 Elm class. Miss Porter knows our school having trained with us and has been in school a few times this week.

Miss Freeman, who recently returned from maternity leave, will be teaching in Year 1 Chestnut on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Miss Kenward will teach Chestnut class on Thursdays and Fridays and will also teach across the school.

As Miss Freeman has returned, we have to say thank you and goodbye to Mrs Townsend who has been teaching across the school and supporting PE and clubs. We are also saying thank you and goodbye to Mrs Hancorn who has been at HVA for over 7 years! Mrs Hancorn is moving to another North Somerset primary school in January. We wish them both the best in their new schools.

Ms Shapiro, our Operations Manager and one of the longest serving HVA members of staff, will be leaving in February. We will celebrate her more in the new year and update everyone with details of our newly appointed Operations Manager.

School Uniform

The school uniform policy has been updated. Please see <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/School-Uniform-Policy-2026.pdf> There are updates to clarify expectations on make-up, jewellery, and non-compliance of the policy.

Haywood's Got Talent!

Next year, we will once again be holding Haywood's Got Talent! This is a chance for your children to showcase their talents to the rest of the school. We have previously had winners from Reception up to Year 6, including singers, gymnasts, mathematicians and cyclists!

We are sure there are many more hidden talents out there and are calling on parents to help. Does your child play an instrument at home? Are they great comedians? Do they play a sport that they can demonstrate? The festive period may be a great time to encourage their confidence to take part! Look out for more information coming out during Term 3.

Thank you - Foodbank

Today we have been able to distribute items from our foodbank. We have been able to support families in our school community and beyond. In the new year, we will continue to have this option for our community to help each other. Thank you to Nylah-Grace and Grace in Year 2 who helped Miss Eastland sort the items into parcels.

Buzz – SEND Newsletter

Please find attached a copy of Buzz, which is a useful newsletter produced by North Somerset Council, written with the voice of The SEND Children and Young Persons Council. Also see link below to a SEND Hub website that lists leisure activities that are both universal and SEND specific: [SEND leisure activities](#)

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 are so creative! They created a roundabout for their road system with their turntable.



Reception children put on a wonderful show for their nativity! So confident and very entertaining.



Year 1 artists have been developing their clay skills.



Year 2 mathematicians were busy grouping and dividing with their resources.



Year 3 artists have been making 3D models of European landmarks using Modroc.



In Year 6, they were joined by our local PCSOs to discuss anti-social behaviour. By categorising behaviour into categories, they were able to identify behaviours that people should and shouldn't demonstrate.



Year 4 artists returned from the Panto to dive into artists and paint our clay sculptures of Viking shields!



Year 5 Designers have been helping Santa to save Christmas by creating toys that use cam mechanisms, since the machine he relies on broke down!

Golden Mentions

Well done to...

- Rohan in Year 1 for their outstanding clay model of a ladybird.



School Calendar

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

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

January 2026

- Monday 5th – INSET Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 6th – start of term 3
- Tuesday 6th – Explorer Dome visiting Reception classes
- Tuesday 20th – Harry Potter Film night for years 3 – 6, 3:20pm – 6:30pm
- Tuesday 27th – school choir performing at Young Voices Concert in Birmingham

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Splitz Gymnastics Club

Splitz Gymnastics Club comes into school on Fridays to teach the children gymnastics and run an after school club. Please see flyer from Splitz Gymnastics below.



The flyer features a dark blue background with a stylized gymnast logo in the top left. The text is primarily white and cyan. On the right side, there are three circular images: a gymnast in a red leotard performing a backflip, two gymnasts in colorful leotards performing a partner move, and a male gymnast in a black and white leotard performing a handstand on a podium. A QR code is located at the bottom left, with a red arrow pointing to it from the text 'Scan QR Code To Book Trial Sessions'.

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