

Seasonal joy!

This past few weeks we have, with the support of families, enjoyed seasonal Christmas-related joy.



Home-made Christmas tree decorations have brightened our school further.

The Reception nativity performance was wonderful: cheerful singing, children confident on stage with imaginative costumes.



Singing performances from Years 1&2, 3&4 and 5&6 were Christmas themed, enthusiastically performed featuring confident singing.

The traditional Christmas dinner on Wednesday was very popular. Although there was near outrage at no 'pigs in blankets', the children were very complimentary and enjoyed their teachers serving them!



Household Support Vouchers

In January, for families that the school is in receipt of pupil premium funding, there will be a Household Support Voucher. We will send out further information closer to the time on timings and how much it will be. Previously the voucher has been issued towards the end of the month for the value of £50. If you are in receipt of qualifying benefits listed on this website, you can apply for free school meals and then let the school know: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/schools-learning/local-schools/free-school-meals>

Family Support Worker and Safeguarding

From the 6th January, for up to 2 weeks, Mrs Saunter will be completing Jury Service. For all general enquiries and appointments please contact Mrs Lovely (Inclusion Team lead). For all safeguarding matters please contact Mr Jones (Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead) and/or Mr Ellis (Vice Principal and Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead).

Christmas Jumper Day

Just to let you know, for Christmas Jumper Day we raised **£259.44**. Thank you to all who donated money to such a good cause. More information on the Save the Children charity can be found www.savethechildren.org.uk



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HVA 3 Charities Appeal 2024/25

We are pleased to share that following the parent vote early in the month and a further vote with all children in school, we have selected the 3 charities for 'HVA 3 Charities Appeal'. The 3 charities we will be supporting are Wallace and Gromit Grand Appeal (Bristol Children's Hospital), Weston Hospicecare and Shelter.



We will raise the profile of these charities through fundraising and assembly themed weeks.

Nut free school

This is a reminder that we have pupils with nut allergies and therefore children should not bring any items containing nuts into school.



Staff absence

This December, we have experienced an unusually high number of staff absences for HVA. Thank you to parents and children, on behalf of all the staff, for your continued patience and support as you have helped to support either supply teachers or HVA staff who have taught classes they would not usually teach.

Second-hand uniform

We are running low on second-hand jumpers and grey trousers and skirts. If parents have uniform that is no longer required, please bring this into the office. All contributions raise money for the PTFA.

Term time absence request forms

Please note, these are not 'holiday forms', they are term time absence request forms. At present the Cabot Learning Federation have not confirmed the 2025/26 term dates.

Sexual Harassment

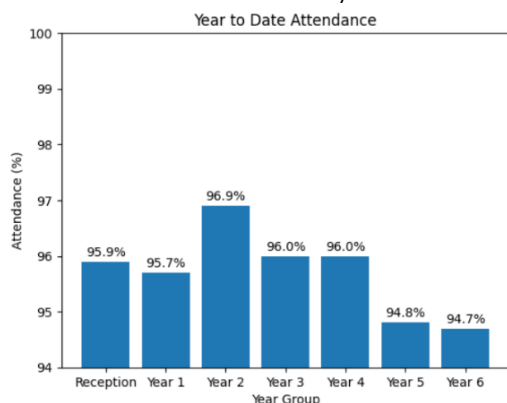
Our Trust and Academy operate a zero-tolerance stance regarding sexual harassment. This policy extends to all forms of bullying, harassment or discrimination in the workplace. We would like to make all parents and carers aware that a new mandatory duty to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace became effective on the 26th October 2024. More information is attached to this newsletter.

Measles

We have been advised by North Somerset Council Health Protection Team that there has been a recent increase in measles cases in the Bristol area. Please see attached letter and factsheet for more information.

Year to Date Attendance

See the table below for each year groups attendance for this academic year.



Presently we do not have the 2025/26 calendar for term dates. The Cabot Learning Federation is aiming to share the calendar at the end of term 3. If useful for holiday planning, you could consider the Bristol council term dates, which our trust historically alligns to, with the 23rd & 24th October added as part of an extended October break:

<https://tinyurl.com/27tbpxkp>

In the learning...

You can look on the curriculum pages of the school website to see what the children have been learning these past few weeks.



Pre-school Apple artists: modelling, creating and painting with salt dough.



Reception children have been writing cards and messages to their friends and families.



Year 1 designers redesigned a new Birnbeck Pier. They discovered what would make a strong structure and planned their designs.



Year 2 artists creating their bread sculptures – using all their techniques to create various shapes and textures.

Golden Mentions

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Well done to Lottie in Year 6 for her clay sculpture of a mystery door. In Reception, Oliver from Birch class has learnt to write words – wow! Gianni and Harper have gone over and above in their homework this term producing stories and information texts and then bringing these into share. Well done to Thea, Andrei and Mason in Year 3 for their learning as designers – fantastic machine design and prototype.

School Calendar

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

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

December 2024

- Friday 20th - Last day of term 2

January 2025

- Monday 6th – INSET day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 7th – Start of term 3, all children back to school
- Tuesday 7th – Explorer Dome visits Reception
- Tuesday 7th – Year 1 Pyjama Day
- Wednesday 8th – Coffee morning with Mr Ellis, 9am – 11am
- Friday 10th – Reception 2025 parents Open Afternoon, 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- Monday 13th – Year 2 start swimming lessons
- Tuesday 14th – SENCo drop-in sessions, 2:30pm – 4pm
- Thursday 16th - School Choir performing at Young Voices Concert in Birmingham

February 2025

- Wednesday 5th – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter, 9am – 11am
- Tuesday 11th – Year 3 Pupil Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 12th - Year 4 Pupil Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 14th – Last day of term 3
- 15th – 23rd – Half Term holiday
- Monday 24th – INSET Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 25th – First day of term 4

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As citizens, Year 3 introduced 'No Outsiders' to Hawthorn class, thinking about discrimination and telling someone that what they're saying and doing isn't fair. They used 'This is Our House by Michael Rosen to explore how discrimination can be hurtful.



Year 4's enjoyed a special Viking Day as part of their historians learning, reinforcing their understanding of Viking culture.



Year 5 historians have been using their oracy skills to create presentations on which Ancient Egyptian job was the most important.



Year 6 computer scientists explored algorithms. Willow class had to create a set of instructions for Miss Melson to follow so she could create a marmalade sandwich!

17th December 2024

Dear Parent/ Guardian,

Re: Information on measles

There has been a recent increase in measles cases in the Bristol area.

Measles is one of the most highly communicable infectious diseases and can cause severe illness, especially in certain at-risk groups including babies and small children, pregnant people, and those with weak immunity.

As we are coming up to the Christmas holidays, we thought it would be helpful to remind parents and guardians of the signs and symptoms of measles so that they can take appropriate action should their child become unwell over the holidays.

What you need to do if you think your child has measles

If your child develops the [symptoms of measles](#) (see below and follow link)

1. **See your doctor if you are worried:** You should speak to your GP or NHS 111 if you or your child get a high temperature with a cough, runny nose, sore red eyes or rash. **You should call your GP or NHS 111 before visiting them in person.** This is to avoid spreading measles to others.
2. **Avoid spreading measles:** If someone is thought to have measles, they should stay away from their education or childcare setting, or work, for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears.
3. **Avoid vulnerable people:** They should also avoid close contact with infants under 12 months, people who are pregnant and people with weakened immune systems.

People who have not had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine

If you are unsure if you or your child have had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine, which will protect you against measles, contact your GP to arrange vaccination. If you have missed a dose you can still be vaccinated at any age. Please see further information on the MMR vaccine in the factsheet below.

You can find further information at [Measles - NHS](#) and in the fact sheet below.

Dr Toyin Ejidokun

Consultant in Health Protection

Measles factsheet

What measles is

Measles infection is caused by a virus, and spreads between people very easily. Once symptoms start, people can become unwell quickly. You can get measles at any age, but it is often young children who catch it.

How measles spreads

You can catch measles through close contact with someone who has measles. This could be from the air when they cough or sneeze, or by touching things that someone with measles has coughed or sneezed on. Measles spreads very easily in households and in other places where people mix closely together.

You can be protected from catching measles if you have had 2 doses of the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccine, or if you have had the infection before.

A person with measles can spread the infection in the 4 days before they get the rash until 4 days after they develop their rash.

Symptoms of measles

Symptoms of measles usually start between 10 and 12 days after catching the infection. Sometimes it can take up to 21 days for any symptoms to appear.

Measles usually starts with cold-like symptoms. The first symptoms of measles include:

- a high temperature
- a runny or blocked nose
- sneezing
- a cough
- red, sore, watery eyes

Small white spots may appear inside the cheeks and on the back of the lips a few days later. These spots usually last a few days.

A rash usually appears 2 to 4 days after the cold-like symptoms started. The rash starts on the face and behind the ears before spreading to the rest of the body.

The spots of the measles rash can sometimes be raised. They may join to form blotchy patches. They are not usually itchy.

The rash looks brown or red on white skin. It may be harder to see on brown and black skin.

How serious is measles?

Around 1 in 15 people with measles can become seriously unwell. Younger children, pregnant women and people with weakened immune systems are more likely to become seriously unwell.

The more serious complications of measles can include:

- ear infections
- lung infection (pneumonia)
- diarrhoea
- dehydration
- fits (which are less common)

Measles infection during pregnancy can result in the loss or early birth of the baby.

Preventing measles

Having the MMR vaccine is the best way to prevent measles.

The vaccine is usually given to children in two doses. The first dose is given to children aged 12 months old, and the second dose is given after they are 3 years and 4 months old.

If your child is identified as a close contact of someone with measles, sometimes your doctor may recommend the MMR vaccine is given earlier than these scheduled doses. If a dose is given to an infant aged under 12 months then the usual 2 doses of MMR still need to be given at the usual times (with a minimum of 1 month gap between any doses).

If someone has missed a dose or are unsure if they have had any vaccinations, the vaccine can be given at any age. Parents and guardians can check their child's red book for their vaccination records.

Pregnant women or people with weakened immune systems should not have the vaccine. If they think they have had contact with someone with measles they should speak to their GP or midwife for further advice.

For more information on MMR vaccinations visit:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/mmr-vaccine>

Staying away from other people if you are unwell with measles

A person with measles can spread the infection in the 4 days before they get the rash. Once a person has the rash, they can still spread the infection for another 4 days.

If you have been told by a healthcare professional that you might have measles, you should stay away from childcare, school or work for at least 4 days from when your rash first appeared. You can return to your normal activities after 4 days if you feel well and you no longer have a temperature.

Treatments for people with measles

Measles usually starts to get better in about a week.

It can help to rest and drink plenty of fluids, such as water, to avoid dehydration.

Measles can sometimes cause other illnesses. You may be given antibiotics to treat them.

If you have been told by a healthcare professional that you might have measles and think that you or your child are developing more serious health effects, you should contact your GP.

Further information on measles is available at:

<http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles>



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Numerous high-profile cases and campaigns have
highlighted the need for enhanced protection against
sexual harassment at work – and has now been reformed
resulting in a new **Worker Protection (Amendment of
Equality Act 2010) Act 2023**.



The Trust and our Academy have reflected on this important legislation and are now taking further positive, preventative action in this area to respond. This includes:



Staff training



Staff voice
exercises



Reviewing our HR
policy & procedures



Reflecting on any
learning across
the Trust

If we are made aware of any concern, we will always treat these concerns with great importance and act in accordance with our internal procedures. It is our ambition that all of our academies provide a safe, happy and enjoyable space for our colleagues, pupils and visitors.

If you do have a concern of this nature then we have a complaints policy and procedure which you can access via our website.