



Haywood Village Academy Newsletter

21st July 2026



Message from the Principal

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

I hope this message finds you well as we head towards the summer break.

This final newsletter of the 2025/6 academic year is full of exciting, joy-filled opportunities that the children have experienced over the last couple of weeks. At one of the busiest points of the school year, all staff would like to share their appreciation for the support they have received from our school community to make these happen. From our wetlands walk to school sports day, there have been excellent examples of pupils demonstrating our HVA values of empathy, honesty, kindness, respect, responsibility and trust.

In one of our final assemblies of the year, I shared key messages around safety for our pupils as they spend more time outdoors in the final weeks of July and throughout August. This included key tips on how to cycle, scoot and walk safely around Haywood Village and the surrounding area. In keeping with the theme of safety, another assembly focused on online behaviours, including how we keep ourselves safe and how to embody our HVA values when interacting with others online.

On the last day of term, we say 'farewell' to our wonderful Year 6 pupils. They are no doubt ready for the next stage of their journey, and we wish them all well. We are also excited to be welcoming our new Pre-School and Reception pupils in September. Both groups have had stay-and-play opportunities and we can't wait for them to get started with us in the new academic year.

Alongside our Year 6 pupils, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Melson (Year 6) and Miss Greenwood (Year 5). Both have been exceptional teachers in their time with us, and we wish them all the best on their new journeys!

We hope you all have a fantastic break, and look forward to seeing you all in September.
Enjoy reading.

Mr Ellis



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Assembly Themes in Term 1 2026-27

Week 1	HVA Values and Great Learner behaviours
Week 2	Responsibility and safety
Week 3	Kindness - charity focus
Week 4	Kindness - Diversity week
Week 5	Respect - Cultural diversity
Week 6	Honesty and Trust - Democracy
Week 7	Responsibility - Energy week

Sports Day

This year was arguably our most successful Sports Day yet!

The three separate events (Pre-school, Reception + KS1 and KS2) all ran brilliantly, with fantastic sporting behaviour shown by all throughout.

Thank you



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. **The email inbox will be checked during the summer break.**



Mrs Saunter



Mr Ellis



Miss Hall

Diabetes UK Wetlands Walk



Our whole-school wetlands walk this year supported raising awareness of Diabetes UK, one of the chosen charities decided on by our school community. Next year, we will revisit and decide on the three charities we would like to support for 2026-27



Year 6 Performance and Leavers' service

Year 6 were fantastic in their performance of "X Factory", a story of pupils needing to save their school from the closure following an 'average OFFSET report'.

They also gave us a fantastic leaving service. Good luck to them all!



PTFA - Colour Run and BBQ

On Monday, we had our first ever colour run on the school field, excellently organised by our fabulous PTFA team. Thank you to all volunteers!

If you are interested in supporting our PTFA, do reach out via their communication channels!



HVA Booknic

Our annual Booknic was a great success, sharing a whole-school love of reading on our school field! Thank you to all the parents and carers who supported reading groups for the event.



Online Safety

With the summer holidays approaching, many children will be looking forward to spending more of their free time online, and for lots of children that means playing online games.

Online games can be a brilliant way for children to have fun, connect with friends and build confidence, but it's important they know how to play safely and understand the rules of the spaces they're in.

Internet Matters offers free guidance to help you support your child with online gaming, including how to understand community rules, avoid warnings or bans, and start positive conversations about the games, apps and videos they enjoy.



"What game are you playing at the moment?" Sometimes, the simplest questions start the most important conversations. Internet Matters have partnered with Ukie to create a free Conversation Guide to help parents and carers turn everyday chats about games, videos, and apps into opportunities to talk about online safety with your child. Ask About Games also offers guides to hundreds of online games, to help you find the games that are the perfect match to the age and interests of your family.



September - 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 sports. 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.



Our Learning Across the School

Pre-school

Apple class have been learning all about 2-D shapes!



Reception

Reception enjoyed their well-deserved ice pops from the PTFA at the end of sports day!



Year 1

Year 1 had their final music lessons with Mrs Clough, one of our visiting music specialists!



Year 2

Year 2 enjoyed their spelling bee competition, with adults getting a soaking!



Year 3

Year 3 have enjoyed being designers in the last weeks of term!



GREAT JOB!

Year 4

So much enthusiasm shown by our Year 4 pupils on the wetlands walk!



Year 5

More spelling bee fun, this time for Year 5 pupils!



**You're
DOING
GREAT!**

Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed their end-of-term (and school!) ice creams this Monday.



GOLDEN MENTIONS

Cordy (Reception, Beech class) - Amazing flag knowledge!

William (Year 1, Cherry class) - Handwriting improvements across the year!

Julia, Amelie, Brailey, Vincent (Reception, Beech class) - Fantastic writing!

Dates for your Diary

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

haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/

July 2026	Event	Time
Mon 20th	PTFA Colour Run and BBQ	3:30pm - 5pm
Tues 21st	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9am - 10:30am
Tues 21st	Last day of term 6	

September 2026	Event	Time
Thurs 3rd	INSET DAY - School closed	
Fri 4th	INSET DAY - School closed	
Mon 7th	First day of term 1	
Mon 7th	Year 6 Meet the Teacher	3pm
Tues 8th	Year 5 Meet the Teacher	3pm
Wed 9th	Year 4 Meet the Teacher	3pm
Thurs 10th	Year 3 Meet the Teacher	3pm
Fri 11th	Year 2 Meet the Teacher	3pm
Mon 14th	Year 1 Meet the Teacher	3pm
Fri 18th	Reception Meet the Teacher	3pm
Mon 21st	Pre-school Meet the Teacher	2:45pm





YOU'RE INVITED!

COMMUNITY BRING & SHARE PICNIC

FOOD, FUN & COMMUNITY!

2PM CHARACTER HUNT
IN TEAMS
GET SELFIES WITH CHARACTERS!

ALL GET A PRIZE!

FREE FACE PAINTING

FREE TO ENTER!

SATURDAY 22 AUG

1PM COMMUNITY BRING & SHARE PICNIC

2PM CHARACTER HUNT IN TEAMS

MEET: BIG PARK HAYWOOD VILLAGE OFF COBHAM PARADE

GOOD FOOD. GREAT FUN. STRONGER TOGETHER.



Life Cycle

Worle School
August 2026
Bikeability
Level 2 & 3
Price: Free

Bikeability Holiday Courses

Unlock your child's cycling potential!

Cycling confidence, road safety, and planning skills – taught by Life Cycle's qualified, DBS-checked instructors.

Scan to book

Book now!
<https://bit.ly/4p5tMn2>

Registered Charity Number: 1077575

Active Travel England

Bikeability for current Year 6 children

Bikeability are offering FREE Bikeability training in the summer holidays to children **currently in Year 6.**

This advanced training is aimed at young people who have completed their Level 2 training and sets them up for making independent travel choices including for travelling to secondary school.

Scan the QR code to find out more.

Some ideas for fun activities from Miss Eastland



BEE HAPPY

Summer jar

If you are feeling a bit bored, have a look in the jar and try one of the activities. Colour the ones in that you try...





SUMMER CREATIVE Workshops

at the Weston Makers




**Keep little hands busy this summer with fun,
hands-on creative workshops!**

Date	Activity	Time	Price
Tues 28th July	Fabric Painting	1-2.30pm	£15
Wed 29th July	Pottery Painting Coasters/Magnets	1.30-3pm	£13
Tues 4th Aug	Knitted Wire Art	1-2.30pm	£15
Wed 5th Aug	Fused Glass Coaster	1-2pm	£16
Tues 11th Aug	Needle Felted Sloth Keyring	1-3pm	£15
Wed 12th Aug	Pottery Painting Coasters/Magnets	10.30-12pm	£13
Tues 18th Aug	Pottery Painting Coasters/Magnets	10.30-12pm	£13
Tues 18th Aug	Fabric Painting	1-2.30pm	£15
Wed 19th Aug	Fused Glass Hot Air Balloon	1-2pm	£16
Tues 25th Aug	Knitted Wire Art	1-2.30pm	£15
Wed 26th Aug	Pottery Painting Coasters/Magnets	10.30-12pm	£13
Wed 26th Aug	Fused Glass Suncatcher	1-2pm	£16
Tues 1st Sep	Pottery Painting Coasters/Magnets	10.30-12	£13
Tues 1st Sep	Needle Felted Sloth Keyring	1-3pm	£15



**Pop us a message via Weston Makers
Facebook page, pop in to the shop or email
fusedglassbyemily@gmail.com
to book a space.**

What is Pharmacy First?

This service enables children and adults to get quick access to healthcare advice as they can walk into a pharmacy and access the service (some pharmacies also offer the service remotely as a video consultation). The person will then be offered a consultation with a pharmacist in a private consultation room. This service takes away the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment and may help ensure children and staff get well and back to school as quickly as possible, potentially positively impacting attendance rates.

The service supports **primary school aged children** in the below age groups who need help with:

Earache (aged 1 to 17 years)

Impetigo (aged 1 year and over)

Infected insect bites (aged 1 year and over)

Sore throats (aged 5 years and over)

The service also supports older children and adults (so will be applicable to staff and parents/carers of school children as well) in the below age groups who need help with:

Shingles (aged 18 years and over)

Sinusitis (aged 12 years and over)

Urinary tract infections (UTIs) in women
(aged 16 to 64 years)

The pharmacist will provide advice and, if clinically necessary, offer an NHS medicine to treat the condition (these medicines are supplied free of charge to children under 16 years, with the normal NHS prescription charge rules applying to people aged 16 or over).

The pharmacy will then send an electronic message to the person's GP surgery so their health record can be updated.

Should the pharmacist be unable to help, they will direct the person to their GP surgery or other health professional as appropriate.



Most pharmacies can help you with **seven common conditions** without needing a GP appointment

- Sinusitis (adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- Sore throat (adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- Earache (children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- Infected insect bite (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Impetigo (adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- Shingles (adults aged 18 years and over)
- Urinary tract infection (women, aged 16 to 64 years)

Ask your pharmacy for more information about this free* NHS service

Visit your Pharmacy First!

*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied

YMCA Daycamps

The YMCA are offering a seven-week themed programme with Special experience Fridays. It is packed with outdoor activities including archery, climbing, boating, caving, laser tag, Segways, obstacle courses and much more. Children will also enjoy exciting trips to local attractions including farms, zoos, museums and science centres, with every week offering something completely different.

As a local charity, the aim is to provide children with more than just childcare. They want every child to return to school in September having built new friendships, grown in confidence, developed new skills, and created memories that will last long after the summer holidays have ended.

If you have any questions, feel free to email DayCamps@ymca-dg.org. The link to book is [YMCA Daycamps - YMCA Dulverton Group](#) [YMCA Daycamps - Ofsted Registered Holiday Clubs Somerset](#)



Summer Deals for Kids

This is a reminder that a lot of shops, cafes and restaurants offer reduced costs for children over the summer holiday. Here are some of the local offers available:

Morrison's - children under 16 eat entirely free all day with an adult meal purchase over £5.

Asda - children under 16 eat for £1.

Tesco - During the school holidays, families can claim one free children's meal for every full-priced adult item purchased.

Sainsbury's - Enjoy one children's hot main meal or lunch bag for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main meal from £5.20 in the Sainsburys café.

Dunelm - For every £4 spent by an accompanying adult in the Pausa cafe, one child can receive a free meal.

IKEA - Kids' meals start at 95p for items like pasta with tomato sauce, a soft drink, and a piece of fruit. Upgraded meals (such as their famous meatballs or macaroni cheese) are typically around £1.50.



YMCA DAYCAMPS
PART OF YMCA DULVERTON GROUP

YMCA | Here for young people
Here for communities
Here for you

7 Weeks of Daycamps

- ★ Week 1 ★
Carnival of sports (Laser tag, caving, Carnival Fair Friday)
- ★ Week 2 ★
Ocean adventure (Caving, slime, Friday Ocean olympics)
- ★ Week 3 ★
Outdoor adventure (Climbing, frisbee golf, Day Camper Friday)
- ★ Week 4 ★
Animal adventure (Orienteering, Safari Friday)
- ★ Week 5 ★
Farm to fork (Planting & Growing, Mud Kitchen, Farmer Friday)
- ★ Week 6 ★
Myth and legends (Potion making, Viking Axe Throwing, Weston museum, Legends Friday)
- ★ Week 7 ★
Future innovators (Rocketships, boat racing, Robot Madness Friday)

★ As well as all our core favourites such as archery, climbing, segway etc. ★

Somerset v Warwickshire Cricket and family day

Join us on **Sunday 26th July** for our Metro Bank One Day Cup clash against Warwickshire, which also marks our hugely popular Family Day, which includes:

- 🎈 FREE children's activities
- 🎪 Circus skills workshops
- 🎨 Face painting
- 🐰 Petting Zoo
- 🏏 Live One Day Cup cricket
- 🍦 Delicious food and drink stalls
- 🎉 Games, giveaways and much more

☀️ All attractions will be located within our safe and secure Somerset Leisure Fan Village at the **County Ground in Taunton**, creating the perfect day out for the whole family.

We are offering a special Family Ticket Offer, where two children (U16) can get a ticket for FREE with two paying adults!

With tickets already selling quickly, now is the time to secure yours. Please use the link below to purchase your tickets today!

Buy Tickets Here: <http://somer.st/LWgZ>

