

We are really pleased with the responses to our Parents Evening survey and how we plan to continue our new approach this year. It is evident that so many parents have taken actions from Parents Evening to support our Class Teachers, which in turn helps children. We have seen a positive impact to learning as a result of:

- Earlier bedtimes
- Prioritising reading routines
- Supporting teacher with consequences in line with the behaviour policy.

### 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 (next week)

Week 5: Respect - Inclusion / Cultural diversity

Week 6: Responsibility - Traditions and ceremonies / Religious diversity

Week 7: Empathy - Christmas Story

### Attendance

Lateness Reminder: If a child arrives more than 30 minutes late, they will be marked with a 'U' code on the register. This counts as an unauthorised absence and will affect their attendance record.

Road Closure Notice: Winterstoke Road bridge will be closed from 15 December 2025 until Summer 2027. Parents may need to plan alternative routes and allow extra time for drop-offs and pick-ups during this period.

### Haywood Village Academy Food Parcels



A huge thank you to all the families supporting our Food Bank in school with donations. This is an additional resource we provide in school as well as

being able to refer to the Weston Food Bank offered by the Trussell Trust.

Please email Miss Eastland (jessica.eastland@clf.uk) or the school office to request a food parcel from our Haywood Village Academy Food bank. We currently have plenty of items that need homes to go to. This community is really supportive and no one needs to pause to think about asking for help.

### Book Fair and Reading in school.

The Book Fair was in school this week and was very popular with children and parents. All commission raised will go to the replenishment of books in the library.



We also have plenty of space and desire for Reading Volunteers in school. It is one of the highlights for all children across every year group when they have the opportunity to read with an adult and it really helps their fluency. Please contact the school office if you would like to volunteer.

Every year group is open after school for reading with parents – it's a great opportunity to share books with your children and get a home-read done before you've even left the school gates!

### Children in Need



We raised over £1000! This was amazing. We have never raised so much for this important charity before. It was lots of fun and a real buzz after school amongst families inside on the Street, despite the rain.

### HVA Citizens Certificate

Great progress so far with some early activity taking place led by children. This week alone saw a pupil in Year 6 teach children in Reception about her family heritage and culture within the Gypsy community.



### Have you signed up for Dojo?

The letter previously sent is here:

[Whole-School-Class-Dojo.pdf](#)

Downloading the app and logging on will

give you access to see the learning opportunities in your child's class.

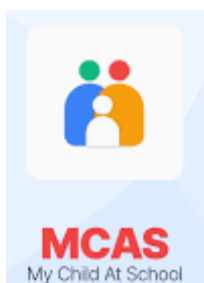


## Non-Uniform Day – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> November

On 28<sup>th</sup> November we are having a non-uniform day to support the Christmas Fayre. Children are requested to donate items, such as unwanted gifts, for the gift room.

## Communications to Parents

This is a reminder that we have now moved to using MCAS for our communications. Most communication will be sent to parents via email and by push notifications direct to the MCAS App. Messages such as parent letters and the Newsletter will be posted to the Announcements tab in MCAS. We will also continue to upload letters, events etc onto the school website. In order to stay informed about what's happening in school parents need to get the MCAS App and create a user account. Contact the school office if you need any assistance with this.



## School Christmas Lunch

The Christmas lunch for all children is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. If you would like your child to have the Christmas lunch you must place your order on MCAS by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the latest.



## The Return of Take 5 – Everyday café



## WEMA Holiday Singing Day 22<sup>nd</sup> December

West of England Music and Arts are running a fun and engaging singing day during the Christmas Holidays. The venue will be St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8PD. Led by WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka, who runs community choirs around Bristol, including Cosmos Choir at St George's

Bristol and the Bristol Hippodrome Community Choir. This event, for children in Years 3-6, will be a fun day of singing with festive and seasonal music. There will be a short sharing performance at the end for parents and carers to attend. It costs £20 and is free for Pupil Premium children. Follow this link to book: [WEMA Singing Day 22 December](https://www.wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops)



A musical treat for the festive season!

## Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day  
Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More Information:  
[wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops](https://www.wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops)



## Christmas Carol Concert

Please consider adding to your diary the community Carol service.



**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 have been baking Gingerbread men which links with their class story. We hope they do not run away!*



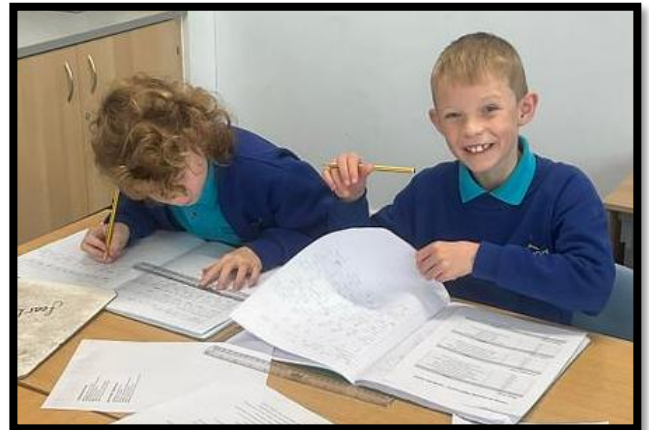
Reception have enjoyed the support of their Year 6 reading buddies.



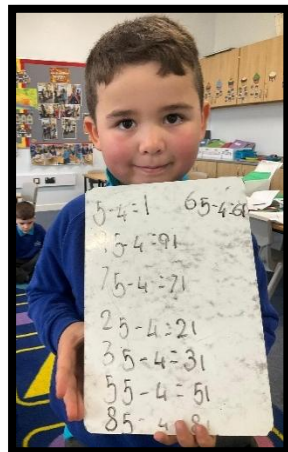
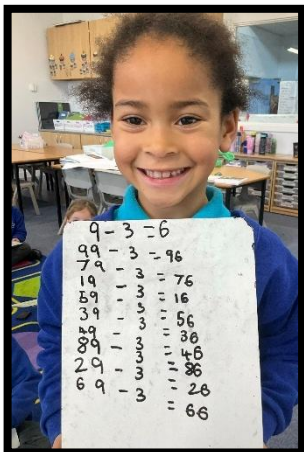
Year 3 visited the Somerset Earth Science Centre. They had a lot of fun being Geologists and Palaeontologists while exploring rocks and fossils!



Year 1 gymnasts worked on their core strength and problem-solving skills.



Year 4 writers have been crafting their stories this week.



Year 2 mathematicians are building their confidence of subtraction using their known facts of pairs to ten.



Year 5 gymnasts have begun their work with Splitz Gymnastics.



*Year 6 musicians continuing to develop their clarinet skills.*

- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Reception Nativity performance, 9:30am – 10:30am
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> - Christmas lunch for all children
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> – Year 1- 2 Christmas singing performance, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 5 - 6 Christmas singing performance, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> – Last day of term.

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### Golden Mentions

Well done to...

- Ava-Rae (Year 1) for great writing.
- Freya (Year 4) for excellent story writing.
- Bailey in year 1 for highly impressive expressions as a mathematician.
- George in Reception has made huge progress in his writing.
- Exceptional artwork from Keyo in Year 6!



### School Calendar

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

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

### November 2025

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Once Upon a Winter theatre production, 5pm – 6pm
- Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 trip to Weston Museum
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform day

### December 2025

- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – SENCO drop-in session, 8:30am – 9:30am
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Fayre, 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Pre-school Christmas songs and crafts, 9:30am - 11am
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> – Cinderella Pantomime trip for Reception to Year 3 children
- Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Jumper Day
- Monday 15<sup>th</sup> – Year 3 - 4 Christmas singing performance, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> – Cinderella Pantomime trip for Year 4 – 6 children