

We have had a great week this week despite the weather – thank you to all for ensuring coats are being worn. If families have spare unwanted raincoats, we are happy to receive a donation.

Assembly themes this term

Week 1: Dreams & Goals / Citizenship

Week 2: HVA 3 Charities Appeal – learning about others

Week 3: Science Week 'Understanding the World Around Us'

Week 4: International Week / Belonging (next week)

Week 5: Children's Health Week

Week 6: Internet Safety Week

This term we have seen some Year 6 children begin to lead some assemblies. Next week a few children will be leading an assembly sharing their family heritage and nationality.

Visit from Ted Wragg Trust leaders

On Thursday this week, we welcomed headteachers and executive leaders from the Ted Wragg Trust. This was part of their professional development programme to review the quality of education in other settings. The team were very impressed by our school and shared this on their social media:



"Haywood Village Academy - a vibrant, welcoming community school from Pre-School through to Year 6. We were struck by their commitment to a limitless education that nurtures curiosity and resilience in every learner and how the curriculum is thoughtfully designed to empower pupils with knowledge, skills and agency."

Attendance

As the weather continues to get colder, we kindly ask that all children bring a warm coat to school each day. We've noticed that some children who have recently been unwell were seen outside in the village without their coats on while unsupervised. Ensuring they are dressed appropriately for the weather will help keep them healthy and ready for learning.

Packing your child with spare socks

Please consider giving your child a spare pair of socks in their school bag. We know the school shoes/trainers are not fully waterproof and because we are in a modern building with underfloor heating, and we do not have radiators, we cannot dry socks that get soaked during outside play.



Mrs Horton returning

We have two Mrs Hortons at HVA. In November, Mrs Aerin Horton went on maternity leave. After half term Mrs Katy Horton will be returning from her maternity leave. Mrs Katy Horton will be joining the teaching in the Year 1 team.

HVA 3 Charities Appeal – this weekend.

We wondered why families had not voted on our recent form. We realised this week that we had not 'opened responses' – apologies. We would like to try again this weekend.

If you would like to suggest a charity for our HVA 3 Charities Appeal – please suggest your charity nomination and why on this form: ['HVA's 3 Charities Appeal' Suggestions- By 9am Monday 26th January – Fill in form.](#)

French Week this week

Did you notice that your child came home this week and knew and shared some French language skills?

How about you ask them about any of the following:

Year 1: Days of the week & colours

Year 2: Numbers 5-10, Months of the year

Year 3: Sports, Numbers 10 -20

Year 4: Clothing, Sports

Year 5: Habitats

Year 6: Planets , names, size, colours



This photo will not do justice to the enjoyment that has been evident in this Year 5 class where children have been singing in French. Do have a look at Class Dojo.

Do your children use <https://www.duolingo.com/> ? We've heard children this week talk about this app and their enjoyment for developing their language skills.



Weston Library Newsletter

Weston Library is looking to build a stronger relationship with local schools, especially as 2026 has been declared the National Year of Reading! They want to increase engagement with reading and with the library as a whole, in the hopes that children can find year-round, and even life-long, enjoyment in reading. Please find attached a library newsletter, to raise awareness of the library and the services and events they have to offer.

PTFA Bend the Rules Day

On Friday 6th February the PTFA are running Bend the Rules Day, raising money for Friends of Haywood Village PTFA.

50p per rule or £3 to bend all the rules, payable in cash to class teachers on the day.

Rules to be broken include:

1. Wear your own clothes
2. Bring an unhealthy snack (no share bags)
3. Eat your pudding first
4. Have a crazy hair style
5. Wear a hat in class
6. Wear your slippers in class (bring a pair of shoes for outside)
7. Wear make up or temporary tattoos
8. Have squash in your water bottle



Friends with the Seagulls

We would like to share with you an exciting new partnership we are developing with Weston-Super-Mare Football Club. Whilst we are only in early talks of how our partnership will work, we are excited about providing free tickets to matches in the coming months.



As artists, Reception children have been designing aliens. They have used different materials to create their own designs!

In the Learning: Here are some images from this week reflecting the experiences and opportunities that have supported children's learning this past week.



In Pre-school, Apple Class had some special visitors, Mike and Bea, local PCSO's who support our community. The children asked them lots of questions and found out about all the things they have to carry to help them to do their job.



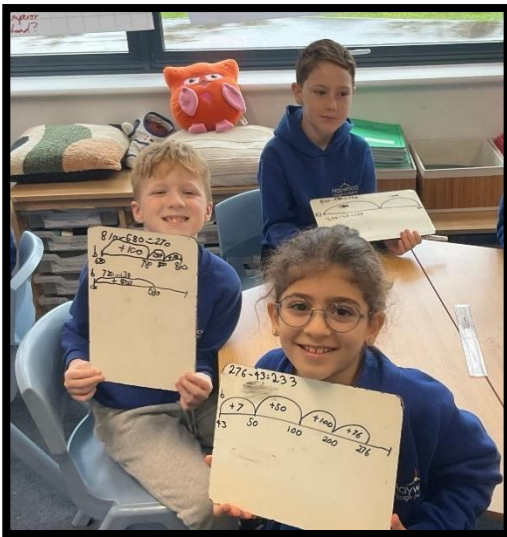
Year 1 computer scientists have been programming robots.



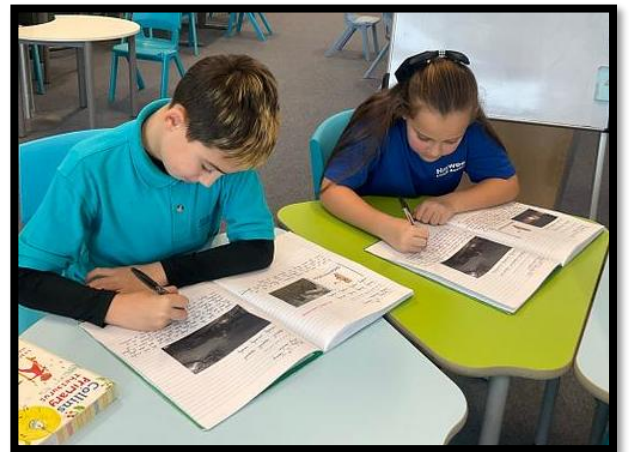
Year 2 have been exploring the colour wheel and how to colour secondary colours.



Year 5 mathematicians have been exploring.



Year 3 mathematicians were exploring multiple methods of addition.



Year 6 writers have been exploring setting descriptions with a particular focus on creating a suspenseful atmosphere. They have used a wide range of figurative language to enhance their writing with their readers in mind.



Year 4 geographers have begun learning about South America and the countries in this continent. They did some research to find out about these countries.

Golden Mentions

Well done to Riley in Year 4 for his excellent achievement in his mathematics. Congratulations to Olivia in Year 1 for her impressive artwork. Well done to Keyo in Year 6 for exceptional progress in his writing.



School Calendar

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

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

January 2026

- Tuesday 27th – school choir performing at Young Voices Concert in Birmingham

February 2026

- Monday 2nd – Reception classes phonics lesson via Teams, 9:05am – 9:35am
- Friday 6th – PTFA Bend the Rules Day
- Tuesday 10th – Year 4 Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:145pm
- Tuesday 10th – Year 4 MTC workshop, 3:30pm – 4pm
- Friday 13th – Last day of Term 3
- Monday 23rd – INSET Day (school closed to children)
- Tuesday 24th February – Start of Term 4

March 2026

- Monday 2nd – Friday 6th – World Book Week
- Monday 2nd – Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 7pm
- Wednesday 4th – Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 7pm
- Thursday 5th – World Book Day
- Tuesday 31st – Year 2 Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm



WESTON LIBRARY NEWS

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WELCOME TO 2026!

Term 3 - Monday 05 January 2026 to Friday 13 February 2026

HOW DO I GET A LIBRARY CARD?

Come up to the desk and ask for a form to fill out. Children (under 16) will need an adult to add their details and act as guarantor. Adults will need to show ID. Joining the library is completely free!

HOW MANY BOOKS CAN I HAVE?

You can take out up to 20 books on your card. You can keep these books for 3 weeks, and then you'll need to return or renew them - you can renew your books at <https://www.librarieswest.org.uk/> or get the Libraries West app.

FOR YOUNGER CHILDREN:

Storytime: Tuesdays, 2PM-2:30PM
Rhymetime: Thursdays, 10AM-10:30AM

Or just pop in and borrow some books (for free!) or DVDs (£1 hire charge)

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES FOR PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN:

Arts & Crafts:
Tuesdays, 4PM-5PM
Great for after-school fun



Lego Club:

Saturdays, 10:30AM-3PM
Turn up and build!



OUR OPENING HOURS:

Monday to Friday: 9AM to 6PM
Saturday: 9AM to 4PM
Sunday: CLOSED

Start off the New Year in the open air!

Get active, have some fun, join in with a park run - every week, Sunday, 9AM.

There are Junior Parkruns in Weston and across the surrounding areas. To find out what run is nearest to you, go to:

<https://www.parkrun.org.uk/events/juniorevents>

Get involved with Health Information Week



Cycling Sessions For Young People



We have availability on Saturdays for FREE 1:1 Cycle lessons for young people.

These sessions are perfect for young people needing an extra bit of support to develop their cycling skills

These 30 minute sessions take full advantage of our fantastic range of bikes, trikes & adaptive bikes to introduce cycle skills & develop further confidence.

Email strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com for more information