



Message from the Principal

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

I hope you have all enjoyed a long, action-packed Term 1 and are looking forward to some family time as we head into our half term break. I would like to express a sincere thank you to all for donating items during our non-school uniform day for both the HVA and Weston foodbank. We were *truly* overwhelmed with what we are now able to offer or send to local providers to support families in need within our community.

There have been some fantastic learning opportunities completed by all of our pupils, in all year groups across the school. It is easy to forget that we are already one sixth of our way through this academic year! Pupils have formed strong relationships with their new class teachers over the course of this term, and it has been particularly pleasing to see our new Pre-school and Reception pupils integrate so seamlessly into life at HVA. At the other end of our academy, Year 6 pupils have just returned from the residential camp, having shown outstanding learning behaviours throughout their time away. Well done to all and thank you to the staff who gave up their own family time to join the pupils on their trip.

As we head towards Term 2, we are already looking forward to the fantastic learning opportunities that await. Alongside this, we begin the term with our fantastic fireworks event, fabulously organised by the members of our PTFA. It won't be long before our annual Christmas Fayre is upon us!

Please do prepare pupils for their first days back after half term, which will likely be colder and darker! This will include travel to and from school for older children, and ensuring that pupils have hats, gloves and warm coats for outside play.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support, and we will see you all next term!
Mr Ellis



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Assembly Themes in Term 1 2026-27

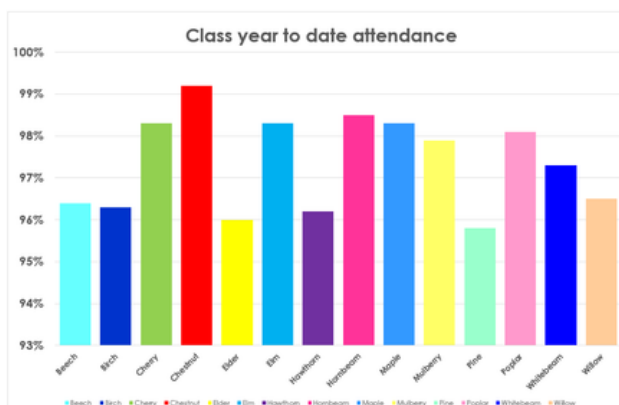
Week 1	Responsibility - HVA Citizen certificate and safety
Week 2	Empathy - Remembrance and Children in Need
Week 3	Kindness - anti-bullying week
Week 4	Honesty - Parliamentary week
Week 5	Respect - Inclusion
Week 6	Responsibility - religious diversity
Week 7	Empathy - Christmas story

Persimmon Homes work and community involvement

Over the half term break, Persimmon Homes will begin piling activities to lay foundations for new homes at the rear of the school. We have been working with them to reduce the impact of this work from 8 weeks to 4. Soundproofing and fencing has now been installed adjacent to the rear playground. There are also sound monitors that are checking levels throughout the school day.

Attendance update

As a reminder, school gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55am. If pupils are arriving at 8:55am, that is potentially 1 hour and 15 minutes of less learning than others weekly, which is 5 hours a month!



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.



Mrs Saunter



Mr Ellis



Miss Hall

Sports event

As an accredited School Games 'Gold' provider, we are looking to increase the amount of sporting opportunities that are available to our pupils outside of normal lessons. Our most recent event participation has been in the North Somerset cross country event at Sidcot school, where a group of Key Stage 2 pupils represented the school brilliantly!



Children in Need - Pudsey fun run!

On Wednesday 11th November, the BBC will be joining us, with Pudsey, for a charity fun-run! More details will follow in the first week of Term 2 on how your child(ren) can get involved!



New security fencing

Over half term, work will be taking place to install security fencing across the entrance to the academy reception. The fencing will enable us to ensure the highest levels of safeguarding for our pupils and staff during the school day.

During the first week of Term 2, work will be done to install an electronic entry system to the gate. This will mean that access to our school office will be done via a buzzer entry system. We will provide any additional updates and guidance on how this system will work in the next newsletter.

HVA Fireworks night



A final reminder that our annual fireworks night takes place on Monday 2nd November. Do not miss the chance to get your tickets for this fantastic event, which supports funds for our school community!

Pumpkin Carving Competition

The PTFA are launching a pumpkin carving competition. **First prize is a £20 Smyths Toys voucher!**

Carve a pumpkin, take a photo and send your photo, clearly marked with proof of payment and your child's name and class, to: friendsofHVA@outlook.com
Send in your entries by Monday 2nd November.

£1 per entry - pay by clicking this link:
<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/ML0G GCRN3CFTD/checkout/YRZNJ7YQ3R5SO7MPXZ INDSWK>



'Squishies' reminder



Across the academy, we are seeing an increase in 'squishy' items being brought in by pupils. We would like to remind members of our school community that pupils are not allowed to bring in these items, as there are numerous issues that come with these items being in school, including behaviour of pupils, items being lost, and potential dangers of counterfeit or faulty items. Should you feel that this is related to a sensory or SEND need, please get in touch with our school SENDCo, Mrs Lovely, where the school can provide aids or items to support your child.

Year 6 Camp

Our Year 6 pupils had an amazing time on their residential! The HVA values of respect, honesty, responsibility, resilience, trust and kindness were shown by all pupils across the week. Well done to all!



SENDCo Drop-in sessions

Mrs Lovely, our SENDCo, is offering drop-in sessions for parents, whether your child is on the SEN Register or not. No need to book.

- Wed 4 Nov - 9am - 10am
- Tues 8 Dec - 2pm - 3pm



Our Learning Across the School

Pre-school

Apple class have been exploring pumpkins as scientists!



Reception

Reception have been learning all about 'The Enormous Turnip'!



Year 1

In RE lessons, Year 1 have been learning about the story of creation!



Year 2

Year 2 have had great fun out at Forest School!



Year 3

Some hard thinking, as Mathematicians, in Year 3 this week!



Year 4

Year 4 made and tasted Anglo-Saxon broth as Historians and Writers!



Year 5

A wonderful turnout for our Year 5 learning showcase!



Year 6

What a fantastic week of camp!



GOLDEN MENTIONS

Alana-Rose (Year 5) - A fantastic poem, written at home!

Progress (Reception) - Outstanding self-portrait!

Ariella (Year 1) - Exceptional gymnastic achievements!

Renee (Year 4) - An excellent Anglo-Saxon longship sketch!

Marianna (Year 5) - A fantastic solar system model for home learning!



Dates for your Diary

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

haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/

October 2026	Event	Time
Thurs 22nd - Fri 23rd	INSET Days - School Closed	
Sat 24th	Reception 27/28 Tour	10am - 11am
Mon 26th - Fri 30th	Half Term Holiday	

November 2026	Event	Time
Mon 2nd	First Day of Term	
Mon 2nd	Friends of HVA Fireworks Display	6pm - 8pm
Tues 3rd	Reception 27/28 Tour	7pm - 8pm
Wed 4th	Year 5 Ancient Egypt Day	
Wed 4th	SENDSCO Drop-in session	9am - 10am
Mon 9th	Reception 27/28 Tour	2pm - 3pm
Wed 11th	Fun run with Pudsey	TBC
Mon 16th	INSET Day - School closed	
16th - 18th	Book Fair	3:15pm - 4pm
Thurs 19th	Reception 27/28 Tour	10:30am - 11:30am
Thurs 26th	Year 4 Trip	

December 2026	Event	Time
Fri 4th	Christmas Fayre	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Tues 8th	SENDSCO Drop-in session	2pm - 3:30pm
Wed 9th	Year 1 & 2 Xmas Singing Performance	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Thurs 10th	Year 3 & 4 Xmas Singing Performance	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Fri 11th	Year 5 & 6 Xmas Singing Performance	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Wed 16th	Reception Nativity Performance	9:30am - 10:30am
Wed 16th	Year 4 Pupil Showcase	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Thurs 17th	Pre-School Christmas Stay and Play	9:30am - 10:30am
Thurs 17th	Christmas Lunch	
Fri 18th	Christmas Jumper Day & Last Day of Term	



Haywood Village Academy Reception 2027/28 Tours

We will be running tours for Reception 2027/28 parents in term 2.

- Sat 24th Oct - 10am - 11am
- Tues 3rd Nov - 7pm - 8pm
- Mon 9th Nov - 2pm - 3pm
- Thurs 19th Nov - 10.30am - 11.30am

During these visits you get an opportunity to look at the school and meet a member of the Senior leadership team. Parents will have a chance to learn about our vision, values and school community and ask questions.



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RECEPTION TOURS
 SEPTEMBER 2027 STARTERS

TUESDAY 29 th SEPTEMBER 5-6PM	FRIDAY 16 th OCTOBER 9:30-10:30AM
SATURDAY 24 th OCTOBER 10-11AM	TUESDAY 3 rd NOVEMBER 7-8PM
MONDAY 9 th NOVEMBER 2-3PM	THURSDAY 19 th NOVEMBER 10:30-11:30AM

NO BOOKING REQUIRED

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Accreditation logos: Ofsted Outstanding Provider, Quality Standard 2015, PSQM, Sports Games Gold, and Future Stars Education.



Better Health North Somerset  **North Somerset Council**

Wellness in action!

Improving health in the winter months

Pop in to one of our events in Weston

Thursday 8 October (10am to 2pm)
 The Sovereign, Weston-super-Mare BS23 1HL

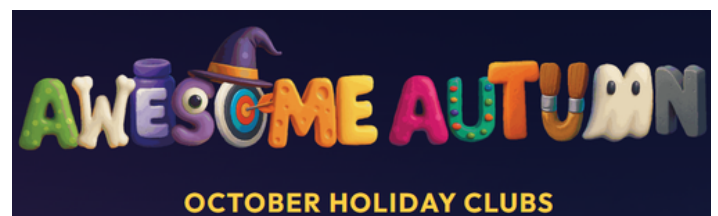
Tuesday 27 October (10am to 2pm)
 Healthy Living Centre, Weston-super-Mare BS23 3SJ

FREE advice and support to help you take control of your health

- blood pressure checks
- flu jabs
- Covid vaccinations
- losing weight
- Healthy Start information
- health walk information
- mental health support
- stop smoking
- blood pressure checks and much more

Illustration of people engaged in various activities: a person on a bicycle, a person in a wheelchair, a person running, a person sitting on a bench, and a person walking a dog.

A special health event is being held in Weston-Super-Mare on Tuesday 27th October. The event is running from 10am-2pm at the Healthy Living Centre, BS23 3SJ. There will be a range of free advice and support for families including blood pressure checks, flu jabs, covid vaccinations, weight advice, Healthy Start information, mental health information and stop smoking advice.



AWESOME AUTUMN
 OCTOBER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Future Stars Coaching are running Holiday Clubs this half-term holiday. Click on this link access their holiday hub website and find out more:

<https://sites.futurestarscoaching.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>