

Feedback on Newsletters

Your feedback is all noted, and we are working on a few ideas for the future. Thank you. Still feel free to comment: <https://forms.office.com/e/6cBr6T780W>

Well done to those completing their weekly reading challenges: The Reading Raffle

The more you read, the greater the chance of a prize. Of course the the real prize is learning to read. Please remember that 5 minutes reading aloud supervised by an adult is all that is needed to help fluency, accuracy of words and support with meanings.



Year 4-6 Young Voices concert

Congratulations to the 40 children from HVA who joined the Young Voices Concert in Birmingham last week. It was a special night to remember. School choirs from across the country joined together to perform to a parent audience with professional artists and choir masters. Thank you to Miss Johnson, Mrs Slade, Miss Summers, Miss Cross and Mr Staplin for taking the children.



Assembly themes this term:

Week 1: Goals and Dreams

Week 2: A sense of place and learning about others

Week 3: Pupil leaders / HVA Citizen Certificate (This week)

Week 4: International Week / belonging

Week 5: Children's Health Week

Week 6: Internet Safety Week

Next week's assembly theme - International Week / belonging.

We are keen for parents to come into school at the end of each day, or at a time that is convenient to school and parents, to introduce themselves to the class and share their heritage and some information about their country of birth. If you are interested in this, please speak to class teachers or put your name down on sign up sheets on classroom doors. We have so much diversity, and we would like to celebrate this together.

Inspirational visitors always welcome at HVA

Year 4 and Year 6 had a fantastic visit from Duncan Chard, a nature documentary director and producer. Duncan has worked on Disney, Discovery and National Geographic productions. We loved hearing insights into his role, facts from his wealth of animal knowledge and anecdotes from his experiences.



Maths challenges – Homework help

Please look on your children's year group webpage. We have added a new link to a webpage providing games for you and your child that support understanding of the key objectives for your child's year group.

Maths Times Tables Expectations

Please help your child learn their tables as they will be regularly tested in school. A document showing the National Curriculum times tables expectations for each year group has been attached to this newsletter. It also lists websites with some times tables games to make learning them fun.

School uniform – Blue School Hoodies

To confirm, we are including the blue school hoodies as part of the daily school uniform. Pupils can either wear the blue jumper or the hoodie everyday. We would like to remind Year 6 parents that Year 6 children can only wear their leavers hoodies on PE days. We will be expecting children to have hoods down when inside the school building.

Parent Academy Councillor vacancy

We still have a vacancy for a volunteer Parent Academy Councillor. This is a role that is about school governance. If you would like to support the school's strategic direction and continued success, please apply via the form below.

<https://forms.office.com/e/1kBQD6L1Wu>

HVA 3 Charities Appeal 2024/25



On Monday 3rd February we will be running after-school clubs to raise money for the Grand Appeal. To book a place on a club for your child follow this link

<https://forms.office.com/e/6WENKJvGkH> Clubs will cost £2 (payable in cash the week before) and finish at 4pm. There are many clubs on offer, including yoga, dance, gymnastics, cricket, cookery, mini golf, football and jogging. **There are still places left in some clubs** to help raise money.

HVA Citizens Certificate 2024/25

This week, we launched our Citizens Certificate in Tuesday's assembly, including the importance of being part of our community by helping others and learning new things that align with the Values and Learning Behaviours of HVA. Paper copies of the certificate will come home with children; we will also be trialling an online version of the certificate that will be released in the next few weeks. Good luck to all children looking to earn their 2024-25 HVA Citizens Certificate shield!



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch



The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch is taking place this weekend and it is easy to take part. Choose an hour anytime between **24th – 26th January** and count the birds you see in your garden, from your balcony, or in your local park.

Only count birds that land, not birds flying overhead. Send your numbers to www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch by 23rd February. Even if you see nothing, it still counts. More information is attached to this Newsletter.

Share our school with friends and families

You may wish to share this link to a virtual tour of HVA with friends and families when talking with them about school.

[#ProudofHVA](https://tourmkr.com/F1llFoEotZ/44102402p&357.57h&60.92t)

Latest radio show

We continue to vary the radio Crew DJ from term to term and invite children in to talk about their learning for weekly shows. The latest show can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/2s3345hn>

Child Exploitation Awareness event

Avon and Somerset Police is offering a regional Child Exploitation Awareness event for parents/carers on

the 30th of January from 8pm – 9pm. This **FREE online session** has been arranged by the Avon and Somerset Safeguarding Training Network and is being delivered by Prevention Officer Andri Nicolaou from the child exploitation team. The session is taking place via Microsoft Teams and there is no need to book. We would be grateful if you could email Sarah.Saunter@clf.uk if you are planning to attend the session. [Click here for link to the Teams meeting.](#)

In the learning:

You can view each year group's webpage on our curriculum pages. You may use X to view the images from the classroom. Here are some insights to learning opportunities from the past few weeks:



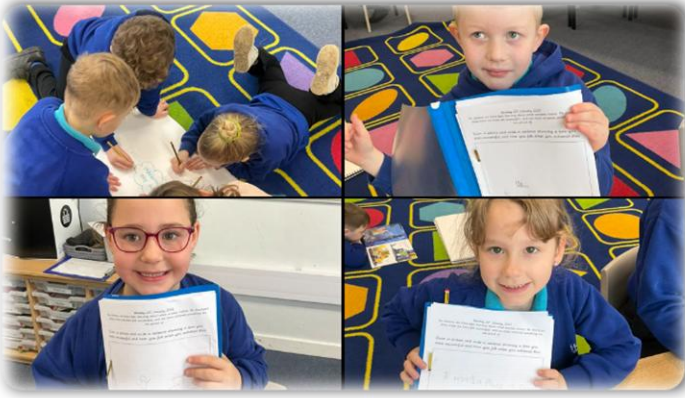
Pre-school learners in Apple class have explored cause and effect; they used straws to create bubbles and transport cake cases across the tray.



Reception enjoyed creating their own town and role-playing with cars and people. The children drew their own places, including the numbers on doors.



Year 1 artists have been developing their powder paint skills to vary their colours and tones.



As citizens, Year 2 spoke about success and a time when they have been successful and felt proud. They also set themselves a challenge to succeed before next week.



As artists and linguists, Year 5 been learning about Henri Matisse as they recreated some of his still life paintings using watercolour techniques



Year 3 musicians performed their ukelele skills to their parents.



Each Friday, over the coming term, Year 6 are developing their confidence in dance with the Angels Academy coach alongside our teachers.



Year 4 linguists have learnt a tale about giants in French! They made links with their writer's tale and were able to match familiar English and French vocabulary.

Golden Mentions



Well done to Nylah-Grace, Cohen and Leo in Year 2, who have both made excellent progress in their writing. Jamie in Year 1 has made tremendous progress in his writing recently.

School Calendar

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

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

February 2025

- Monday 3rd – Grand Appeal after school clubs till 4pm
- Tuesday 4th – Year 4 MTC meeting for parents, 3:30 – 4pm
- 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 – Bend the rules day
- 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

March 2025

- Monday 3rd – Friday 7th – World Book Week
- Wednesday 5th - Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter, 9am – 11am
- Thursday 6th – World Book Day
- Monday 10th – Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 12th – Parents Evening, 3.30pm - 7pm
- Monday 24th – Friday 28th – Haywood's Got Talent! Week

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