

We have had a great start back to school this week. There has been lots of excitement around school from seeing friends and teachers after a 2 week break to enjoying specific lessons, trips or experiences.

This term, although a short 5 weeks, will be packed with the usual busyness and fun. Parents should have received the year group emails before the end of term, sharing information like PE days, events and curriculum information. Where possible we will invite parents into school to view learning opportunities, like the Year 4 clarinet showcase last term. Please look ahead on the website as it details the dates for the summer term.
<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>



Parent Survey


Please see full feedback / response from the parent survey. The link to the letter can be found here:
<https://tinyurl.com/2jec8kix>

Community Survey – April & May

We have recently launched a community survey. If you live in Haywood Village, please contribute and if you know of other families in Haywood Village, please share with them – thank you.
<https://forms.office.com/e/hLleeNRRm5>



Opportunity to share and win a voucher...

Please see attached poster to enter a competition by North Somerset to share 'What is it like to grow up in North Somerset?'.


Assembly themes this term:

Week 1: Understanding behaviour & resilience
Week 2: Protected characteristics (Next week)
Week 3: Linguists
Week 4: No Outsiders / Medical Differences
Week 5: HVA Citizens & Safety

We share the field with badgers

Although we have not seen any badgers in our field, they do occasionally leave behind poo. Your child may come home and tell you, and we can reassure you, it is not Ned, the school dog. Our premises team and lunchtime team will aim daily to check the field to ensure your child does not accidentally tread, roll or fall into animal poo.



This website may interest you and your family as it has helped us to identify that we also have hedgehogs in our field too!

<https://www.wildlifewatch.org.uk/wildlife-zone/identify-wildlife/identify-animal-poo>

Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP)

We are excited that we have secured a new EMHP, following Megan gaining a new role within the service. From Term 5, Amber Leonard will join us as a trainee, and will work at HVA on a Thursday. Initially, Amber will be supporting a small number of children whilst she trains. Amber will be keen to say hello if you see her around school.



Further mental health support for children:

We will continually teach PSHE (Personal Social Health and Economic education) weekly and run an assembly programme that educates all with inclusive and supportive behaviour. We will continue to engage in the pupil conferencing work by adults, with oversight from the safeguarding team to ensure pupils' voice is regularly captured and supported. Our curriculum provides high expectations within a supportive culture than means children are exposed to challenge and they build their resilience. We will continue to have Mrs Innes support our colleagues with Thrive expertise <https://www.thriveapproach.com/> alongside the continued programme to train as many HVA staff in Mental Health First Aid Training as possible (currently we have the highest number of staff in any school in North Somerset). In addition to Megan, we welcome the support of our ROC mentors (<https://roc.uk.com/roc-mentors/>) to support specific children.

Would you like to be a ROC mentor? See attached poster for more information. You may be able to spare 1 hour a week for a voluntary role in our school with training for ROC. <https://roc.uk.com/> Parents can contact sarah.saunter@clf.uk if they are interested.

Haywood's Got Talent!

Congratulations to the Reception year group for winning Haywood's Got Talent! We had many children audition to be finalists and 2 finalists from each year group were chosen. Congratulations to all the finalists, and specifically well done to Cameron and Nicholas for their wonderful bike ability and impressive mathematics.



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



Inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk, Reception children are being scientists and are growing their own beans.



In Year 1, the children began their term dressed up in outfits for work – they were artists, sportspersons, police, vets, doctors, explorers and even a palaeontologist!



Year 2 artists began exploring the discipline of collage for this term. They worked collaboratively to create a collage using the skills of tearing, cutting and applying.



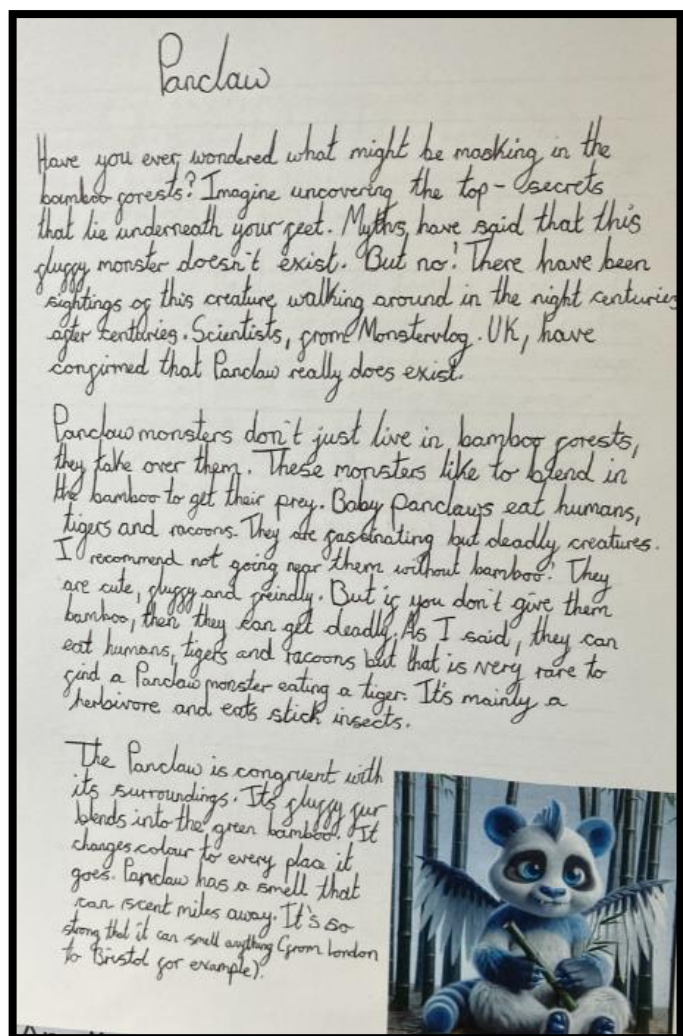
Year 3 were in Bristol exploring the M-shed and The Matthew ship as part of their Tudor Explorers history learning.



Year 4 have enjoyed their first session with Bristol Bears RISE programme, learning the skills of rugby and how to look after their mental health.



Year 5 returned to Forest School this term – potion making, playing and preparing to plant.



Year 6 writers have their recent writing of their created creatures on display in school – parents, do come in when you get a chance to read these.

School Calendar

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

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

April 2025

- Friday 25th – Tulip photography - class and leavers photographs
- Friday 25th - Phonics screening check meeting for Year 1 parents, 3.15pm
- Tuesday 29th – ZooLab visits Reception classes

May 2025

- Monday 5th - Bank Holiday – school closed
- Wednesday 7th - Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter, 9am – 11am
- Thursday 8th – Year 5 trip to Wessex Water
- Monday 12th – Thursday 15th – Year 6 SATs
- Wednesday 14th – Year 2 trip to Court Farm
- Monday 19th – Flibbertigibbet visiting Reception and pre-school
- Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st – Book Fayre
- Monday 19th – Friday 23rd – Spelling Quiz Week for all classes except Year 6
- Thursday 22nd – Year 1 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm
- Friday 23rd – Booknic, 2.30pm
- Friday 23rd – last day of term

June 2025

- Monday 2nd – start of term 6
- Tuesday 3rd – Writer's Exhibition
- Wednesday 4th – HVA Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter, 9am – 11am
- Friday 27th – Friends of HVA school disco, 3.30pm – 5.30pm

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WHAT'S IT LIKE TO GROW UP IN NORTH SOMERSET?



If you are between 5 and 19 years old, we want to hear from you.
you have until June 1 2025, can send us a creative response to the question, "What's it like to grow up in North Somerset?" for the chance to Win an Amazon voucher!
Tell us your story—your way!

We love a bit of creativity

- You can send us your letters, poems, music videos, paintings, drawings, posters, podcasts, animations, or any other way you can think of to tell us your thoughts, you can even create a rap and perform it
- BUT!!! dont forget to record it, draw it or write it!! and send it to if its over 20mb, dont forget to zip it in a file before sending.
- Engagement.Participation@n-somerset.gov.uk

Closing date 1st
June 2025
masterpiece winners
announced 30th
June.

We want to hear it all—
your thoughts, your vibes,
your take on everything
happening around you!

What's on your mind?



Would you like to support young children to lift their mood, build their resilience and know that they are safe and well-supported?

Can you join our school team as a part-time volunteer and be a ROC mentor?

Redeeming Our Communities (ROC) mentors are everyday people, who are trained by ROC staff to use their life experience and skills to be a 'friend with purpose'. Mentors come alongside children in our school, helping them to make positive life choices, improve their resilience as well as self-esteem and personal wellbeing.

If you are interested in this, please email ROC directly on info@roc.uk.com to register your interest.

Further information can also be found online:
roc.uk.com/roc-mentors/

Online training sessions will take place on
Wednesdays 4th, 11th and 18th June (7 - 9.30pm).

One or two hours per month of your time would make a massive difference to children.