

It has and continues to be a busy fun-filled term. Although this term has seen nearly every year group undertake some independent assessments for their reading and maths, there is clearly considerable enthusiasm for these and other opportunities in school.

Year 3 & 4 dancers at the Weston Playhouse

Well done to our HVA Dancers who performed on stage at the Playhouse theatre on Wednesday evening. The children showed fantastic determination and motivation as they successfully performed Revolting Children and A Sky Full of Stars.



We recently gave the pupils in school a school survey. We asked the children many questions which they had the chance to record independently on an iPad. Children in Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 were asked in person. Here are some of the results:

- When we asked what the children liked most about school, children shared that their teacher, forest school, school trips and friendships were most popular.
- The vast majority of children felt that school was safe. A few comments where children said it was not safe referred to doing fire drills or feeling like something might happen or when children have fallen over. There were a minority of responses referring unkind incidences that we are following up.
- The most popular subjects for learning were art and PE (gym, dance, games), followed by writing.
- Children scored 4.46 out of 5 for how important it is to read.
- Children scored 4 out of 5 for how fun school is.
- We heard and will follow up the children's view to 'what is not fair in school'.

- The majority of children shared that they felt there was a trusted adult they could talk to if they were worried about something.

Parent Survey

Now your turn – You have this weekend to join in with the HVA annual parent survey. Your constructive feedback is much appreciated. You can lift your child's teaching team with your positive feedback and/or share how you would like aspects of school heard, considered and/or improved.

<https://forms.office.com/e/8UYCCfW4a5>

Assembly themes this term:

Week 1: Inspiration – HVA's Got Talent

Week 2: World Book Week

Week 3: Shelter Awareness & Safety Week

Week 4: Neurodiversity Week

Week 5: Sustainability Week

Week 6: Respects & Careers Week (next week)



We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge is running from 24th March – 4th April 2025. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What can you do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event. We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel.

We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact Mr Momber-Blake and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Why we are taking part?

Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity into children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing.

Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down pollution levels.

Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Haywood's Got Talent!



The final is next week and families will be invited to join the show that takes place next Friday. It has been wonderful to see so many children join together, rehearse, practise and have a go at showcasing a talent to others.

Attendance information

Thank you for your continued support of attendance at Haywood Village Academy. We are pleased to share that our current year-to-date attendance (since September 2024) is **96.2%**. This is above CLF, Local (North Somerset) and National average. Year 3 currently have the highest attendance in the school. As a reminder, Captain Ted visits the class with the highest attendance each week.

Some of you may have received attendance emails over the course of the year. We wanted to remind you that the intention of the attendance emails is to keep families informed of authorised and unauthorised absences. As always, we are more than happy to discuss your child's attendance in more detail if you wish.

At Haywood Village Academy, we believe that our community is stronger together, with all of our pupils in school, on time, every day. We are aiming to provide a limitless education for your child through active, meaningful and engaging opportunities. By attending school every day, we believe we can achieve this success.

School meals

Did you know that our school meals are all made from scratch, fresh on site? Our kitchen team do a great job of meeting the needs of all our children and know their preferences really well. Recent comments from children have included:

"That was the best lunch EVER!"

"School dinners used to be not good... but now they are great"

"I ask my mum if I can have them everyday"

With a new menu released for term 5, now might be a good time to try something new!



Singing in the holidays – Music (and childcare)

Have you seen and signed your child up to the Easter/Spring break music day hosted by the West of England Music Association specialists? The choir day is on Monday 7th April at 9am – 3:30pm and takes place at HVA. Parents and carers are invited for a short performance at 3:15pm. Cost: £25 for the day. No charge if your child is eligible for pupil premium. Follow this link to sign up. <https://wema.org.uk/Easter-Sing>

And finally ... one more

Egg-stra notice:

Please see attached poster for the Easter Egg raffle raising money for The Friends of HVA. **£1 per ticket** and a prize for every class. Tickets go on sale on Monday 31st March and the draw is on Friday 4th April.



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 class had some surprise visitors on Monday. They enjoyed stroking Charlie the pony and feeding Harry the goat - he was very hungry.



Reception have been improving their cycling skills through bikeability training.



In Year 1 have been learning about animals this term and their Year 1 Pet Day was a wonderful success with children finding out about how to look after domestic or farm animals.



Year 2 musicians have been learning the recorder with Mrs Clough, our West of England Music Association specialist and this week they performed to parents who came into class.



As part of our Historians exploration of The Age of Exploration, Year 3 have been learning about sea shanties with Mrs Sear. They used [@TheLongestJohns](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9vK3vK3vK3v) 'Leave Her Johnny' as it was originally intended - to keep time!



Year 4 enjoying Mayan inspired learning outdoors in Forest School! In this picture children have been creating Mayan stone (soap) carvings.



Year 5 artists created 'drop leaf' prints.



Year 6 Whitebeam class were able to share with parents their Mini-Police certificates having received these from our local PCSOs. They have worked hard to achieve these.



Well done to Phoebe and Arya in Year 4 for their writing! Mila in Year 2 has made wonderful progress in her reading! Albert in Reception has progressed amazingly well with his writing!

School Calendar

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

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

March 2025

- Monday 24th to Friday 28th – Haywood's Got Talent! Week
- Monday 31st – Phonics Screening Check Meeting (Year 1 and 2), 2:45pm – 3:15pm

April 2025

- Tuesday 1st – Year 2 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm
- Wednesday 2nd – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter, 9am – 11am
- Wednesday 2nd – Year 2 Inventors Day
- Thursday 3rd – Year 1 trip to Noah's Ark Zoo Farm
- Friday 4th – Haywood's Got Talent! Final, 1pm – 3pm (for parents of finalists)
- Friday 4th – last day of term
- Monday 7th – Easter/ Spring break music day
- Monday 21st – Bank holiday – school closed
- Tuesday 22nd – First day of term
- Wednesday 23rd – Year 3 trip to The Matthew and M Shed
- Friday 25th – Tulip photography - class and leavers photographs
- Tuesday 29th – ZooLab visits Reception classes

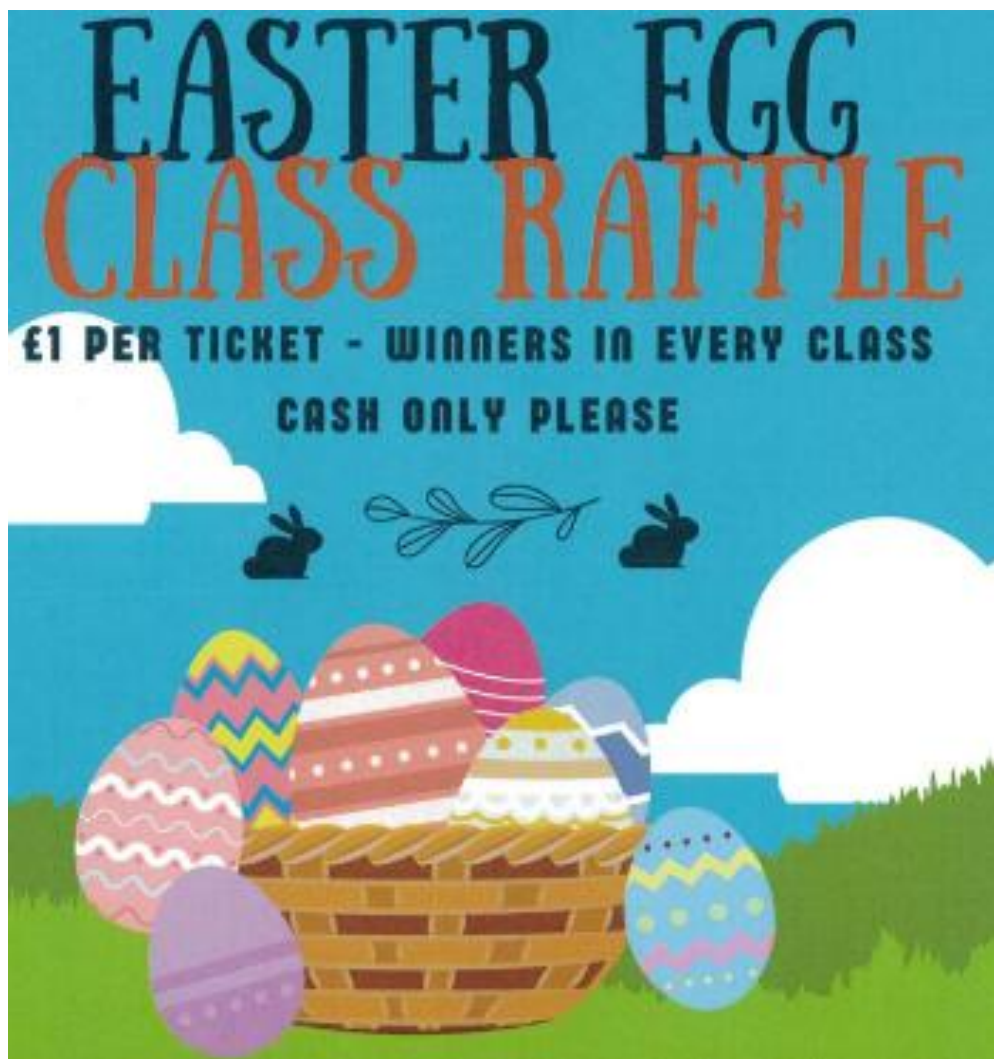
May 2025

- 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
- Monday 19th – Wednesday 21st – Book Fayre
- Friday 23rd – Year 1 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm

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Easter Holiday Junior Choir Days
Oldland Common or
Weston-super-Mare 7th April
Portishead 9th April

Time: 9am - 3.30pm

What: High quality singing course
 in a fun and relaxed atmosphere
 for KS2

How: Sign up below and come and give it a try

Bring: Packed lunch and drinks

Cost: £25 or free if entitled to pupil premium

Venue: Hayward Village Academy BS24 8ES
 Unity Oldland Methodist Church BS30 9QS
 St Peter's Church BS20 8EN



Book a space: <https://wema.org.uk/Easter-Sing>

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