



Haywood Village Academy Newsletter

2nd July 2026



Message from the Principal

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

I hope this message finds you well as we head towards the final few weeks of term. There are still many more exciting things to come, such as forest school, gymnastics and swimming for some classes. Year 5 are looking forward to their school trip and Year 4 have made the most of their visit to the Helicopter Museum. We also have whole school events such as the school booknic, sports day and the wetlands walk for Diabetes UK. Do sign up on the form within our newsletter if you want to join!

A special mention to our PTFA, who have been working hard to provide events for pupils at our school and within our community. You will find in the newsletter an extension of our annual summer BBQ, with the PTFA also holding our first ever colour run. We would love to see as many of you there as possible, either for a relaxing time with some food and refreshments, or taking part in the course! The PTFA will be looking to raise a significant amount of money to provide new outdoor play areas, so your help is much appreciated.

Over the last week, we had to make the decision to close our academy for two days as a result of the extreme heat warning in our area. This decision was not taken lightly, and many mitigations were tested to attempt to keep the school, and all of you, safe. We thank you for your amazing support for this decision, and the support for our remote learning offer during these days.

Finally, we do hope your child(ren) is/are sharing positive experiences of their recent transition days. There can be sadness at leaving current year groups, and some may be nervous about the next stage of school life, particularly for our Year 6 pupils moving on from HVA. However, our teaching team have been really excited to meet their new classes and can't wait to get started in the new academic year. We have also seen this excitement across the academy from pupils, with many sharing their enthusiasm already to return after the summer break!

Enjoy reading.

Mr Ellis



info@hva.clf.uk



[01934 312720](tel:01934 312720)



[Haywood Village Academy](https://www.haywoodvillageacademy.co.uk)



Cabot
Learning
Federation

Assembly Themes in Term 6

Week 1	Responsibility - Local History
Week 2	Kindness - HVA standards of behaviour
Week 3	Empathy - Diabetes UK
Week 4	Kindness - Diversity week
Week 5	Respect - Transition week
Week 6	Honesty - Sports week
Week 7	Responsibility - Safety week

Sports Day

We have sent a letter this week to share with parents the layout and timings for school sports day on Friday 10th July, including the lunchtime picnic that all families can attend.

- 9am – 10am: Sports Day for Pre-school.
- 10am – 12pm: Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.
- **12pm – 1pm: Picnic lunch – parents invited into school to have a picnic lunch with their children.**
- 1pm – 3:15pm: Sports Day for Year 3 – Year 6.

Parents are invited to come into school to watch their children take part. The children will be having packed lunches on this day and will be eating these outside. Parents are invited to bring picnic food in for themselves and eat with the children at lunchtime.

Our reserve day is Friday 17th July, should we need it.

We hope to see you there!



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

Diabetes UK Wetlands Walk - Volunteering

On Thursday 16th July, the entire school will be walking to the Haywood Village wetlands to support Diabetes UK, raising both awareness and funds as part of our HVA 3 Charities Appeal. We will aim to leave school by 9:15am, returning before 11am. If you would like to support us by joining the children on the walk, we would love to hear from you — please complete the form linked below.

<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/zC098GyUkL>

DIABETES UK
KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.



Online Safety

A reminder of some resources to help support families with online safety:

- [NSPCC – Online Safety](#)
- [Thinkuknow \(CEOP Education\)](#)
- [National Online Safety](#)
- [Internet Matters](#)
- [UK Safer Internet Centre](#)
- [Childnet](#)



2026/2027 Teaching Teams

We are excited to be sharing our teachers and class placement for the next academic year.

You may notice that Miss Melson (Year 6) and Miss Greenwood (Year 5) will not be with us for the next academic year. They are both moving out of the local area, on exciting new adventures! They have been excellent teachers in their time with us, and we wish them both well.

Mrs Arthur will be joining us in Year 6, also as our new Assistant Principal, replacing Miss Hall, who is now our Vice Principal. Mrs Arthur is a current headteacher in the local area, so we are very excited to bring her knowledge and experience into our team!

Apple class (Miss Cross)
 Beech class (Miss Kenward)
 Birch class (Mrs Giles)
 Cherry class (Mr Chapman)
 Chestnut class (Miss Freeman and Miss Horton)
 Elm class (Mr McKenzie)
 Elder class (Mrs Short and Mrs Waite)
 Hawthorn class (Mr Momber-Blake)
 Hornbeam class (Miss Allen)
 Maple class (Mr Allen)
 Mulberry class (Mrs Abraham)
 Pine class (Mr Alfieri)
 Poplar class (Mrs Burton)
 Whitebeam class (Mrs Thompson)
 Willow class (Mrs Arthur)

Year 6 Performance

This year, our Year 6 pupils will be performing 'The X Factory' for their end-of-year show! They are working really hard in preparation, for what promises to be an amazing performance!



Local History project

Not long until our local history project finishes; please hand your entries to class teachers.



Art Gallery

Our annual art gallery was a brilliant success! Every child submitted a piece of artwork and it was wonderful to see so many quality pieces across different disciplines.

Well done to Pippa in Year 6 who won the **Exceptional Art Award**. Congratulations also to our **Pupil Choice Award Winners**:
 EYFS/KS1 - Evelina in Apple class
 KS2 - Louis in Hawthorn class



Spelling Bee competitions

We have set the following dates for our Spelling Bee competitions:

Year 1: 17th July
 Year 2: 10th July
 Year 4: 9th July
 Year 5: 15th July



PTFA - Colour Run and BBQ

The PTFA is delighted to invite you and your family to our Summer BBQ and Colour Run, taking place on Monday 20th July 2026 after school. We are looking forward to celebrating the end of the school year with an afternoon full of fun, colour, food and community spirit.

Our popular Colour Run will begin from 3:30pm, with children running a designated route whilst being showered with colourful powder along the way. It's a fantastic event for children and families and a great way to make lasting memories before the summer holidays.

Entry Fee: £5.00 per child

Information about how to book places and sponsorship has been sent to parents via MCAS.



HVA Booknic

We are happy to announce that the HVA Booknic will take place at 3.00pm on Thursday 16th July 2026! This is another fantastic opportunity to share quality time with your children and find out more about the books we read at Haywood Village Academy.

Each class will have a sign-up sheet for volunteer readers to read to a group of children from each class from one of our HVA Reading Spine books. If you have more than one child at HVA, sign up with your youngest child's class. Teachers will be able to support older siblings joining.



On this afternoon, pick-up for Beech, Birch, Cherry and Chestnut classes will be from the field gates, following the conclusion of the Booknic. Pick-up for children who have got adults at the Booknic in all other classes will be from normal class doors.

Our Learning Across the School

Pre-school



The first butterfly has appeared in Apple class!

Reception



More Forest School fun across reception!



Year 1

Lots of fun for Year 1 musicians!



Year 2

This is a fantastic example of remote learning from Year 2, during last week's school closure



Year 3

Year 3 had their spelling bee competition this week!



Year 4

Year 4 Computer Scientists have made their own games!



Year 5

Year 5 pupils completed TTRS band battles as part of their remote learning last week.



Year 6

Year 6 are designing props for their end-of-year show, as well as completing secondary transition this week!



GOLDEN MENTIONS

Emily (Year 4 Maple) - An incredible papier mache eyeball, completed as part of remote learning days!

Dates for your Diary

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

haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/

July 2026	Event	Time
Wed 1st	Moving Up Transition Afternoon 2	
Wed 1st	Parents Evening (date moved from 24/6/26)	3:30pm - 7pm
Thurs 2nd	Year 4 school trip	
Fri 3rd	INSET DAY - School closed	
Wed 8th	Year 5 school trip	
Fri 10th	Sports Day	
Tues 14th	Year 6 End of Year Show	1:30pm - 3pm
Wed 15th	Reception Pupil Showcase	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Thurs 16th	Diabetes UK Wetlands Walk	9:15am - 11am
Thurs 16th	Whole-school BOOKNIC on the field	3pm
Thurs 16th	Year 6 End of Year Show	7pm - 8:30pm
Mon 20th	PTFA Colour Run and BBQ	3:30pm - 5pm
Tues 21st	Year 6 Leavers Assembly	9am - 10:30am
Tues 21st	Last day of term 6	

September 2026	Event	Time
Thurs 3rd	INSET DAY - School closed	
Fri 4th	INSET DAY - School closed	
Mon 7th	First day of term 1	



Summer Fun Information from Miss Eastland

Free and inexpensive days out

Some good options include:

The beach and promenade – completely free.

Marine Lake – ideal for paddling and crabbing (bring your own nets and buckets).

Water Adventure Play Park – one of the town's most popular outdoor play areas.

Parks including Grove Park, Clarence Park and Ashcombe Park with playgrounds and picnic areas.

Weston Museum (free entry, donations welcome on many days).



Food

Tesco Cafe: Kids eat free with one full-price adult purchase when you scan a Clubcard.

Runs 25 June–1 September 2026, seven days a week. The adult purchase can be as little as 65p.

ASDA Cafe: Kids eat for £1 all day, every day. No minimum adult spend is usually required.

Morrisons Cafe: One child eats free with an adult meal costing £5 or more. Available all day, every day.

Dunelm Pausa Cafe: Kids eat free with every £4 spent in the cafe.

Keep an eye out for free events

- Summer Reading Challenge - Children aged 4–11 can join the free Summer Reading Challenge at any North Somerset library, earning rewards and certificates for reading over the holidays.
- Summer Circus Daze at the Italian Gardens – learn juggling, tightwire, stilts, unicycles and circus skills. Dates: 28 July, 4, 11, 18 & 25 August.
- Thursday 7 August: Free Punch and Judy shows at Weston Museum
- Holy Trinity Church WSM - Glow Kids Club is a fun, safe, and welcoming kids club in Weston-super-Mare designed for children in school years 1 – 6. Each Thursday from 5:00–6:30pm (£1 entry), children enjoy games, crafts, music, dancing, snacks, and engaging Bible stories that help them learn about God in a joyful and easy-to-understand way.



SUMMER FUN EVENT
BAYTREE REC, MILTON, NEXT TO ST PETERS CHURCH
RUN BY PCSO'S & ST PETER'S CHURCH
MONDAY 27TH JULY
- 10AM TO 12PM -
ALL AGES WELCOME
BRING YOUR FAMILY, FRIENDS AND
NEIGHBOURS
For more info contact: opsstpeterswsm@gmail.com

GAMES
RIOT SHIELDED
ACTIVITY
POLICE VEHICLES

ASSAULT
COURSE
COMPETITION

 **Avon and Somerset Police**
SERVE. PROTECT. RESPECT.

 **St Peter's**
Milton and Head Vale

YMCA Daycamps

The YMCA are offering 7 weeks of themed activities with special experience Friday's where children can learn new skills, make friends and have the best summer ever!

If you have any questions, feel free to email DayCamps@ymca-dg.org. The link to book is [YMCA Daycamps - YMCA Dulverton Group YMCA Daycamps - Ofsted Registered Holiday Clubs Somerset](#)



YMCA DAYCAMPS
Adventure Awaits this summer!

 Seven weeks of fun; no two days the same

 Yew Trees Farm, BS26 2SA

 Now taking bookings for summer!

BOOK NOW!

We've spent years building something brilliant with our Daycamps. Now we're taking everything you've loved and turned it into an outdoor adventure holiday club like no other.

For children in reception to Year 6

The same YMCA heart with a whole new level of adventure. The school holidays, sorted.

GYMPANZEES SUMMER POP UP 2026

Celebrating 10 Years of Gympanzees and Our 10th Pop Up!

Join us this summer for Bristol's leading accessible play experience for disabled children and young people.

Wed 5th Aug - Sun 23rd Aug 2026
Ilminster Avenue Nursery School
 (it's much bigger than you might think)
Knowle West
Bristol BS4 1BX

Inclusive • Accessible • Fun

Experience specialist sensory and physical play equipment, exciting activities, and a welcoming environment where every child can play, explore and have fun. For ages 0-25.



BOOK NOW!

Scan/Click the QR code or visit the link below.



We can't wait to welcome you this summer - book your session now!

gympanzees.org/our-services/pop-ups 

Gympanzees
The inclusive world of fun & fitness

GYMPANZEES SUMMER POP UP

What is Gympanzees?

Gympanzees is the UK's leading leisure, play and social opportunity provider for disabled children and young people.

We create inclusive spaces where children and young people with disabilities and additional needs can exercise, play, socialise and have fun alongside their families.

At our Summer Pop Up you'll find:

- Specialist sensory equipment
- Physical play and exercise opportunities
- Inclusive activities for a wide range of needs
- Dedicated quiet spaces
- A welcoming, understanding community
- Fun for the whole family

Who can attend?

Disabled children and young people aged 0-25 and their families.

Celebrate with us!

This year marks **10 years of Gympanzees** and our **10th Pop Up**, making this our biggest celebration yet. We'd love you to join us.

Book your session today!

gympanzees.org/our-services/pop-ups 

Gympanzees
The inclusive world of fun & fitness

North Somerset Athletic Club are now taking bookings for their popular Athletics Fundays.

A great introduction to this exciting sport - Delivered by GB International Chris Millard, and NSAC Ambassadors

Clevedon School BS21 6AH, 10am - 4pm

Age 8-12 all abilities welcome

£26 per day

We will take no more than 24 athletes to maintain the quality and athlete/coach ratios

Monday August 3rd - Thursday August 6th 2026

Monday August 17th - Thursday August 20th 2026

Monday August 24th - Thursday August 27th 2026

Sprints, Hurdles, Long Jump, High Jump, Endurance option, Throws, Sportshall Athletic Events, Relays, Games and Challenges.

Medals to be won, and certificates to be earned

Email contact@nsac.org.uk for availability or other queries



**NORTH SOMERSET
ATHLETIC CLUB**

**SUMMER
FUNDAYS**

CLEVEDON SCHOOL
10am - 4pm
AGE 8-12
£26 PER DAY
 contact fundays
[@nsac.org.uk](mailto:contact@nsac.org.uk) for more info

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

NO COST **



**HAYWOOD AIRFIELD
LEISURE ENTERPRISE**
**JULY 27TH - 31ST
AUG 3RD - 7TH & 10TH - 14TH**
5-12 YEARS
9AM-3PM



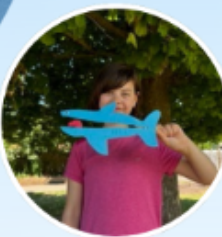
**DELICIOUS LUNCHES
AND SNACKS**



**FUN SPORTS LIKE
FOOTBALL,
DODGEBALL, AND
MORE!**



SUMMER CRAFTS



**BOOK ONLINE AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/4N27HS4U](https://tinyurl.com/4N27HS4U)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE. TO BOOK FOR FREE**

**** NO COST FOR THOSE ON BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

