



Message from the Principal

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

I hope you are all well as we pass the halfway point of our first term of the 2026/27 academic year.

We have welcomed our new reception pupils in Beech and Birch on a full-time basis, and are really enjoying seeing relationships build across the school, at breaktimes, lunchtimes and during reading buddy sessions with our older pupils!

The image above shares a £3,000 donation given by Persimmon Homes which is helping to support our ongoing community work within and beyond Haywood Village. This particular donation will enable us to purchase some external display cabinets where pupils can showcase work around our local park areas!

Miss Hall and I have also had an excellent meeting with colleagues from Weston-super-Mare AFC this weekend, and are delighted to be forming a strong partnership with our local football club. Some exciting news will be coming on this in future weeks, so do keep an eye out!

As the term is now in full flow, we are seeing lots of excellent curriculum opportunities, such as Year 4's Anglo-Saxon day, Year 6's Lifeskills trip and Year 2's visit to SS Great Britain. Our amazing PTFA have also met to organise some exciting events for the year, starting with our annual fireworks event on the 2nd November. Do look out for more information coming soon!

We are still enjoying some sunny and warm autumnal weather, but it won't be long before the colder and darker weather draws in. In collaboration with the PTFA, we would like to offer a non-school uniform day on 15th October, for donation of one item per pupil for our Foodbank collection.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support.

Mr Ellis



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Learning
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Assembly Themes in Term 1 2026-27

Week 2	HVA Values and Great Learner behaviours
Week 3	Responsibility and safety
Week 4	Kindness - Charity focus
Week 5	Kindness - Diversity week
Week 6	Respect - Cultural diversity
Week 7	Honesty and Respect - Our community
Week 8	Responsibility - Energy week

Persimmon Homes work and community involvement

We are working closely with Persimmon Homes and North Somerset Council to make sure the ongoing building work causes as little disruption as possible to our pupils' learning. This week, we have requested that building work is halted during school hours. There has also been fencing erected and soundproofing is being installed, alongside noise measuring devices. Persimmon Homes are acknowledging our frustrations, and are continuing to work with our requests.

You are invited to share any concerns on building work with the local North Somerset Council planning officer on the email below:

andrew.dearing@n-somerset.gov.uk



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



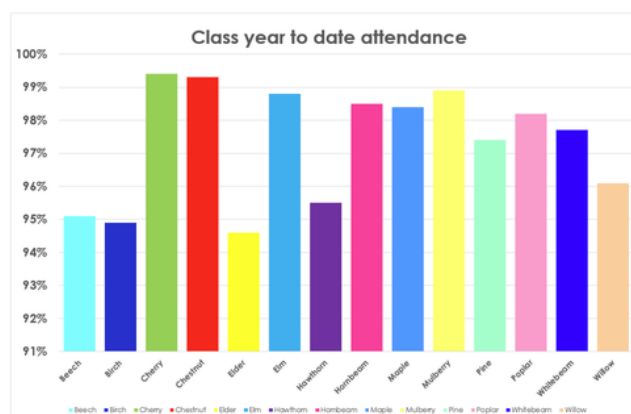
Mr Ellis



Miss Hall

Attendance update

As a reminder, school gates open at 8:40am and close at 8:55am. Staff will often need to be in school before 9am to work with pupils, so are unable to wait to lock gates beyond this time. Well done to Cherry class, who are leading the way on our attendance board!

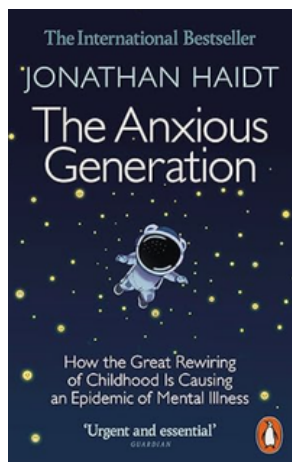


Get Caught Reading!

Congratulations to all those who have already been caught reading! We already have some faces on our new Library board and we are looking forward to seeing more over the next few weeks.



Mobile phones on school site



Thank you for supporting us with enforcing the updated guidance about phone usage on the school site: **We are now asking that all mobile phones, for adults and pupils, are not being used when on the school site, including the playground and outside areas when inside the school gates.**

This book is an interesting read. It explores the impact of screen-based time on our young people.

Community noticeboard

As part of our ongoing work to further support and reach out into the community, we will be installing a community noticeboard facing the Co-op/residents car park. Look out for this, very soon!



Music Provision at HVA

At HVA, we are lucky to be able to ensure that whole-class music provision is available for all pupils in Years 1-6, one term per year, run by WEMA (West of England Music Authority).

Currently, we have the following planned: Year 1 - Percussion. Year 2 - Recorder. Year 3 - Violin. Year 4 - Brass. Year 5 - Junior Saxophone. Year 6 - Clarinet.

We now have the opportunity to offer individual or group music lessons, to further musical development. WEMA currently have potential to offer tuition for the following instruments: piano, 'cello, guitar and clarinet. Do contact our school office via info@hva.clf.uk if your child is interested in this. Once we have determined potential interest, we will be able to further explore timings and costings with WEMA.



Bikes and scooters on school site

It is great to see so many pupils ride, scoot and walk to school. We have also noticed an increase in helmets, which is great!

We ask pupils to walk scooters and bikes into school, to ensure the safety of riders and everyone in our school community.

We also highly recommend bringing a bike/scooter lock to ensure that the bikes and scooters remain secure before, during and after the school day.



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.

- Thurs 8 Oct - 8:30am - 9:30am
- Wed 4 Nov - 9am - 10am
- Tues 8 Dec - 2pm - 3pm



Our Learning Across the School

Pre-school

Apple class went on a 'Bear Hunt' around the school!



Reception

The little red hen has paid a visit!



Year 1

Year 1 have been exploring materials as Scientists!



Year 2

Year 2 had a great time on their trip!



Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed inspiration from Michael Rosen for National Poetry day!



Year 4

Year 4 had a great time during their Anglo-Saxon day!



Year 5

Year 5 linguists have learnt lots of new French words and pronunciations this week!



Year 6

Year 6 have been working hard on their mathematical fluency this week.



GOLDEN MENTIONS

- Noah (Year 4) - Fantastic swimming achievements
- Rosie (Year 3) - Fantastic swimming achievements
- Jacob (Year 2) - Handwriting progress
- Teddy (Year 5) - Amazing solar system model
- Finley (Year 3) - Super model of the earth's core
- Leo (Year 4) - An impressive Anglo-Saxon longship creation
- Vincent (Year 5) - Securing a St John Ambulance 'Badger' award
- Ella-Lucia (Year 6) - Achievements in Cheerleading and Dance
- Lottie (Year 6) - Silver medal in her regional karate competition

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 8th	SENDSCO Drop-in session	8:30am - 9:30am
Thurs 8th	2027 Residential Meeting for Y5 Parents	3:30pm - 4pm
Fri 9th	Flu Immunisations for Reception - Year 6 Pupils	
Mon 12th	Parents Evening	3:30pm - 7pm
Tues 13th	Parents Evening for Mulberry class only	3:30pm - 5:30pm
Wed 14th	Year 6 Pupil Showcase	2:45pm - 3:15pm
Wed 14th	Parents Evening	3:30pm - 6pm
Thurs 15th	Non-school uniform day	
Fri 16th	Reception 27/28 Tour	9:30am - 10:30am
Sun 18th - Wed 21st	Year 6 Residential	
Thurs 22nd	INSET Day - School closed	
Fri 23rd	INSET Day - 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	SENDSCO Drop-in session	9am - 10am
Mon 9th	Reception 27/28 Tour	2pm - 3pm
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	



Haywood Village Academy Reception 2027/28 Tours

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

- Fri 16th Oct - 9.30am - 10.30am
- 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.



Haywood Village Academy
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

Contact us
 01934 312720
 info@hva.cltf.uk

Ofsted Outstanding Provider
 Quality Standard of Excellence
 PSQM
 School Games Gold
 MODERATE STARS EDUCATION



DON'T MISS OUT!

Haywood Village Academy

From the start of the 2026/27 academic year, the Government has expanded FSM eligibility to all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of household earnings.

From September 2026, there are two categories of benefit related free school meals

Your paragraph text

Expanded FSM – all children from households in receipt of Universal Credit regardless of income

Targeted FSM – children from households in receipt of Universal Credit with annual earnings of £7,400 or less. These children will attract pupil premium and other disadvantage funding for schools and will be eligible for additional entitlements, such as the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme, financial support towards school trips, KS2 music lessons, uniform and milk.

APPLY NOW <https://fsm.lgfl.net/app>

Last few weeks to apply!

DEADLINE

Applying for Free School Meals

There is still time to apply for free school meals.

If you have not already done so, follow the link to see if your child is eligible.

If you need any assistance or want to know more, please contact the office team. We can assist you with your application if required.

Could you tell if your child was being **exploited** online?



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

29 September 19:00 - 20:30pm **06 October 13:00 - 14:30pm**

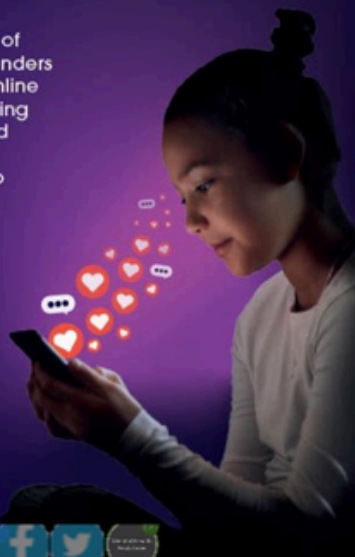
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page**
or scan the QR codes below

29 Sept



06 Oct



**NORTH SOMERSET AC**

OCTOBER HALF-TERM FUNDAYS

 **CLEVEDON SCHOOL**

 **10AM - 4PM**

 **AGE 8-12**

 **£26.00 PER DAY**

 **CONTACT CHRIS MILLARD ON
FUNDAYS@NSAC.ORG.UK**



KIDS FOR A QUID



WESTON-SUPER-MARE vs BILLERICAY TOWN

3PM | SATURDAY | OCTOBER 24

**£1 ENTRY FOR ALL
CHILDREN AGED 8-17**
WHEN ACCOMPANIED WITH AN ADULT
OR CONCESSION TICKET

**THE DUGOUT**
AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE AFC

MONDAY YOUTH CLUB

6PM-8PM
7-16 YEAR OLDS
FREE ENTRY

THE OPTIMA STADIUM
WINTERSTOKE ROAD,
WESTON-SUPER-MARE,
BS24 9AA

- MULTI SPORTS
- VIDEO GAMES
- BOARD GAMES
- ARTS & CRAFTS





SCAN THE QR CODE
TO SIGN UP!






North Somerset Council are developing their Play & Sports Strategy and would like to hear from local residents, families and young people about play and sports facilities in Haywood Village. Your feedback will help them understand what works well, what could be improved and what new facilities you would like to see. Click on the QR code to access the survey.

This October, children will travel back in time with YMCA Stone Age-themed Daycamps, packed with hands-on activities, outdoor adventures and prehistoric challenges. From learning ancient survival skills to taking part in exciting outdoor pursuits, every day will be filled with discovery, imagination and fun.

Children will enjoy many popular activities including archery, climbing, caving, obstacle courses, team games and much more, all led by our experienced and enthusiastic YMCA staff.

As an Ofsted-registered provider, families can also book using Childcare Vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare accounts.



The next family forest skills sessions are happening this October half term!

We are offering a morning and an afternoon session on Wednesday 28th October at the @WORLE centre, 58 New Bristol Road, BS22 6AQ.

Morning session: 10:00-12:00

Afternoon session: 13:00-15:00

Please request a space using the QR code. An email with confirmation of your space will be sent to you.