

The children really enjoy...

...school discos, the Christmas Fayre, Fireworks night, Tuck Shop and many other events. These events raise much needed funds for the school and they are fun! In order for these to happen, the PTFA need volunteers. Do not worry, many hands make light work and by offering your name, you are not committing your whole weekends and evenings to the cause but whatever time you can give. Please offer help, otherwise these community events are at risk of not happening, which would be an incredible shame. Email info@hva.clf.uk and we will forward your interest to Gemma Browne, our PTFA chairperson.

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Assembly themes this term:

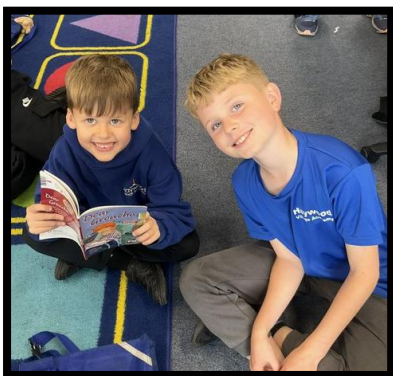
Week 1: Returning to school/House Team names
Week 2: Great Learners
Week 3: Responsibilities & Safety
Week 4: Charity – Food
Week 5: Black History & Poetry (this week)
Week 6: Black History (next week)
Week 7: Self-Agency, Democracy
Week 8: Energy Week

Parents Evening

Parents evening is coming up on Monday 13th and Wednesday 15th October. Invitations have been sent out – have you booked? If not, or if you need any assistance, please phone or email us to book your slot.

Reading buddies in school

Did you know that across the school, our children partner with other classes for reading buddies? Ask your child which class they partner with.



Does your child have a school job?

These are important in our school as we promote our school's value of responsibility. The children do value their jobs and seem to enjoy them.



Parent communication with school

If you have a concern regarding your child, in the first instance, please speak with the class teacher. If class teacher is unavailable, please contact the school office to arrange a time to discuss your issue with the class teacher. If further support is required, the class teacher will share your concern with the appropriate member of staff. This could be our family support workers, phase leaders, SENCO, designated safeguarding lead or a member of the principal team.

Parent WhatsApp groups

Communicating with other parents, in your child's year group, about school-based information, e.g. events, trips, PE days, can be incredibly supportive. If we become aware of communication that targets members of staff specifically in these groups, then we reserve the right to report this information to Avon and Somerset Police on the grounds of malicious communication.

Free Online Safety for Parents/Carers

Our children are navigating a complex environment when they are online. As parents, it can be challenging to support our children to be safe online. South-West professionals are offering a free workshop for parents to support them to understand the online safety risks that exist for our children. **This session is online on Thursday 9th October 2025 at 6:00pm.**

Register to attend this free session here:
<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/bcp-cst/t-mogaria>

Are you interested in becoming a Teaching Assistant in schools?

If you are, and require a volunteer placement to complete your course, we would welcome the chance to support you in doing this in our school. Please contact the school via email to express your interest: info@hva.clf.uk

This week's radio show, released every Thursday, can be found here:

<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/curriculum/school-radio-2/>

Reminders – Self-check list

- ✓ Prepare for rain – it's not a bad idea to pack a spare pair of socks in the school bag.
- ✓ A lot of children are misplacing items in school. Please clearly label all uniform & coats worn at school to enable easier return to your children.

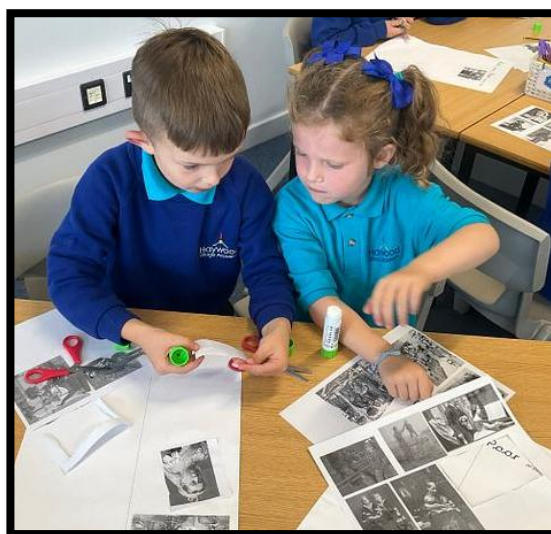
In the Learning: Here are some images from this week reflecting the experiences and opportunities that have supported children's learning this past week.



Year 1 sportpersons have been building their skills and confidence in PE through throwing, aiming, balancing, and skipping — developing coordination, focus and having fun every step of the way!



Today Apple class have been scientists: they have enjoyed exploring media and materials and painting onto tin foil.



Year 2 historians have been comparing the lives of wealthy and working class people from the Victorian Era.



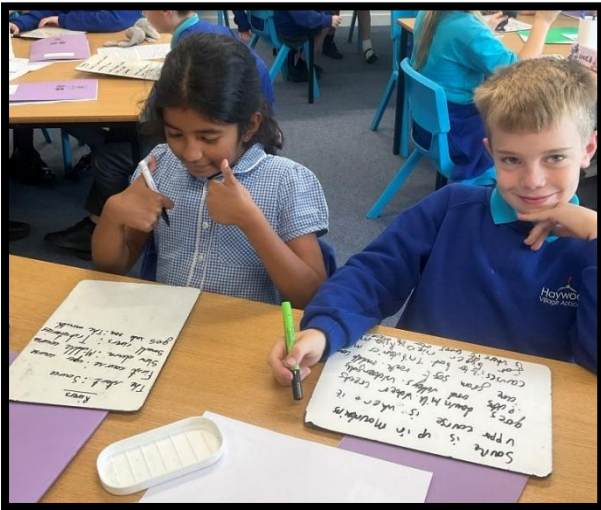
Reception read the story of *The Little Red Hen*. Just like the hen in the story, they were baking bread this week! Unlike in the story, they made their dough together.



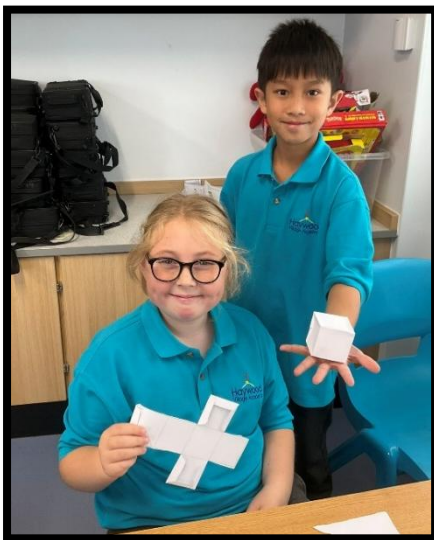
Year 3 musicians have been learning how to hold and strum on the ukulele!



In Year 4, as writers, children started their instructional writing by tasting the product of a recipe they had read: a delicious apple pie!



Year 5 geographers researched, read, listened, watched and discussed features of rivers. They took notes and revised their understanding to share with each other.



Year 6 mathematicians had fun turning their knowledge of 2D shapes into some 3D shape net-building!

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Well done to those who were the first children to be entered into the new Gold Book.

James and Ioanna from Year 6 for outstanding writing. Anthony from year 3 for excellent reading skills.

School Calendar

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

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

October 2025

- Thursday 9th - Free online safety workshop, 6pm
- Friday 10th – SENCO drop-in session, 8:30am – 9:30am
- Monday 13th – Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 7pm
- Tuesday 14th – Reception 2026 Open Morning, 9:15am – 10:45am
- Wednesday 15th Parents Evening, 3:30pm – 7pm
- Thursday 16th – Year 2 visit SS Great Britain
- Sunday 19th – Wednesday 22nd – Year 6 residential to Barton Hill
- Monday 20th – Reception 2026 Open Evening, 7pm – 8pm
- Tuesday 21st – Year 5 Pupil Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 22nd - Last day of term
- Thursday 23rd – Friday 24th - INSET days, no children in school.

November 2025

- Monday 3rd – start of term 2
- Tuesday 4th – Reception 2026 Open Morning, 9:15am – 10:45am
- Tuesday 4th – PTFA Fireworks Display, 6pm
- Monday 10th – Odd Socks Day
- Tuesday 11th – SENCO drop-in session, 2:30pm – 3:30pm
- Thursday 13th - Reception 2026 Open Morning, 9:15am – 10:45am
- Friday 14th – Children in Need
- Friday 14th – Wednesday 19th – Book Fayre
- Wednesday 19th – Reception 2026 Open Afternoon, 1:30pm – 3pm
- Thursday 27th – Year 4 trip to Weston Museum

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