

We're delighted to see so many families using ClassDojo to stay connected with their children's learning. You can expect 2-3 posts each week from your child's class teaching team.

Nearly all of you have downloaded and are using the MCAS App – this is great. By using this system, you are staying informed and are saving the school money in texts (which we can redirect to your child's education). You are also able to access past messages, school lunches, attendance, wraparound care and payments in one place. If you are having any trouble accessing MCAS or creating an MCAS account, please contact the school office.

Assembly themes this term:

- Week 1: Responsibility - HVA Citizen & Safety
- Week 2: Empathy – Remembrance & Child in Need
- Week 3: Kindness - Respect & Anti-bullying Week (this week)
- Week 4: Honesty - Democracy & Great Learners
- Week 5: Respect - Inclusion / Cultural diversity
- Week 6: Responsibility - Traditions and ceremonies / Religious diversity (next week)**
- Week 7: Empathy - Christmas Story



Class Teachers are your first contact

Please can we request that all parent enquiries regarding your children's school day and their education are made, in the first instance, with their class teacher.

Some parents have shared concerns that class teachers may not be aware of activities or incidents, such as first aid, that occur during Breakfast Club, after-school clubs, lunchtimes, or Parachutes After School childcare. While class teachers do not directly lead these activities, please be assured that our team communicates relevant information back to them.

Requests for Mr Jones & Mr Ellis

Very occasionally Mr Jones (Associate Executive Principal) and Mr Ellis (Senior Vice Principal) have been challenged as to why they have not personally

handled a matter raised by a parent. These include, but are not limited to, locating persistently lost clothing, concerns around outside of school behaviour between children in the same class and concerns around school meals. Please be reassured that, due to a number of systems we have in place, Mr Ellis and Mr Jones are notified about specific concerns and/or incidents, and are very interested in knowing about concerns and ensuring resolutions can be found. They will be kept informed and will be engaged in discussions to support resolutions. However, often the class teacher or other school leaders are best placed to support matters directly with parents, not only because responsibility might lie best with them, but also due to limitations to the capacity Mr Ellis and Mr Jones may have to support specific incidents.

- Assistant Principal: Miss Hall
- Associate Assistant Principal / SENCo: Mrs Lovely
- Operations Manager: Ms Shapiro
- Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Saunter
- Year 4-6 Leader: Mr Allen
- Year 2-3 leader: Mr Momber-Blake
- EYFS – Year 1 Leader: Miss Hall

Whole-School Christmas Panto

We are looking forward to our whole-school trips to see the pantomime at the Weston Playhouse on 9th December (Reception to year 3) and 17th December (Years 4 – 6). Thank you in advance for supporting this trip and making payments. If there are parents who have volunteered, but cannot make the trip for whatever reason, please let us know as soon as possible. We have a reserve list of volunteers.



Homemade decorations for the Christmas tree

If your child would like to create and bring in a decoration for the school Christmas tree, they are welcome. Please give your homemade decorations to class teachers.



Christmas Fayre – Friday 5th December

We look forward to seeing everyone at the Christmas Fayre tonight, 3:30pm – 5:30pm. Please join us for market stalls, our present rooms, games and the PTFA café.



Christmas Carol Concert

Please consider adding to your diary the community Carol service.



Take advantage of after school reading

Every year group is offering parents a chance to come in after school and do their daily read with their child. It is often easier to complete this daily read in your child's class. Children also enjoy having their parents in their class (grandparents are welcome as well).



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



WEMA Holiday Singing Day 22nd December

West of England Music and Arts are running a fun and engaging singing day during the Christmas Holidays. The venue will be St Michael's Centre, Stoke Gifford, BS34 8PD. Led by WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka, who runs community choirs around Bristol, including Cosmos Choir at St George's Bristol and the Bristol Hippodrome Community Choir. This event, for children in Years 3-6, will be a fun day of singing with festive and seasonal music. There will be a short sharing performance at the end for parents and carers to attend. It costs £20 and is free for Pupil Premium children. Follow this link to book: [WEMA Singing Day 22 December](#)

Pre-school Apple class have been making mince pies ready for our Christmas stay and play next week. Don't forget to join us Tuesday 9th December 9:30am – 11am in the school hall.



A musical treat for the festive season!

Holiday Singing Days

Two fun and engaging singing days during the Christmas Holidays. One for children in years 3-6, and one for those in years 7 upwards. With WEMA musician, composer and conductor Joe Galuszka.

Monday 22 December: KS2 Singing Day
Tuesday 23 December: Secondary Singing Day

More information:
wema.org.uk/music-activities-and-workshops



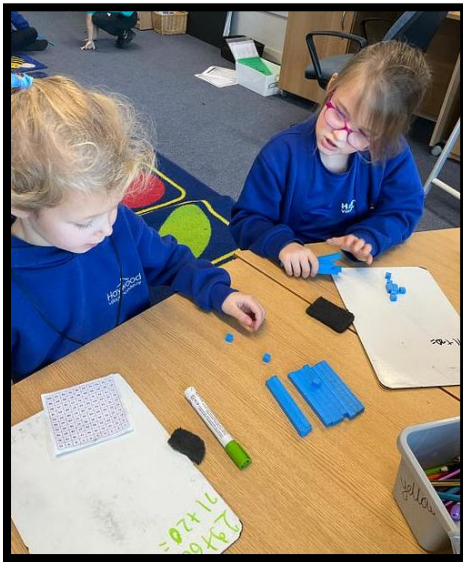
Reception artists have been ripping masking tape to create a winter tree. They are excited to add the powder paint next week. They will peel off the masking tape to leave a wintery tree silhouette.



Year 1 have been Religiously Conscious and have been exploring themes of Christmas that are important to Christians.



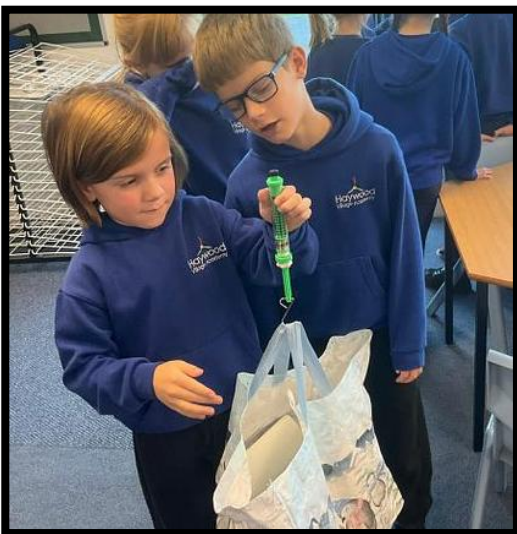
Year 4 artists have been learning how to make clay sculptures. They made clay models for their 'Defeat the Monster' stories.



Year 2 mathematicians using practical resources to support their calculations.



Year 5 Historians learnt about mummification. They had some fun when they mummified an orange!



Year 3 mathematicians have been learning about reading scales. In this lesson they applied their learning to their science lessons on forces by reading a force metre.



Year 6 scientists have been exploring adaptations. To do this, they looked at birds' beaks. They experimented with different objects to understand why some birds' beaks are a certain shape based on their diet. They then followed this up by looking at Charles Darwin's finch research.

Golden Mentions

Well done to...

- Reuben in Year 4 for an exceptional sculpture and explanation of his artwork.



School Calendar

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

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

December 2025

- Friday 5th – Christmas Fayre, 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Tuesday 9th – Pre-school Christmas songs and crafts, 9:30am - 11am
- Tuesday 9th – Cinderella Pantomime trip for Reception to Year 3 children
- Wednesday 10th – Year 6 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 12th – Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 12th – Year 3 Ukulele performance in class (check ClassDojo for timings)
- Monday 15th – Year 3 - 4 Christmas singing performance, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 17th – Cinderella Pantomime trip for Year 4 – 6 children
- Thursday 18th – Reception Nativity performance, 9:30am – 10:30am
- Thursday 18th - Christmas lunch for all children
- Thursday 18th – Year 1- 2 Christmas singing performance, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 19th – Year 5 - 6 Christmas singing performance, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 19th – Last day of term

January 2026

- Monday 5th – INSET Day – school closed to children
- Tuesday 6th – start of term 3
- Tuesday 6th – Explorer Dome visiting Reception classes
- Tuesday 27th – school choir performing at Young Voices Concert in Birmingham

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