

Thank you to those families who have made decorations for the school Christmas tree.



We continue to collect for Foodbank and thank families who have contributed so far to the Reverse Christmas Tree Advent. On Monday, we will welcome Year 5's contributions and on Tuesday, Year 6 contributions.



Pre-school crafting with parents

We have enjoyed and will continue to enjoy having parents coming into school. This week, Pre-school parents came into school and enjoyed creating Christmas crafts with their children.



Uniform <https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/wp-content/uploads/School-Uniform-Policy-September-2024.pdf>

Please take time to remind yourself of the school uniform policy. We understand that there are times when uniform cannot be replaced immediately. However, we have seen an increase of children, particularly in Years 4 – 6, wearing tight black leggings, tracksuit bottoms on non-PE days and non-black trainers. The uniform policy specifies grey trousers or skirts, black or navy tracksuit on PE days, all-black trainers or black shoes on non-PE days and sports trainers, including all black, on PE days.

Please be aware that staff will contact families to hold conversations to ensure the policy is followed and, should we need to, parents should expect to be called in the school day to bring in correct uniform. Where the school believes there is deliberate disregard for the school policy, this may result in behavioural consequences outlined in the behaviour policy.

New Parent Academy Councillor invite

We would like to thank Ewa Bowman for her contribution to the CLF and, in particular, her role as an Academy Councillor for HVA. Following Ewa's departure we are now inviting a parent to put themselves forward as a volunteer Academy Councillor. The link to signing up is through this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/1kBQD6L1Wu>

Please see the letter attached to this newsletter for further description of the role.

Universal support for our families

At times, families may need support to ensure they can thrive and are making the most of family life. At HVA, we offer all our families 'universal support' in many ways, through our Inclusion Team, such as: strong teacher/parent relationships, family support work with Mrs Saunter, monthly coffee mornings, food bank parcels from school and the Weston Food Bank, Family links parenting groups, reconnecting relationships work, and 1:1 parent meetings to explore what's working well, what's not working so well and what could be different.

As well as the above, we are able to signpost families to 'additional support', which may include referrals to another agency for extra help with the issues that a family may be facing. Early Help can come from any of the support services in your community which support you with things like:

- Parenting
- family relationships
- childcare
- mental and physical health
- special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) support
- housing
- money
- employment
- social care
- education

The Inclusion Team are available to discuss your family's needs or you might want to find out more yourself by using this link to North Somerset's Early Help Offer: <https://n-somerset.gov.uk/my-services/children-young-people-families/early-help>

The HVA Inclusion Team are Mrs Lovely (SENCO), Mrs Saunter (Family Support Worker) and Mrs Innes (Thrive Practitioner).

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 18th

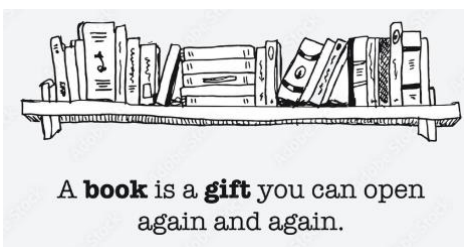
December is our school Christmas lunch day. Children are welcome to wear a Christmas / Winter themed jumper if they wish.

Also remember that children can wear their Christmas / Winter jumper on our Save the Children fundraiser on Friday 13th December – bring a donation to Save the Children.



Taking care of home reading books

We would like to share a reminder of the importance of keeping home reading books in the best condition for when you return them. We do recognise that accidents happen and will help to support books getting home safely from school, thank you for your support in the return journey! In line with our school policy, any damaged books will result in a letter home and a charge of **£5.00** to replace the book.



Special "Thank You"

Parents and carers have been so generous and donated pre-loved uniform to school. Since September, sales of pre-loved school uniform have raised just over **£250** for the HVA PTFA. Thank you so much!

A big thank you also goes out to all those parents and carers who brought in presents for the tombola and present room at the Christmas Fayre. We received so many wonderful gifts!



We also want to say "thank you" to **B&Q** for donating the lovely Christmas tree that is making our entrance foyer look so festive.

SENCo drop-in sessions

Mrs Lovely will be holding drop-in sessions for any parent who wishes to meet to discuss a child's learning or medical need. These are available to all parents, regardless of age or current SEND needs.

Thursday 12th December – 8:30am – 10am

Tuesday 14th January – 2:30pm – 4pm

Wednesday 19th February – 8:30am – 10am

Free Table Tennis Club on Saturdays at Broadoak Academy

Whether you are a seasoned player or just curious to try something new, Weston TT Community invites pupils to join them every Saturday from 10:00am to 1:00pm at Broadoak Academy for a smashing time! See flyer attached.

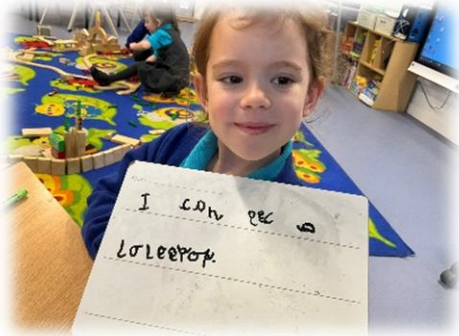
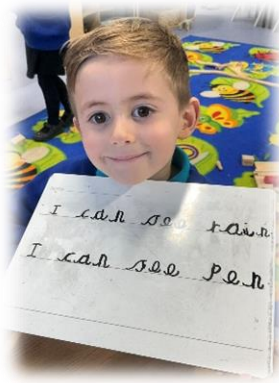
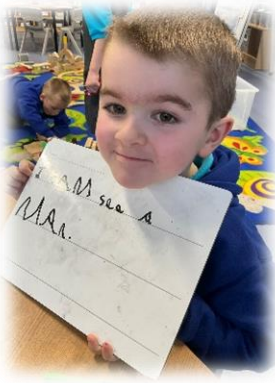


In the learning...

You can look on the curriculum pages of the school website to see what the children have been learning these past few weeks.



Pre-school Apple class making gingerbread biscuits.



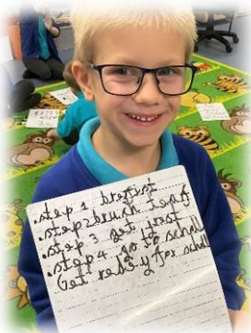
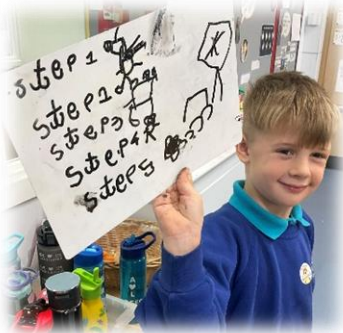
As writers, Beech class are making excellent progress. Some children chose to practice writing sentences and common exception words during challenge time.



Year 3 computer scientists have been investigating networks by recreating them in physical form.



As artists, Year 3 have been using clay and the score and slip technique to recreate famous European monuments.



As computer scientists, Year 1 have been learning all about algorithms. They thought about step-by-step instructions and made their own on how to get ready for school.



Year 4 have been listening to Year 1 perform their innovated tales during reading buddy time.



As sportspersons, Year 2 children enjoyed using their strength in gymnastics.



Last week, Year 5 Poplar read 214 times!



Year 5 Pine had the highest attendance in the school and celebrated with Captain Ted.



Year 6 scientists have been exploring animal adaptations to their environment. They focused on birds & how their beaks support them in habitats. They used a variety of beak-like tools to pick up objects & used their oracy skills to debate how this can relate to animal adaptations.

And finally – An update on staffing for Reception Beech class and Pre-school for January 2025

The Pre-school teaching team after half term will be Mrs Hancorn, Mrs Trigg and Mrs Cole. Mrs Cross will be the Class Teacher every day, with Mrs Lovely continuing to support on Fridays. Mrs Cross is qualified to lead learning and was our preferred candidate after interviews last week.

In Reception Beech class, we will welcome Mrs Wackett, who will join Miss Hall to teach. Mrs Wackett will lead learning on Wednesday and Monday afternoons, similar to the arrangements in place when Mrs Cross led learning in Beech class.

Golden Mentions



Well done to Chloe (Year 5) for her outstanding maths and Jacob (Year 6) for his impressive clarinet playing. Outstanding story writing by Harrison, Isaac, Bonnie, Oscar and Ava (Year 2). Lola's singing in Year 6 was highly commended. Rory in reception learnt to write his name!

Assembly Themes:

- Week 1: HVA Certificate & Firework safety
- Week 2: Remembrance & Children in Need
- Week 3: Democracy & Parliament
- Week 4: Respect & Antbullying
- Week 5: Kindness Inclusion / Cultural diversity
- Week 6: Honesty & The value of money (next week)
- Week 7: Empathy & The Christmas Story

School Calendar

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

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

Please note: due to staff absence, the date of the Year 5 – 6 Christmas singing performance has moved from Monday 9th December to Tuesday 17th December.

December 2024

- Friday 6th – Christmas Fayre, 3:30pm – 5:30pm
- Thursday 12th – Year 4 Viking Day
- Friday 13th – Christmas Jumper Day – donations to Save the Children
- Monday 16th - Year 1 & 2 Christmas singing performance, 2:30pm – 3:15pm
- Tuesday 17th - Year 5 & 6 Christmas Singing performance, 2.30pm - 3.15pm (**revised date**)
- Wednesday 18th - Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 19th - Reception Nativity Performance, 9:15am – 10am
- Thursday 19th - Year 3 - 4 Christmas singing performance, 2.30pm - 3.15pm
- Friday 20th - Last day of term

January 2025

- Monday 6th – INSET day
- Tuesday 7th – All children back to school
- Tuesday 7th – Explorer Dome visits Reception
- Wednesday 8th – Coffee morning with Mrs Saunter, 9am – 11am
- Friday 10th – Reception 25 parents Open Afternoon, 1:30pm – 2:30pm
- Monday 13th – Year 2 start swimming lessons
- Thursday 16th - School Choir performing at Young Voices Concert in Birmingham