



Newsletter
6th March 2026

Over the first two weeks of this term, it has been great to see brighter (and slightly warmer) weather appear as we head into Spring. Children are looking forward to getting on the school field in the near future!

Assembly themes this term

Week 1: HVA's Got Talent Launch

Week 2: World Book Week

Week 3: **Responsibility and Empathy** – HVA 3 Charities Appeal Launch

Week 4: Kindness – Neurodiversity week

Week 5: Safety – Our Local Environment

Week 6: Maths and Careers week

Our Year 6 Pupils are continuing to lead assemblies. Next week, Roxy, Layla, Ellie-Rae and Jamie will be sharing all about our first HVA Charity, Cancer Research UK.

Attendance

It has been great to see such high attendance figures over the past two weeks! Having your children in school allows them to learn, socialise, and keep on top of their year group's scheme of learning. Remember, if you receive a Stage 1 or 2 attendance letter, it is very much to make you aware of your child's absence. As a school, we are here to work with you and to uphold our obligation that your child is getting a first-quality educational experience.

Mr Ellis's first weeks

Mr Ellis wishes to share his thanks for the supportive messages that have been passed on in the first two weeks of his new role as Principal at Haywood Village Academy. He is looking forward to build on the strong work already completed by Mr Jones and the team in the almost 10 years that Haywood Village Academy has been open.

One of the most common questions asked is.... Will we be getting a new school dog? We will update you if this opportunity comes available. To confirm – it will not be Mr Ellis's own dogs... They are far too excitable for this esteemed role!



New Academy Council Chair

We are delighted to share, after a robust process, Paul Lovely will be furthering his role within the Academy Council as the new chair. Paul has been on the committee for almost 2 years, supporting the Academy in their governance and improvements. He is looking forward to continuing to work with all stakeholders to see the school further improve.

If you wish to know any more about the role of the Academy Council, you can go through the Academy office, or contact Paul on paul.lovely@guest.cif.uk

HVA 3 Charities Appeal



In the last newsletter, we shared the three charities we will support this year. These are:

- **Cancer Research UK**
- **Diabetes UK**
- **Weston Hospice**

The first charity we will be supporting is Cancer Research UK. To raise money for Cancer Research UK we are holding a school **sleepover** which will be taking place on Friday 13th March. The sleepover runs from 6pm on Friday until 9am on Saturday and costs £15 for the first child and £10 for siblings. There are a few places left on the sleepover, so if you would like your child to attend please phone the school office. Places will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Haywood's Got Talent

Mrs Lovely launched Haywood's Got Talent this week in a whole-school assembly. Good luck to all pupils auditioning later this term – the final is one of our showcase events, and it will be taking place on Thursday 2nd April, the last day of term!



Citizens Certificate

Well done to all pupils who are continuing to work towards their Citizens Certificate – don't forget to ask teachers if you feel you are nearing completion! Well done to Millie in Year 2, who has recently achieved hers!



Weston-super-Mare AFC

Our ongoing partnership with Weston-super-Mare AFC and HerGameToo organisation have offered us two exciting opportunities: Pupils can design a kit which will put them into a prize pot for free tickets and to present the player-of-the-match award at an upcoming game. There is also an opportunity for female pupils to attend their first match for free, with supporting family.



World Book Week

This week, we have had various exciting activities happening for World Book Week. The fun ended with all pupils and staff dressing up as one of their favourite book characters on World Book Day - a yearly treat!



We also held a 'Bake a book' cake competition, in which children were invited to be imaginative and bake a character or setting inspired from a book. The Key Stage 1 winner was Vienna and the Key Stage 2 winner was Oscar P! Thanks to our magnificent PTFA, the cake sale raised an incredible **£117** towards school projects.



At the start of the week, we had a storyteller entertain all pupils and we also invited childminders from the local community into school to benefit from this experience.



Children judging the 'Bake a book' competition

PTFA School Discos

The PTFA will be holding school discos on Monday 23rd and Tuesday 24th March.

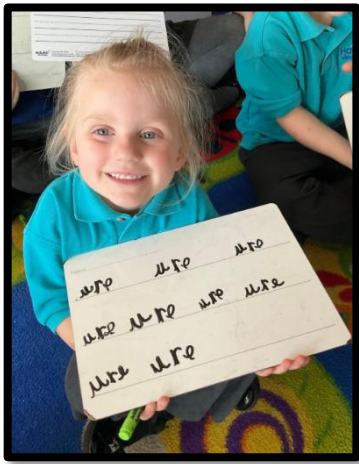
- **Monday 23rd March**
 - 3:00 – 3:30pm: Preschool
 - 3:30 – 4:30pm: Reception - Year 2
- **Tuesday 24th March**
 - 3:30 – 4:30pm: Years 3 - 6

More information, including a link to book tickets, will be shared next week.

In the Learning: Here are some images from the last two weeks reflecting the experiences and opportunities that have supported children's learning.



In Pre-school, Apple class have been improving their fine motor skills by cutting and chopping carrots as part of their learning.



Reception children are continuing to build on their fantastic phonics knowledge. This week they are practising the writing of 'ure' in their lessons.



Along with other classes, Year 3 pupils had a great time with their parents, grandparents and carers in a whole-class open reading session!



Year 1 had an exciting online assembly for World Book Week, learning how illustrators create and draw characters for the stories.



Year 4 are continuing to hone their skills as musicians, playing the clarinet with the help of North Somerset Music Service, WEMA.



Year 2 writers have been enjoying role-playing and hot seating as their favourite characters from The Magic Paintbrush!



Year 5 scientists have been practising their ball skills as part of their PE lessons (outside, with no rain!)



As scientists, Year 6 pupils have been learning all about composition, experimenting with different materials. This will help them to think about recycling and the reuse of materials in future lessons.

Golden Mentions

Well done to Josh in Year 4 for Times Tables Rockstars progress!
 Congratulations to Leonidas in Year 1 for a fantastic space project, completed at home!



School Calendar

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

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

March 2026

- Monday 2nd – Friday 6th – World Book Week
- Thursday 5th – World Book Day
- Friday 6th – INSET Day (school closed to children)
- Friday 13th – Year 5 & 6 coffee and cake transition event, 2.30pm - 4pm
- Friday 13th – Saturday 14th - Sleepover in aid of Cancer Research UK
- Tuesday 17th – Year 6 trip to Science Creates
- Monday 23rd - PTFA School Disco for Pre-school, 3pm – 3:30pm
- Monday 23rd - PTFA School Disco for Reception – Year 2, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Tuesday 24th – PTFA School Disco for Years 3 – 6, 3:30pm – 4:30pm
- Wednesday 25th – Year 1 pet morning, 9am – 10am
- Wednesday 25th – Year 4 parents invited to watch clarinet lesson, 9am – 10:30am
- Monday 30th – Thursday 2nd – Haywood's Got Talent! week
- Tuesday 31st – Year 2 Showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm

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- Thursday 2nd – Haywood's Got Talent! Final
- Thursday 2nd – Last day of term 4
- Monday 20th – Start of Term 5
- Tuesday 21st – Year 3 trip to the Matthew and M Shed museum in Bristol
- Tuesday 21st – ZooLab in to visit Reception classes
- Friday 24th – Class and leavers photographs
- Thursday 30th – Year 5 trip to Wessex Water

May 2026

- Friday 1st – Writer's exhibition
- Monday 11th – Thursday 14th – Year 6 SATs
- Tuesday 19th – Year 6 trip to Warner Bros. studios – Making of Harry Potter
- Tuesday 19th – Year 3 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Wednesday 20th – Year 1 Pupil showcase, 2:45pm – 3:15pm
- Friday 22nd - Last day of term 5

Weston Whippets – opportunity in the local community



Weston Whippets, already a strong community club in our local area, have some limited spaces for their new running group. They also offer other clubs and meetings in and around Haywood Village. Contact them to find out more!

Free Family Forest Fun sessions for families of children with learning disabilities and autism

On **Tuesday 14th April** the Brandon Trust will be running two family forest fun sessions. These sessions encourage people to spend a couple of hours outdoors reconnecting with nature. It's a great opportunity to socialise with other families with SEN children whilst taking part in a variety of outdoors focused activities including campfire and campfire cooking. These sessions have been funded by North Somerset VCSE and are free to attend. Scan the QR code to sign up.

A poster for Brandon Rewilded Family Forest Sessions. The top left has the logo 'Brandon Rewilded' with a tree icon. The main text reads 'FAMILY FOREST SESSIONS' in large green letters, with 'For families of children with learning disabilities and autism.' below it. The 'ACTIVITIES:' section lists 'Outdoor games, campfire cooking, tool work, nature crafts, socialise with other SEN families, and more!'. The 'SIGN UP:' section includes a QR code and the text '@Worle centre, 58 New Bristol Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 6AQ, Tuesday 14th April 2026, Morning session: 10:00-12:00, Afternoon session: 13:00-15:00'. At the bottom, it says 'To find out more, email Rachael.scrase@brandontrust.org or visit our socials: @BrandonPlayLink' and includes Facebook and Instagram icons.

Weston-super-Mare AFC Youth Club

Weston-super-Mare AFC run a free weekly youth club for children and young people aged between 7 – 16 years on Mondays between 6 – 8 pm.

Here's the link to sign up: [The Dugout](#)

A poster for 'THE DUGOUT AT WESTON-SUPER-MARE AFC MONDAY YOUTH CLUB'. It features the AFC logo and the text 'SMC' and '6-8PM'. The location is 'The Optima Stadium, Winterstoke Road, Weston-super-Mare, BS24 9AA'. It states '7-16 YEAR OLDS' and 'FREE ENTRY'. There is a QR code and the text 'SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!'.

Easter Holiday Club at The Campus

A poster for 'HERONS' MOOR (THE CAMPUS) EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB'. It features photos of children and the text 'FUTURE STARS COACHING' and 'MULTI-SPORT & ACTIVITIES'. The dates are '7th - 17th APRIL, 8am until 5pm (shorter days available)'. Pricing is 'From £24.68 for short day' and 'Pay with Childcare Vouchers'. It includes a QR code and the text 'BOOK ONLINE WWW.FUTURESTARS.CO.UK'.

The Easter Holiday Club will be running at The Campus during the Easter holiday. From action-packed sports and team games to exciting challenges and hands-on arts and crafts, designed to keep children active, engaged and happy, while giving parents complete peace of mind. Scan the QR code or follow this link to book. [Easter Holiday club at The Campus](#)

Strawberry Line Cycling and Friendship Group for young people with additional needs

With the lighter evenings in sight, we are pleased to be relaunching our popular **Wednesday afternoon** cycle club. Supported by our team, with access to our range of bikes and trikes, riders are enabled to enjoy cycling along the beautiful, traffic-free Strawberry Line. New and returning riders very welcome.

A poster for 'After School Cycling and Friendship Group'. It features a photo of children on bicycles. The text says 'Join our Wednesday afternoon bike rides for young people with additional needs. Our ride leader supports the group for an hour of cycling, friendship and fun. Sessions are free of charge and riders can use our bikes or trikes.' It also states 'Rides start and finish at our base at Yatton Railway Station, taking place along the Strawberry Line Cycle Path. Set off time is 4:30pm.' At the bottom, it includes the Quartet Community Foundation logo and the Strawberry Line Cycles logo.