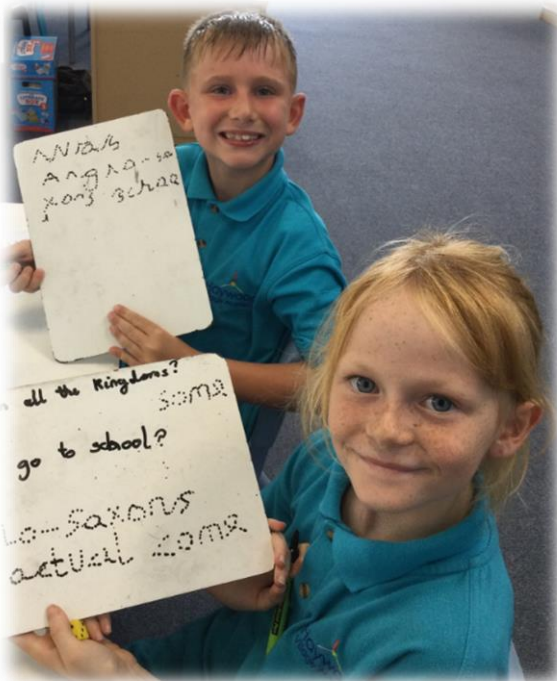


Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. We hope you have had a safe, restful and enjoyable summer. Thank you for those that completed the return to school survey – it really helped to know a bit more about how your children felt before returning to school.

In our school, we recognise that the small things are the big things for children. We also understand how working together makes a huge difference to the support and care we can provide for your children. During the year, we will continue to do short surveys to find out more from either parents or children about the school experience. However, please remember that you do not have to wait for a survey, come and see or email the teachers if you have a question.

Overall, the children have returned very positively, and the school has felt a really lovely place to be this week.



New children & families

We have had new children join reception – 27 did not previously attend our Pre-school. We have also had 3 children join in Key Stage 2 classes. Thank you in advance for making families feel welcomed as you

pause to smile, greet and allow the children to play before and after school around you.

New Starters

Mrs Lovely (Senco / Inclusion Lead) will be holding drop-in sessions for parents who are new to school who wish to discuss their child's medical or additional needs. The first of these sessions will be on Friday 15th September and you can book a timeslot via the school office.

Meet the Teacher meetings

Further to correspondence earlier this week, please see times for the remaining Meet the teacher meetings:

- Monday 11th September 2:30pm Year 5
- Tuesday 12th September 2:30pm Year 6
- Wednesday 13th September 9:00am Reception
- Wed 13th Sep – Catch up meetings for parents who missed 1st meeting. All year groups. 4:35pm

Bike safety

It's great to see lots of children walking, scooting or riding into school. Please remind children to not ride through the school before or after school. Children should dismount on school premises.

Uniform reminder for this year

Please ensure when you purchase new uniform that you are referring to the uniform policy:

- We need families to use book bags and not large bags/rucksacks for school – at least until Year 5. Our cloakroom pegs and walls cannot hold their weight and there is not the room to store the bags.
- Trousers/shorts/skirts should be grey and not black.
- Grey skorts/culottes are acceptable (this is yet to be added to the policy, but will be).
- PE kits, children can use blue or black short leggings (this is yet to be added to the policy, but will be).



Dress for the weather

As we write this amid 30 degree heat, should the weather 'break' soon and we experience rain next week, please ensure your child comes to school with a coat. We all go outside in the rain, unless the rain is 'bouncing' or 'sideways'!

Clubs - Term 1 and 2

We hope to release the club offer early next week with a view to clubs starting the following week (18th September). We have football (Friday), gymnastics (Friday), Lego, radio, sports games, Dance, choir and French so far. More information to follow soon.

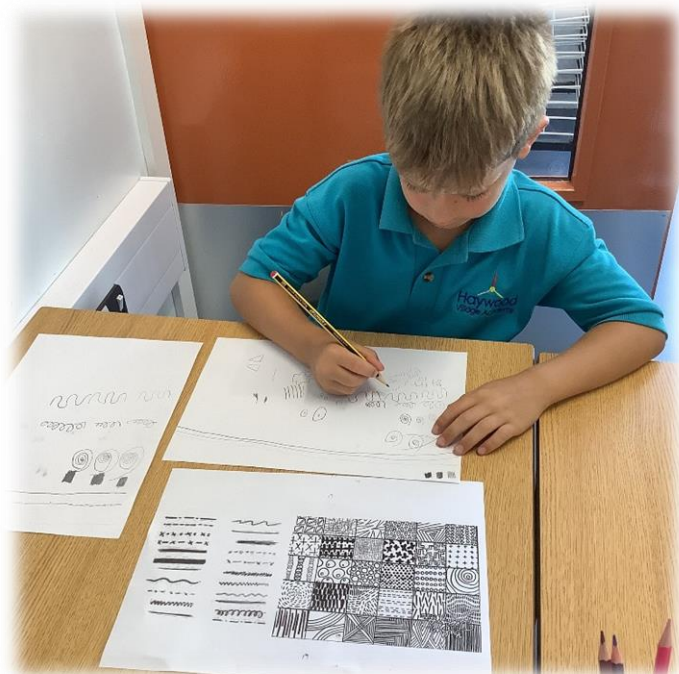
Coffee morning schedule

Coffee mornings are held on the first Wednesday of each month, term time only, in the HALE building – 9am – 11am. All parents are welcome to join – have a look to see what's on the menu.

Term	Date	Guest/ focus
1	06.09.23	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - Positive vibes with Mrs Saunter How can you help us on the PTA? Come along and find out more with Miss Billitteri.
1	04.10.23	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - Ask Miss Hall and Mrs Saunter about attendance at HVA, we can answer your questions and share the school's approach. Aspens - Meet the staff providing our delicious school dinners and ask questions.
2	01.11.23	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - ' A day in the life of... ' Find out more from teachers about life in EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 with Mr Sharp, Miss Phillips, and Mrs Giles.
2	06.12.23	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - ' Principal policies ' This is your chance to discuss any of the HVA policies with Mr Ellis e.g. uniform, behaviour, enrichment and trips. We would really love to hear your views.
3	03.01.24	Simply Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - With Mrs Saunter and Fiona Mayne.
3	07.02.24	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - ' Advanced parenting ' Talk openly about parenting with Mrs Saunter and other professionals within North Somerset.
4	06.03.24	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - ' Keeping everyone safe ' Come and discuss local safeguarding issues with Mrs Saunter, Kathryn Volk and linked PCSO's/ Police officers who support our school.
5	17.04.24	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - ' Transition talks ' Building links with secondary school staff, take the chance to ask questions to support your Year 6 children.
5	01.05.24	Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - ' SEND ' and Wellness for all ' With Mrs Lovely, Mrs Saunter, Mrs Innes and Alastair Letch (EMHP). Meet the people who can support you and your child/children in a range of areas.
6	05.06.24	Simply Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat - With Mrs Saunter.
6	03.07.24	Simply Tea/Coffee, biscuits, and chat -With Mrs Saunter, Happy holidays and goodbye for now.

In the learning...

The first week can sometimes be seen as being about 'winning the battle' between school holidays/being home and being in school. The children have started really positively and hopefully they have been able to describe moments of joy in seeing their friends, teachers and in their learning. There has been lots of drawing, geography, poetry and sport in this first week.



Year 1 artists developing their drawing skills.



Year 2 artists also enjoying developing their drawing skills.



Year 3 geographers really looking at the counties of the south-west.



The Year 6 readers calmly settling down to read their reading book - *Everybody Reading in Class (ERIC)* - as they return from lunchtime.

Calendar update

Check our events pages regularly because events will be added throughout the year. We hope to have the majority of events updated by the end of next week for Term 1 & 2 and beyond if possible (<https://haywoodvillageacademy.clf.uk/events/>)

Here are many of the key dates:

- Wednesday 13th Sep – Year 6 start Mini Police
- Monday 18th Sep - School photos for the website
- Monday 18th Sep - 2:30pm Reception Phonics/Reading workshop
- Tuesday 19th Sep – Year 6 bikeability starts
- Tuesday 19th Sep – Year 5 ExplorerDome enrichment
- Tuesday 26th Sep – Individual school photographs
- Friday 29th Sep – Year 6 trip to Bristol Lifeskills Centre
- Monday 2nd Oct 4:30pm – Year 6 Beam House Parent Meeting
- Tuesday 3rd Oct 9:00am – New 24/25 Reception Tours
- Tuesday 10th Oct 7:00pm - New 24/25 Reception Tours
- Tuesday 17th Oct 2:30pm - Year 5 Showcase of Learning to Parents
- Monday 16th & Wednesday 18th Oct – Parents' Evenings
- Thursday 19th & Friday 20th Oct – INSET days
- Monday 30th Oct – Fri 3rd Nov – Year 6 Residential Beam House
- Monday 6th Nov – PTA fireworks display
- Monday 13th Nov - Reception to Year 6 Nasal flu immunisation
- Tuesday 14th Nov 2:30pm - Year 6 Showcase to Parents



Year 4 were greeted by an Anglo-Saxon visitor to begin their learning as historians!



Year 5 artists have also been developing their pencil drawing skills.

Golden Mentions



The following pupils went into the Gold Book this week: We will share these in the next newsletter.

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