

# Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Summer 1

**Bumper Issue**



*Pictures: Foundation at the farm & Year 4*



## What's happened ...

### ... IN YEAR 4

What an amazing half term in year 4, super busy, with so much going on! Our year 4 children have been scientists, mathematicians and discoverers, all while demonstrating our Hawes Side values.

In Science, year 4 have been learning about the digestive system and how it works. To support their investigations, they carried out a controlled experiment to replicate this fascinating process. As you can imagine, it turned out to be quite a messy experiment!



**'Every brilliant experiment, like every great work of art, starts with an act of imagination.'**

**Jonah Lehrer**

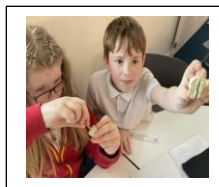
In maths, the children have been exploring decimals and fractions, using the skills and strategies they have learned to understand what can sometimes be challenging mathematical concepts.

Year 4 are also continuing to practise their times tables in readiness for the 'Multiplication Check', which is now only a few weeks away. However, it is not just about the check. Knowing their times tables and developing fluency is a key thread that runs throughout the maths curriculum and is an important life skill.

Year 4 are also proving to be fantastic athletes! They have been busy practising and refining their athletic skills and cannot wait to showcase their talents on Sports Day. Their event will take place on 19th May (see the second page for full details).

In Music, 4H have been thoroughly enjoying Upbeat on Fridays and have been fully engaged in this wonderful musical experience. Over the weeks, their musicality, technique, understanding, performance, and overall skill have grown tremendously. 4H are now looking forward to performing for their families soon and showcasing their amazing talent.

Finally, the children are very excited to be learning about the Mayans in History. As they begin exploring this fascinating civilisation, they have created Mayan masks out of clay.



Keep up all the hard work, Year 4! You are embracing your learning, expanding your knowledge every day, and it is wonderful to see you continuing to grow and flourish.

### ... AT THE FARM

Foundation visited Ridgeway Farm last Tuesday and enjoyed a lovely day with perfect weather for a trip to the farm.

The children travelled on the academy minibus, which was an adventure in itself! When they arrived, they were greeted by lots of different animals and even had the opportunity to feed them. The donkeys, alpacas, goats, and sheep were very hungry, and after all the excitement, the children worked up quite an appetite too. They thoroughly enjoyed sharing their lunch together in the sunshine.

**'Curiosity is the beginning of all wisdom.'** Francoise Sagan

The children were a real credit to Hawes Side and their families, demonstrating all of our academy values throughout the visit. Their curiosity and enthusiasm shone all day long. Farmer Helen was so impressed that she said the children would be welcome back anytime! [Click here to read the full news piece](#)

## Our Values

### Nominations are in!

#### RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Arlo, Jesse, Frankie, Delilah, Sophie and Nate

KS2: Zac, Chelsey, Leon, Reggie, Ralphie, Lottie, Eileen, Ethan, Tom, Nahla, Kianna, Jayden, Lucia and Ellie

#### Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

Most improved attendance is **Foundation.**

The class with the *best punctuality* was **6H** (they are unbeatable). The most improved class punctuality was class **5S**

#### Quick links:

[Calendar](#)  
[Term Dates](#)  
[Latest News](#)

[Family Support \(recently updated\)](#)  
[Event Feedback](#)

*Been to an event at Hawes Side?  
Your feedback is valuable to us!*

#### Recent letters/info home:

[Family learning \(Y1 / 2\) Show and Tell](#)  
[Year 6 - Dates for your Diary](#)  
[Endeavour Learning Trust - Next Steps](#)

Year 6 SATs begin  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Check the app/watch out for the messages about the impending road closure - Hawes Side Lane - 26<sup>th</sup> May to 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026**



Pictures: 5S Keyboard Showcase

## Special Feature

### LAST DAY OF TERM

As you know on the 20th May, we break up for the May half term (normal time). As always it is non-uniform day and we are also asking if you could donate some 'props' for our **OPAL playtime** to promote imaginative play.

If you could spare things like:

- Dress up/fancy hats
- Walking sticks
- Broomsticks
- Wigs
- Glasses/sunglasses
- Blow up musical instruments

Anything that our children can use to make their playtimes even more fun!

Thank you, as always, for your help and support!

### FAMILY LEARNING

We really hope you are able to join us for our Family Learning workshop, which will include a range of engaging activities based around a fun and creative theme. During the final hour of the session, your child will also join you, making it a lovely shared experience.

Year 1 and 2, Family Learning

- 20<sup>th</sup> May at 1pm for 2 hours
- Show and Tell theme

Use this link to book:  
<https://bit.ly/FLSHOW26>

### WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN YEAR 5

Last week, our wonderful children in 5S had the opportunity to showcase their growing musical talents to their families. They demonstrated the skills they have developed over the past term, from rhythm and notation to playing chords. 5S thoroughly enjoyed every minute of sharing their progress and celebrating the wider opportunities available to them at Hawes Side.

### SPORTS DAYS

Weather permitting we are hoping to hold our Sports Days in May. The dates and times are below:

- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 2:15pm, Foundation, Year 1 and 2 (entry via Johnsville only, exit all gates)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 9:15am, Year 3 and 4 (entry via Johnsville if arriving after 9am and exit Johnsville only)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 2:15pm, Years 5 and 6 (entry via Johnsville only, exit all gates)

On the day of your child's Sports Day children should come in their PE kit, have a water bottle and if the weather is really warm (you never know) suitable sun protection.

If you have any queries about our Sports Days, please speak with your child's class teacher.

We really hope you can make it!

### YEAR 6 SATS AND EVENTS

Further to the letter sent out prior to Easter.....just in case you missed it, follow the link to find out about the upcoming year 6 events and SAT's dates.

[Click here to find out more!](#)

[Year 6 SATs Information starting 11<sup>th</sup> May](#)

Keeping with the performance theme, yesterday and today the children visited the Blackpool Grand Theatre to watch *Boy at the Back of the Class*. This retelling of a popular children's book instantly transported them into the magic of live theatre. From the moment the curtain rose, they were captivated by the storytelling and the way the book was brought vividly to life on stage.

This experience links closely with the Tales Retold project the children have been taking part in at the academy in collaboration with the Grand Theatre. Over the past few weeks, they have been learning how to express themselves and retell stories through movement, sound, and emotion.

## We were in the news!

### BLACKPOOL GAZETTE

We are super proud of the news piece in the Blackpool Gazette and it summed up our academy perfectly.

**"Hawes Side is a school with a proud history, a strong community identity, and brilliant staff who care deeply about their pupils and we're very proud that they will now become part of Endeavour."**

It focused not just on our exciting journey with Endeavour Learning Trust but also recognised our continued commitment to our pupils, team and the Hawes Side community as a whole.

[Click here to read the full story!](#)

## Holiday Camps

### BFCCT

Zoom in to find out more .....

**HOLIDAY CAMPS** Scan me to book

**£13 PER DAY OR £55 MONDAY TO FRIDAY\***

\*£45 for a four day week (bank holidays)

Fun, safe, and inclusive holiday camps packed with fun, games, and activities for children of all abilities. Delivered by qualified coaches across various locations in Blackpool during every school holiday. A great way for young people to stay active, build confidence and make friends.

**FOOTBALL CAMP** AGE 5 - 14

**DANCE CAMP** AGE 5 - 14

**GIRLS FOOTBALL CAMP** AGE 7 - 14

**SPORTS CAMP** AGE 5 - 14

It is designed to engage local school children through drama and literature, encouraging them to retell classic stories with modern twists. The opportunity for the children to work with professional theatre practitioners has been a wonderful experience, one they have thoroughly enjoyed and excelled in.

[Click here to read the full news piece about year 5's journey to the Grand](#)



*Pictures: Year 3,  
our Historians*

## Focus on ....

### YEAR 3 HISTORIANS

This week, Year 3 have been developing their historical enquiry skills through an investigation into the question: "Why did people travel to Blackpool?" The children have approached this topic with great curiosity and enthusiasm, using a range of primary and secondary sources to deepen their understanding.

Throughout their learning, they have explored photographs, artefacts, and written accounts from the Victorian era. They have worked collaboratively to ask thoughtful questions, share ideas, and present their new learning to their classmates. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they begin to understand how historians use evidence to piece together the past. The children also enjoyed discussing how historical sources can be interpreted differently by different people.

To bring their learning to life, the children created Victorian postcards. They showed great resilience and imagination as they designed and wrote their own postcards, imagining themselves as children living in Victorian times.

In their writing, the children carefully referred to real historical evidence, describing what they could see and explaining why Blackpool became such a popular destination for so many people.

They also explored how Blackpool's popularity grew following the invention of the steam train by George Stephenson during the Industrial Revolution. The children learned how improved transport links made seaside trips more accessible, enabling families from a range of backgrounds to visit and enjoy the attractions Blackpool had to offer.

We are incredibly proud of the discussions, creativity, and determination shown by all of our children throughout this topic. Their work reflects not only a strong understanding of historical concepts but also an ability to empathise with people from the past.

This week, the children have taken home a letter in preparation for their upcoming 'Victorian Day'. If you want to know more information, please speak to Mr Fleckney or Mrs Randles.

Well done, Year 3!

## Celebrating Success

### NORTHERN TAEKWONDO & CUBS

A BIG congratulations to Poppy and Nate who were both placed in last weekend's Speed Kicking and Patterns competition.

Master Lee and the Northern Taekwondo team were incredibly impressed with their resilience and determination.



This dedicated pair have also been selected to compete in an international tournament in Manchester next month. What an amazing achievement!

We are so proud of them. The dedication to their sport knows no bounds!

### 'Sports do not build character, they reveal it.' John Wooden

In addition to Nate and Poppy, another familiar face took part in the same competition and came 2<sup>nd</sup>! Well done, Mrs Black!!



We also wanted to share how proud we are of Harry in year 5. He was given the great honour to be the flag bearer for Cubs at the St George's Day Parade.



He conducted himself with great pride and respect. Well done, Harry!



### *A message from our Principal, Mrs Boothroyd*

It has been another fantastic week across the academy, with children from all year groups fully engaging in their learning and wider opportunities. From year 3's historical enquiry into Blackpool, to year 4's developing confidence in maths, science, music and sport, and year 5's creative and performance work. We are continually impressed by the effort, resilience and positive attitudes shown by our pupils in all that they do.

A special mention must go to 6H, who have been the most punctual year group for a number of weeks. This is a clear reflection of their dedication to learning and their understanding of the importance of starting the day well.

As we move into SATs week next week for year 6, we would like to wish all of our year 6 pupils a calm and restful weekend. We want to reassure both children and families that this is simply an opportunity for pupils to show what they already know and can do. We know our children well, and we are incredibly proud of them. They are ready, they are capable, and they should approach the week feeling confident. Above all, they are wonderful young people and excellent role models for our academy community.