

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

6th March 2026

Spring 2



What's happening

IN PE

In PE, year 3 have been continuing to build on their coordination skills. They have been developing these skills by throwing towards a target, practising how to aim carefully and control their movements.

The children showed great focus and determination, and it was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they improved their accuracy. They also practised adjusting the strength and direction of their throws to help their partner succeed.

Many of the children demonstrated fantastic resilience, trying again when things did not go to plan.

We are very proud of the positive attitudes and excellent effort the children have shown during their lessons.

'Perserverance is not a long race; it is many short races one after the other.' Walter Elliot

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

Most *improved attendance* last week was **class 5S**

The class with the *best punctuality* last week was **6H** and the most *improved class punctuality* was **2H**

IN YEAR 6

The year 6 children have been busy this week completing practice SATs papers. They have approached the mock tests with determination and a very positive attitude.

These practice assessments provide a helpful indicator for both the children and their teachers to see how they are progressing as their final year continues to fly by.

'Success at anything will always come down to this: focus and effort, and we control both.'
Dwayne 'The Rock' Johnson

It has not all been about SATs this week. In DT, the children are getting ready to make their cushions. Using the designs and well-thought-out plans they have been working on, they will soon begin stitching their thoughtful creations. We cannot wait to see how these turn out and to share some pictures with you of their comfy cushions.

Year 6 have also just started learning about Charles Darwin and, in particular, his work on the theory of evolution. The lessons will no doubt lead to lively and inquisitive discussions about how this naturalist, geologist and biologist's revolutionary theory fundamentally changed our understanding of life on Earth.

Stepping back in time, the children are really enjoying learning about the history of Blackpool tourism, exploring what life was like in the 1930s and 1950s. They have been comparing photographs from the past with images of Blackpool today, spotting the changes over the decades. They will soon be discovering how Blackpool became a haven for military personnel during WWII and the role it played as part of the war effort.

Blackpool certainly has a fascinating past and an important place in the history of the British Isles.

Pictures: In PE

Our Values

Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Maddox, Oliver, Billie and Arley

KS2: Harry, Isabelle, Chester, Marley, Tommy, Amelia and Oscar

'He listens carefully and this shows in the work he produces and the explanations he gives in class.'

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Hadal Trench

Special Feature

FOCUS ON MISS GREENHALGH

Each week, we have a 'special feature' on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week, it is Miss Greenhalgh, Mosaic class teacher.

Here's what we asked Miss Greenhalgh.

Miss Greenhalgh, if you had to choose to explore the stars or the sea, which would it be and why? What would you like to see the most?

If I had to choose between the stars and the sea, I would sink straight to the bottom of the ocean! Whilst the stars represent a distant future, the ocean is a present day mystery!

A *silent, liquidy museum*, with lots of secrets hidden and stories waiting to be told.

'Limitless and immortal, the waters are the beginning and end of all things on earth.'
Heinrich Zimmer

We have maps of Mars that are more detailed than those of our ocean floor. Within the darkness, creatures defy every rule of biology as we know it!

If I could, I would explore the Hadal Zone, the deepest trenches that represent the final, dark edge of our world.



Find the Book Characters Quiz

How many can you spot by [clicking here](#)

Find all the book titles and send your answers to Mr Fleckney in class 3S.

Deadline Wednesday next week!

Appointment with Teacher!

HAWES SIDE ACADEMY

You should have received the letter about *booking an appointment* with your child's class teacher on either 24th or 25th March.

If you did not receive the letter, get in touch with the academy office.

Comic Relief

20TH MARCH 2026

To help support *Comic Relief* it will be non-uniform day on the 20th March, why not add a little bit of fun by wearing something funny. Maybe odd socks, mismatched clothes, comedy wig or hat!

We will also be holding a 'Bake Sale' with each cake a £1. Money raised will go towards Comic Relief. (see page 1)

Red noses will also be available.

[Click here to find out more](#)

Class Photo's TEMPEST

On the 17th March, Tempest Photographers are in the academy to take *group class photos*. These will be available to purchase and information sent out after their visit.

On the day, please ensure your child attends in full Hawes Side uniform and not PE kit (even if it is PE day!)

A message from our Principal

Our values: Resilience, Respect, Responsibility, Reflection and Relationships



CAROLINE BOOTHROYD

There has been so much happening in school this week, and World Book Day on Thursday was certainly a real highlight. The children and staff looked amazing in their costumes, and we had great fun trying to work out the staff in the *Masked Reader*. A huge thank you to you all for your support in helping to make it such a fabulous day.

The story boxes the children brought in were truly amazing, and we have had such fun talking about the boxes and the stories they represent. It has been wonderful to see the creativity and enthusiasm for reading across the school.

Listening to pupil voice, the children told us they would love to bring back Hot Chocolate Friday, so we have reinvented it slightly. Each week we will celebrate the class with the most improved attendance. The winning class will be announced every Friday and will enjoy a mug of hot chocolate together before the end of the day, a lovely way to celebrate a week of learning and being together.

Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all again next week.



Mrs Twiss flying home after WBD