

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

9th January 2026

Spring 1



Pictures: FS hard at work, at the library and OPAL playtime

What’s happening

NEWS ROUND UP

New year, new beginnings.

We are all looking forward to what 2026 holds in store . The early months are often a bit dark, chilly and unwelcoming, but at Hawes Side we are very bright, and looking ahead, in particular to welcoming you in for the many events planned. We are so positive about the journey ahead and the moments we will share with our children.

In February we have a number of musical showcases for our families. Our children work very hard and are proud of their achievements as are we. Watch this space for the musical events and showcases that are coming up.

‘Life is about creating and living experiences that are worth sharing’ Steve Jobs

For years 1 to 4 there is a Pop Disco after school in February. The information is on the app and has been sent out via letter too. Only £2 donation for a space, why not come along to our Hawes Side D.I.S.C.O!

It is not long now until Schools Alive when children from local schools get the opportunity to perform at the Winter Gardens. It is always a musical extravaganza, and we cannot wait to watch our very talented performers from Hawes Side take to the stage. We have had the privilege of hearing and seeing their rehearsals and all the work they are putting in. The anticipation of seeing them bring this to a huge theatre audience is very exciting.

Mrs Randles is excited about the National Year of Reading with events taking place across the whole country. There are lots of resources and help with your child’s reading [why not click here to find out more](#)

‘Reading gives us some place to go when we have to stay where we are’ Mason Cooley

As always in the academy, the children are busy with their learning, for some preparing for end of year assessments and believe it or not readying themselves for moving up or in the case of Year 6 moving on!

Come Spring children will be finding out what secondary schools they are going too and we will be making preparations for those children starting school for the first time in September. The year flies by so quickly but along the way we will be learning together, sharing experiences together and making memories together.

Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 10th February and the focus is Smart tech, safe choices exploring the safe and responsible use of AI
[Click here for tip for Parents and Carers](#)

Our Values Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Sophia, Jax and Harper

KS2: Maia, Payton, Luna, Thomas, Crystal and Amelia

‘For being responsible with her learning and trying really hard with everything she does.’

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Special Feature

FOCUS ON MRS RANGLES



Each week, we have a ‘special feature’ on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week, it is Mrs Randles, Year 3 & 4 Phase Leader and Class Teacher

Here’s what we asked Mrs Randles:

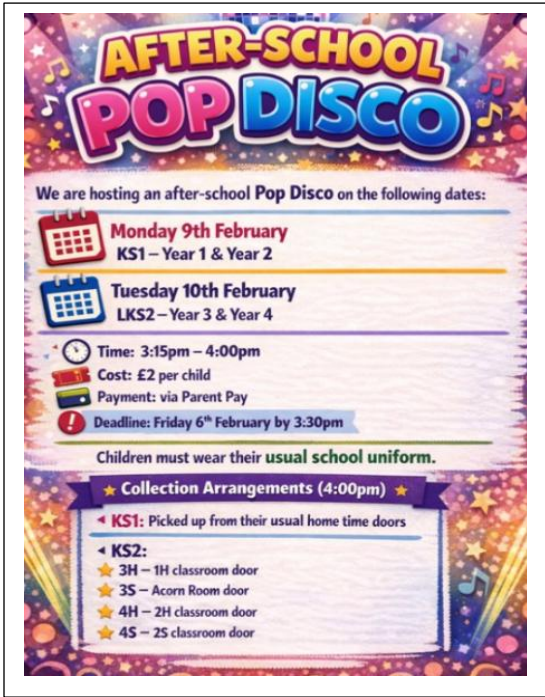
Reflecting on 2025, what was the not so good bit and what was your best bit? There is always a touch of sadness when one class moves on to the next year. However, I know that they will continue to thrive, and I still get to see them! Plus, I get to know a new class as we start to build relationships prepare them for their next steps.

Speaking of moving on, my youngest son has moved into his own home and my house is now very quiet. While the quiet is nice, I do miss the buzz of having him around. I always try to see the positive in everything and, just like the children who have moved up a class, I still get to see my son and value the time I spend with him even more.

‘Release the past and embrace the present to pave the way to a bright and loving future’
Remez Sasson

Mrs Randles what are you most looking forward to this year? The thing I am looking forward to most is my son getting married. I will be so proud to see him wed his partner and to be part of their special day, this is a memory I will always cherish. Plus, I get to buy a new hat! If that wasn’t exciting enough, my niece is having a baby too!

‘I hope that whatever your year brings you have moments of happiness and joy with those you hold dear.’



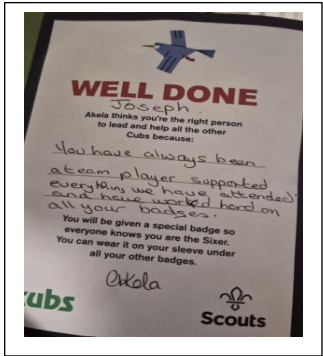
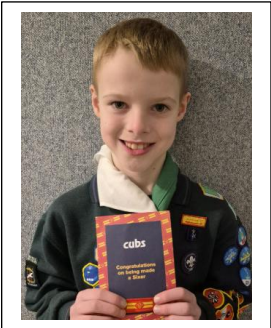
Celebrating Success

JOSEPH IN YEAR 5



Joseph has been part of the scouting movement since he joined Beavers after moving to Blackpool. He has almost completed his third full year! Joseph is dedicated to scouting and really enjoys it.

Last week, during his first session of 2026, he was made a ‘Sixer’. You may be wondering, what is a Sixer? A Sixer is a young leader chosen from the older Cubs to lead a small group called a ‘Six’. They help adult leaders by guiding other Cubs, running games, managing activities, and serving as a role model. A Sixer also welcomes new members and develops their own skills.



Wow, what a responsibility! But Joseph is a very responsible young man, and we are all so proud of him!

Family Learning

FOUNDATION STAGE



The Family Learning Team is running a course for parents and carers with children in Foundation – **Learn Together**. This is a free, four-week. course starting next Tuesday. **Book your place by [clicking here](#).**

A message from our Principal

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



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Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a lovely Christmas. We are all glad to be back, and it has been wonderful to see the children return with such positive spirits, living out our values and settling back into routines straight away.

We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Kitching, our new Vice Principal. If you see her on the playground, please say hello and give her a friendly Hawes Side welcome.

I want to thank you all for your support last half term. It was lovely to see so many of you attend our various Christmas events, and we are very grateful for the fundraising efforts, which helped us raise £99 towards resources for our OPAL provision. We plan to share more about our OPAL plans as we move into February, and further information will be shared with you soon

Just a reminder: the weather is very cold and unpredictable at the moment, so please make sure your children come to school in a named, warm coat.

Thank you once again for all your support so far. We are excited about the year ahead and look forward to continuing to work together to make it a successful and enjoyable one for all our children.