

# Hawes Side Academy News

## A message from our Principal

A warm welcome back to you all and a special welcome to those families who have joined us this week.

The children have settled well into the routines of school and have shared they are happy to be back. They are enjoying seeing each other again and are already talking enthusiastically about their learning. The children are walking around school with smiles on their faces and look smart in their uniforms; they are clearly proud to be a member of Hawes Side Academy. Thank you for your support with this.

This week we have welcomed our new children and families into Foundation Stage. We are so proud at how well the children have settled in and have no doubts they will continue to do so once they are full time.

We politely request that families arrive at the academy no earlier than 8.50 a.m. when the school gates are opened. This helps maintain a structured start to the day and prevents congestion around gates prior to them being opened.

Another gentle reminder is that dogs must not be on the school premises, except for "assistance dogs". This is for the safety and comfort of all our school community.

I thank you in advance for your support with this and would like to wish you a wonderful weekend - it's good to be back!

## Thought of the week

'A new school year means new beginnings, new adventures and new challenges. Treat every day as if it was your first'

Mrs Barr, Vice Principal



## Values Winners

FS: All winners for settling into school so well!

Year 1: 1A Sapphire, 1H Ella, 1S All winners in 1S

Year 2: 2S Ezra, 2H Kianna, 2A Kane

Year 3: 3A Zach, 3H Alex, 3S All winners in 3S

Year 4: 4H Josh, 4S Poppy P, 4A Nichole

Year 5: 5S Lillie, All winners in 5H & 5A

Year 6: 6H Jack, 6A Jameson, 6S All winners in 6S



## Important Info

**Foundation and Year 6 NCMP:** School Nurses will be contacting families regarding the National Heights and Weights programme. They will be in school 22nd January 2024 to conduct the programme. You will have the opportunity to opt out of the programme. This programme is not controlled by the academy.

**PE Days - Monday:** Year 2 & Year 3

Tuesday: Year 1 & Year 4

Thursday: Year 5 (swimming on Wednesday)

Friday: Year 6

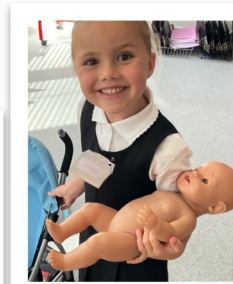
[Click here for Academy Term Dates](#)

## Foundation Stage News

This week, our Foundation Stage team welcomed all of their new children. The children have been learning about our active listening rules, how to take turns and explored our provision. The children have loved our outdoors area!



The Foundation Stage team would like to thank all of your patience as the children become familiar with their new routines and during drop off and pick up times.



## Nature Detectives course for Year 2 families



Take part in fun activities with your child  
based on a nature theme

- ✓ Discover ways to support your child's learning
- ✓ Find out what your child learns at school
- ✓ Make a scrapbook with your child

Children join in last part of every session

Free 4 week course  
Thursday 28th September 1-3pm  
At Hawes Side Academy

Book your place by filling in the form at  
<https://bit.ly/FLND23>



Due to health and safety we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the session



Scan the QR code to book your  
space or use the link below

[Blackpool Learning Rooms Enrolment  
Form and Learner Agreement  
\(google.com\)](#)





# Additional Information



## COST OF LIVING

Support and local information to help cope with rising costs

Thanks to support from Blackpool Council, Blackpool Centre For the Unemployed are working with partners across the town to offer FREE confidential one to one support to help those experiencing difficulties.



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| ✓ <b>Benefits assessments</b>                       | ✓ <b>Debt and money advice</b>              |
| ✓ <b>Help with benefits or grant applications</b>   | ✓ <b>Access to National Careers Service</b> |
| ✓ <b>Energy saving tips and understanding bills</b> | ✓ <b>Health and Wellbeing support</b>       |
| ✓ <b>Access to Grants / Support</b>                 | ✓ <b>Housing and accommodation support</b>  |



**15 Waterloo Rd - By Appointment**  
**Revoelution Hub - 10am to 2pm Thursdays**

**Call 01253 523178**  
**WhatsApp or txt - 07783 754636**

Proudly working alongside Blackpool Council and other community partners supporting the community.



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Scan here for more information from  
**National Online Safety**

**What Parents & Carers Need to Know about ONLINE FINANCIAL SCAMS & EXPLOITATION**

To date, nearly 43 million UK internet users have encountered a financial scam online, roughly £200,000,000 worth of money has been lost. The online world is a place where criminals are using their skills to trick and steal from you. They are using the internet to find you, and their methods have become increasingly sophisticated. It's not just about money, it's about your safety. Our guide offers a few pointers on what to look out for.

**WHAT ARE THE RISKS?**

- PHISHING SCAMS**  
Scammers often use deception to obtain personal or financial information from their target. They might pose as legitimate organisations, such as pretending to be a bank, and threatening legal action for unpaid tax unless the victim provides their National Insurance number. Their efforts have been getting more convincing recently, so be mindful of any unexpected or unusual emails.
- IDENTITY THEFT**  
Criminals can manipulate someone into providing personal data, then use it to assume their identity online and commit fraud, make unauthorised purchases or engage in other illegal activities. Identity theft can be accomplished by tricking victims into downloading malware that scans their device for information; by figuring out passwords to social media accounts; or through phishing scams.
- FRAUDULENT INVESTMENTS**  
Scammers might lure victims into offering their hard-earned cash for a special or 'hot' investment opportunity, promising high returns or quick profits. Such as the many cryptocurrency schemes currently circulating online. Some unscrupulous influencers have even used their status to tempt their followers into paying for courses which promised to help them become rich and more attractive.
- DECEPTIVE ADVERTISING**  
Many online sellers use false or misleading advertising to persuade customers to spend money or supply personal information. Criminal websites, for instance, have become notorious for using attractive images to advertise their products, promising to deliver on them for a fraction of the selling price – only for a cheaper-looking, lower-quality reproduction to arrive in the post instead.
- SOCIAL MEDIA SCAMS**  
Scammers use social media to manipulate or deceive victims, often by posing as a popular influencer and exploiting their audience – such as posting a link to a giveaway which promises to win a large sum of money or personal data to win a prize. This type of scammer commonly impersonates influencers with a younger fan-base, as children tend to make more naive targets.

**Advice for Parents & Carers**

- EDUCATE YOUR CHILD**  
Talk to your child about the risks of online financial scams and encourage open communication about their digital activities. Make sure they know the kind of risks that are out there, and what to look out for when encountering a potential scam. Foster their critical thinking skills – and emphasise that if something they see on the internet seems too good to be true, then it probably is.
- USE PARENTAL CONTROLS**  
Almost all devices that children typically use to access the internet have built-in safeguards like parental controls and monitoring tools. Stay aware of the options available to you, and make use of them to shield your child from possible exploitation as best as you can. This, combined with common sense and critical thinking, should go a long way towards keeping them safe.
- STAY INFORMED**  
Try to keep your knowledge of current and emerging scams in the digital world up to date, so you can help your child stay safe. New methods of exploitation are developed all the time, but thankfully it's not all doom and gloom. There are plenty of sources – such as @online\_safety – that keep a record of online scammy methods, plus lists of which sites or schemes to be wary of.
- PRIORITISE PRIVACY**  
Teach your child to value their own privacy: that is, to respect the value of their personal data and be cautious about sharing it online. It's especially important that children know to safeguard their financial details and other sensitive data – and never to provide that information to anyone online, unless they're absolutely certain that it's safe, secure and for a legitimate reason.
- REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY**  
Encourage your child to report any suspicious or potentially harmful online encounters to you or another trusted adult. Make it clear that they will never get in trouble for telling you about what's happened. Fraudsters often attempt to play on children's fear of getting into trouble, so coming out that motion role internet scammers of one of their greatest weapons.

**Meet Our Expert**  
We brought together experts from our own research, leading experts to you with advice on everything from keeping your child safe to reporting suspicious activity. We also have a team of experts who can help you with your questions and concerns.

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