

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

12th September 2025

Autumn 1



What's happening in Foundation

WELCOME TO OUR FOUNDATION STAGE

September has arrived, and our new Foundation Stage children have settled in brilliantly! During their first few days, they attended for just a few hours each day to help them ease into their new environment. As of the 8th September, we're delighted to have them with us full time, every day!

In their new uniforms, they truly look the part and are already a wonderful addition to our Hawes Side family. Very smart indeed!

They have already made lots of new friends and are beginning to understand the daily routines. It is lovely to see their confidence growing each day as they become more familiar with their surroundings, the staff and the rest of the Hawes Side community.

It has been wonderful to see the children's excitement as they explore the outdoor area, share stories about starting 'big school' and join in with singing rhymes.

'Every day the children grow and it is an absolute joy to be part of their school journey'

The Foundation Stage team would like to ensure that all parents and carers are able to access Tapestry, which is a key tool for communicating and engagement with our Academy. You should also have received the information about the Schudio app (for school updates), the importance of keeping your details up to date, as well as guidance on using the Arbor app and ParentPay.

Don't forget, all our parents and carers can get in touch with us in a variety of ways. The Academy office is always the best first point of contact, they can often signpost you to the right member of staff.

The new academic year has started on such a positive note, and we cannot wait to see how the year unfolds. We look forward to sharing our news with you, welcoming you into the Academy for our family events, and enjoying a wonderful year together.



Pictures: First days in Foundation

Our Values Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHERS

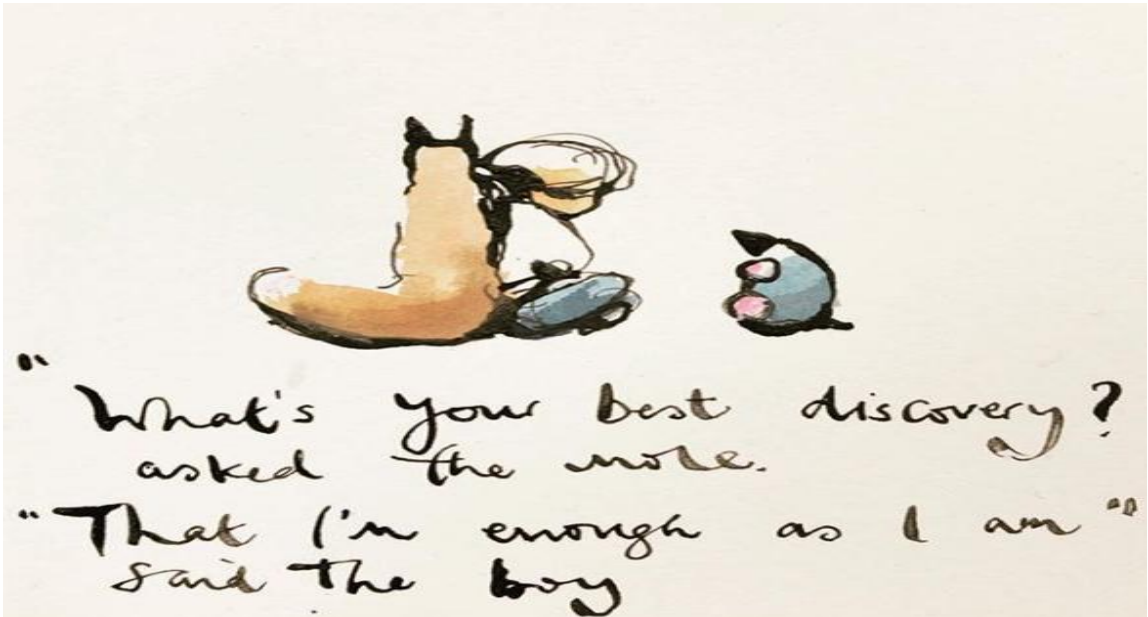
KS1: Tommy , Hollie-Lee, Sean and Nate

KS2: Lincoln, Leo F, Storm, Lexi, Lola, Maddison , Leon, and the whole of class 6H

'You have been a star and worked hard to fully engage within all learning. Pushing yourself to answer questions even when you found them challenging'

Have you signed up/completed the Flu Nasal Spray form? Info sent out by email and on the App.

Quick links:
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Special Feature

FOCUS ON MRS WRIGHT

Each week we have a ‘special feature’ on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week it is Mrs Wright, Year 6 teacher and Phase Leader for Years 5 and 6.

We asked Mrs Wrright a few ‘getting to know you’ questions

Mrs Wright what is your favourite meal? It would have to be pizza – chicken and sweetcorn.

If you were having a party which four people (famous or not) would you invite? I would invite Alfred Hitchcock because quite frankly he is intriguing (and I love his movies – they never get old!) Freddie Mercury because of his amazing vocals and he would be great entertainment.

‘Don’t stop me now, I’m having such a good time, I’m having a ball’

I would also invite Mary Shelley as she wrote one of my all time favourite books and finally Tim Burton because I adore ‘Nightmare Before Christmas’.

If you could go back in time, which decade/era would you visit? I would go back to Tudor times and be part of Elizabeth I’s court.

Over the coming weeks you will be hearing from different staff and all our year groups too!

A few dates for your diary

HAWES SIDE

Non Uniform Days:
Class 3S 15th September and 4S 19th September (values winners)
24th October 2025 for the whole school (break up for half term)

Flu Nasal Spray: 24th September – have you signed up yet?

Inset Day, Academy closed: 6th October (one day only)

Foundation Vision Screening: 9th October (have you got the info?)

Cinderella production in school Years 1-4: 8th October, payable on ParentPay

Break up for half term: 24th October 2025

Keep up to date with all events and info by using the Schudio app, checking your emails (is your email address up to date with the office) and website calendar

Celebrating Success

HAWES SIDE



Back in July, Nahla took part in the Global Dance Championships. Nahla competed in twelve dances and nine were placed in the top three, receiving 2 gold, 5 silver and 2 bronze medals.

Well done, Nahla, we are very proud!

A message from our Principal

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



CAROLINE BOOTHROYD

We are so pleased to welcome all our children back to school after the summer holidays. They have settled in brilliantly, quickly adapting to routines and living out our Academy values in their words, actions, and learning. It’s been lovely to see such a positive atmosphere around school, with pupils already showing what it means to be a true member of our community.

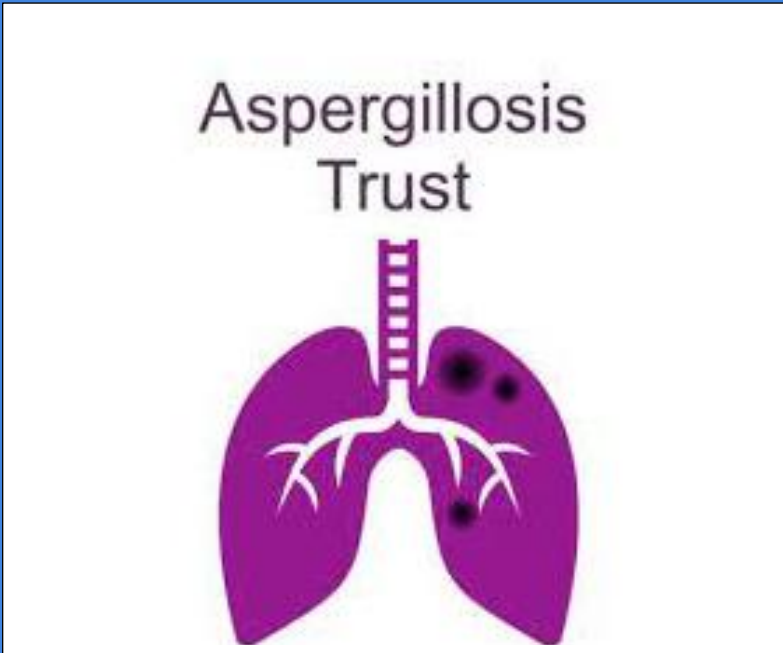
A special mention must go to our Foundation Stage children, who have made an excellent start to school life. It’s hard to believe they’ve only been with us for a week; they have settled in so well and are already showing great confidence and enthusiasm. We’re incredibly proud of them!

As the new term begins, we’d like to take this opportunity to remind families about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. It helps to build a strong sense of belonging and pride in our Academy community. Thank you for your continued support in making sure the children are dressed smartly and appropriately each day.

We’re also excited to announce the appointment of our Principal and Vice Principal pupils. Congratulations to Nahla, Elsa, Merida and Harry, we know they will do a fantastic job representing their peers and setting a positive example across the academy.

In addition, we’ve welcomed our new OPAL Ambassadors: Harrison, Leo and Poppy. They will be supporting playtimes, helping to ensure all children have a fun, safe, and inclusive experience outdoors.

It’s been a fantastic start to the year, and we can’t wait to see all that lies ahead!



Picture: Meet Asper!

Reading and Illustration Session Wednesday 17th September

ASPERGILLOSIS TRUST

We are thrilled to host a very special storytelling event at our academy for our **Year 2 and Year 3 children**, featuring Christina Gabbittas, author of ‘Dad and the Sneaky Spores’, and illustrator Ursula Hurst. Together, they will bring their book to life through an engaging reading and live illustration session giving our children a unique insight into how stories are created through words and pictures.

‘Together they will bring their book to life’

We are also honoured to have the Chair of Trustees of the Aspergillosis Trust joining us to talk about lung health, why looking after our lungs is so important, and how educating young people can make a big difference in the fight against conditions like aspergillosis.

This is a wonderful opportunity for children to:

- Be inspired by a real author and illustrator
- Learn about creativity, books, and illustration
- Discover why healthy lungs matter for all of us

Here’s a little more information about the author and illustrator:

Christina Gabbittas is an award winning children’s author and educator who inspires young people through her books, storytelling, and school workshops. Founder of the Children’s Literature festivals and named one of the UK’s 500 Coronation Champions, she has received national awards for her work in children’s literature, safeguarding, and education. Her engaging sessions encourage children to read, write, and share their voices.

Ursula Hurst is an award winning illustrator whose book ‘Drawing Hope’ won the Book Prize in 2021. She has illustrated many children’s books and continues to create new characters inspired by her surroundings, whilst exploring painting and storytelling through fairy tales and folklore. Ursula brings creativity and imagination to every project, inspiring children through her artwork.

We can’t wait to welcome pupils, parents, and carers to share this exciting and meaningful event.

The event will be held on 17th September 2025 in school.

9.00am Y2 pupils and parents

9.55am Y3 pupils and parents

[Click here if you would like to reequest a space at this session with your child\(ren\)](#)

Meet Mosaic Class Foundation Stage

Miss Ward and Mrs Greenhalgh

Our wonderful Mosaic class have enjoyed getting to know their new classroom this week and have done incredibly well during their first full week at school. We are so proud of how they’ve settled in!

‘Exploring their space and using the sensory resources, getting to know not only their classroom space but each other too’

The children have been learning about themselves and what they look like with their teachers Mrs Greenhalgh, Miss Ward and support staff Mrs McFarlane and Mrs Cross.

Using a variety of materials to recreate their faces, Mosaic class have produced some wonderfully imaginative self portraits! It was a little messy at times, but every child loved the creative process and fully embraced the learning experience.

One full week done and many more to come and we cannot wait to see how the children in Mosaic class develop and continue to grow in confidence.



Picture: Messy learning fun!