

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

12th December 2025

Autumn 2



What's happening

YEAR 4 LIBRARY TRIP

This week, Year 4 visited Palatine Library. Braving the weather, they walked responsibly and showed great enthusiasm throughout the journey.

The trip was thoroughly enjoyable, and, for some children, it was a brand-new experience—or at least one they hadn't had in quite some time. Nowadays, we don't visit our local libraries as often as we used to, even though they offer a wealth of activities, resources, community connections, and of course, a wonderful selection of books.

'A book is a gift you can open again and again'

Some of our children shared their own personal experiences of the trip to the library.

Millie said she enjoyed listening to *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and then going on her own hunt around the library to find books linked to art and Year 4's geography topics of earthquakes and rivers.

Zara had fun talking with her friends about the books in the library and discovering what everyone liked. Together, they explored the shelves to find different books to read to each other.

Libby particularly enjoyed the walk to the library—being with all her friends and feeling the anticipation of what the visit might bring. She also loved seeing the colourful Christmas decorations lighting up the November skies before being transported to another world through her chosen book.

What a marvellous day!

It was a wonderfully immersive experience, giving the children the opportunity to share books that sparked their interest, discuss what they loved about them, and connect with their friends through a shared love of reading.



The Year 4 children embraced their individuality, each finding something they could enjoy reading, be it fiction or non-fiction.

'The library is truly a place for everyone'

All of the Year 4 children displayed our academy values and acted responsibly and respectfully as they represented our academy both on the journey to and from the library and during their time there.

Well done, Year 4 — we are very proud of you.

Last day of Term

19th December 2025 school closes for Christmas at normal time.

It is non-uniform day

We are also kindly asking for a 'bottle' donation to help raise funds for our OPAL playtimes

Pictures Year 4 at the library and Chrstmas Camps at BFCCT

Our Values Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Kiearna, Sophie and Mason

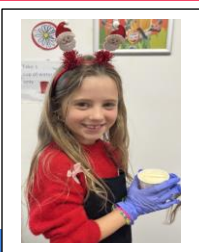
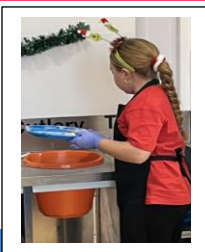
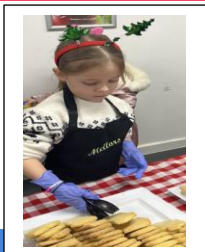
KS2: Charlotte, Molly, Rory and Frankie

**'She builds strong
relationships by being kind
and caring towards others'**



*Elf Run 16th December
Y3 Elf Animation 18th December*

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Pictures: our lunchtime helpers

Focus On ...

YEAR 5 & 6

As we approach the end of this term, we are still keeping busy and working hard.

Year 5 recently had their STEM event with BAE, and the children thoroughly enjoyed and fully engaged in the experience.

The event centred around the design and engineering of rockets!

‘This set their imaginations off with a bang.’

The children designed, created, and tested their rockets, and were thrilled to see their creations take to the skies. They were amazed by their achievements—there may even be some future rocket designers in Year 5!

As part of the BAE workshop, they also explored sustainable energy and aircraft, because let’s face it, these magnificent machines use a lot of fuel and have a significant impact on the environment.

Year 6 have been hard at work too, not only in class but also by coming up with fundraising ideas to support their end-of-year events. The children in Year 6 can always be counted on for their bright ideas and initiative!

MISS HAYDEN

Each week we have a ‘special feature’ on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week it is Miss Hayden, Year 2 class teacher.

Here’s what we asked Miss Hayden.

Miss Hayden, what would be your favourite book and why? My favourite book is the ‘Owl who was Afraid of the Dark’. It feels magical because Plop, the main character, sees fireworks bursting in the sky and is in awe. The new people Plop meets share stories and Plop notices the wonder of the world around him. I love this book because it shows us that learning is everywhere, whether we’re reading, writing, solving maths problems or exploring the outside. Just like Plop, we can discover something new each day and enjoy the magic of learning together.

From the book who was your favourite character and why? In the book, Plop is my favourite because whilst the story starts with him being nervous about the dark, with each step, and new character he meets, he becomes braver. Plop shows us about having the courage to try, even when it feels new or a little bit daunting. Plop inspires us to challenge ourselves, be curious, and discover the interesting world around us.

Lunchtime Helpers

OUR PUPILS



We had our Christmas Dinner Day on Wednesday, and it was a great success! The Mellor’s Catering Team provided a fabulous spread, which was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and staff. Alongside the magnificent meal, Christmas songs filled the air, and everyone looked wonderfully festive in their accessorised school uniforms with headbands, jumpers, and tinsel.

Everyone pulled together and worked as a team to make the dinner service run smoothly, and we had some very efficient pupil helpers who worked incredibly hard. Their big smiles made the event even more special!





CHRISTMAS CAMPS

FOR AGES 5 - 14

MON 22ND & TUES 23RD DECEMBER

MON 29TH & TUES 30TH DECEMBER

8AM - 5PM • £13 PER DAY

WEDS 24TH & 31ST DECEMBER

9AM - 3PM • £10 PER DAY



ARMFIELD PRIMARY ACADEMY, FY4 1TL
SPORTS CAMP



MONTGOMERY ACADEMY, FY2 0AZ
SPORTS CAMP



ASPIRE SPORTS HUB, FY3 7JH
FOOTBALL CAMP



‘T’was the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature stirred not even a mouse’



Special Feature

YEAR 2 NATIVITY

The children in Year 2 performed to their families this week, and everyone really enjoyed it!

After lots of practice, the children put on an enjoyable and memorable performance for their families and the Hawes Side community.

The experience was made even more special as the children took to the stage at St Christopher’s Church in their nativity costumes, delivering each line clearly and confidently, and singing as loudly as they could.

They also performed at the academy for siblings and children from Hawes Side Nursery. Despite doing three performances of their production, each show was just as polished as the first.

Well done, Year 2—you were amazing!

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

We now look ahead to next week and the Foundation Stage nativity performance in the main part of St Christopher’s Church. The children have been practicing hard, and their singing can already be heard throughout the academy. Foundation Stage families are certainly in for a real treat!

FS Christmas Crafts & Sing Song

17th December 2025 at 2:30pm

Foundation parents & guardians are invited to come in and do some crafts and have a festive sing song

On the day report to the office on Johnsville

Foundation Nativity 16th December at St Christopher’s Church

Performance start at 9:30am prompt in the ‘main’ church. Hope to see our foundation families there!

Stay and Play Mosaic Class

Stay and Play in Mosaic Class! Our Mosaic parents and guardians are invited to come and spend some time in class, showcase what we have been learning and join in!

- Dates are:**
- 17th December 2025
 - 4th February 2026
 - 18th March 2026
 - 20th May 2026
 - 24th June 2026

Celebrating Success OUR CHILDREN

We are so proud of Merida! She has achieved the Chief Scout Silver award, the highest award in the ‘cubs’ section.



Well done, Merida!

There are places available in the ‘beavers’, ‘cub’ and ‘scout’ sections at 45th Blackpool Scout Group which meets at St Christopher’s Church.

If you want to share your personal successes, email admin@hawes-side.co.uk

Antartica CLASS 2H

On Monday, the children enjoyed a ‘live’ assembly all the way from Antarctica!

Having been learning about Emperor Penguins and the frozen tundra, it was a real treat for the children to hear from a real explorer and scientist. They discovered just how cold it is and how friendly the penguins can be.



A message from our Principal

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



**CAROLINE
BOOTHROYD**

‘Our children have continued to shine’

What a fantastic and eventful week it has been, with so many varied activities to inspire and engage our children!

From festive celebrations and nativity performances to STEM challenges, library visits, and live assemblies.

Throughout this long but exciting half term, they have consistently lived out our academy values, particularly showing responsibility and respect and enthusiasm in everything they do.

Credit to all our amazing children and to everyone who has supported them along the way!

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend in readiness for our final week of this term, the last before Christmas!



Picture of FS posting Christmas Cheer!