

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

13th February 2026

Spring 1



What's happening

YEAR 4

What a half term it has been! Year 4 have been scientists and researching the water cycle. Discussing precipitation and what it means and how it encompasses not just rain but sleet, snow and hail as well. Through their discovery they have explored the story 'Walter the Waterdrop' and created some amazing storyboards. Did you know that you are drinking water that the dinosaurs drank millions of years ago - Year 4 know how this is possible!

In their food technology lessons, the children have been looking at processed food and how this process allows foods to stay fresher for longer. Some of these processes we have been using for years and some processes have changed and developed, and some have stayed just as they were, such as smoking or salting food.

The children have tried tasting different foods and then cooking it. They created a tasty chickpea curry and brought samples of their culinary creations home. It is a simple and cost-effective meal, and the children are hoping to cook this at home for their families as well.

'Cooking is the ultimate giving.'
Jamie Oliver

In math's the focus has been multiplication and division. The children have been applying their skills to reasoning problems, where they really have been using their critical thinking. They have been challenged by being given the question and the answer and finding out how to get to the answer - tricky!

In addition to multiplication and division they have also been looking at length and perimeter. Through discussion and research finding out the perimeter of a 2D shape or even how they could measure the perimeter of Stanley Park.

As the half term comes to a close, class 4S have finished their time visiting Upbeat. Today 4S gave a brilliant performance to their families, showcasing all they have learned during their lessons at Upbeat. Their musicality shone through and the children really did appreciate the support they received from their families.

It was truly wonderful for them to perform to an audience not just their peers but of their loved ones, and proudly display their musical knowledge, skill and not forgetting their passion for the music.

4H cannot wait to start their visit to Upbeat every Friday, which will start after half term.

Making music is the most joyful activity possible, the most perfect expression of any emotion.' Luciano Pavarotti

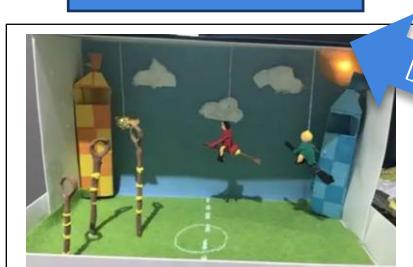
It is clear that Year 4 have had a jam packed half term and we cannot wait to see what they learn next half term and share with you, their successes.

Nutrition with Numbers

Fully funded, beginner level math's course.
Course completion and get a free slow cooker!

[Click here](#)

Book in a Box Ideas



Pictures: Year 4 creating their curry, busy in maths and food tasting

Our Values

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Oliver, Seraphina and Tommy

KS2: Edain, Freya, Megan, Evie and Logan

'He has been working really hard on his resilience and relationship building. This has shone through over the past few weeks.'

World Book Day

THURS. 5TH MARCH 2026

This year we will be celebrating World Book Day and children are invited to come into school on the 5th March in their pyjamas, to get comfy for the 'all day' bedtime stories that will be happening throughout the day.

As well as 'pyjamas' we are holding **TWO** fun and creative competition where we are asking children to make a book from a box! Using a shoebox or similar, children can turn the box into their favourite story, using crafts, drawings and other creative ways to illustrate the books characters. It is a wonderful opportunity for children to share their storytelling through their own imagination. In addition to the Book in the Box, we are asking you to share a picture of your child reading in the most unusual place. Send your 'Caught Reading' pics in printed to class teacher or by email to admin@hawes-side.co.uk making sure you let us know your child's name and class.

All entries for the Book in a Box competition and 'Caught Reading' should be in school by World Book Day, 5th March.

Special Feature

FOCUS ON MR MALICDEM & MRS SCHOLES

Each week, we have a 'special feature' on one of our Hawes Side team members.

This week, it is name Mr Malicdem, Site Supervisor and Mrs Scholes, Business Support, Finance.

Here's what we asked name Mr Mailcdem and Mrs Scholes

Mr Malicdem and Mrs Scholes if you had not been a Site Supervisor, what would you have done as a career instead? If Mr Malicdem had not worked in schools he would have ventured into another public sector service, hospitals.

Mr Malicdem has a background in engineering and is motivated to lead complex facilities. Using his skills in hospital facilities management would mean supporting the public through safe, reliable, and well-maintained environments.

It is not surprising then that he can look after our big academy site, ensuring the building is well run for us all.

'The biggest adventure you can take is to live the life of your dreams' Oprah Winfrey

Mrs Scholes wanted to have been brought up right by the sea. Even closer than she is now! Somewhere warm, sunny, and the waves lapping at the shore. In this environment Mrs Scholes would be a professional surfer, riding the waves all day every day. Walking bare foot in the sand and taking in the energy of the seascape.

Anyone that knows Mrs Scholes could completely imagine her being a surfer....literally no shoes, no news as they say. She is such a free spirit, loves being outdoors and being in nature, it would be the ideal role.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS

Congratulations to all the children who represented the school at the Inter-Club Electronic Taekwondo Sparring event in Blackpool last weekend.

Some of our Hawes Side students who attend Northern Taekwondo took part and showed outstanding resilience, confidence, and focus throughout the



competition. Master Lee said it was fantastic to see their hard work and dedication put into practice. We are very proud of their efforts and achievements.

'Competition teaches you the value of hard work and dedication' Kobe Bryant

Master Lee wanted share that there are a few spaces left at club after school on a Wednesday. For more information you can get in touch with Northern Taekwondo by [clicking here](#) or phoning 0777927 5207

Half Term Clubs



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Been to an event at Hawes Side?
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In school on time & every day

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



It is important to check on how our attendance and punctuality is doing as an academy. Take a look at how we have done since we broke up in December to now!

Year Group	Attendance as at 19/12/25	Attendance as at 6/2/26
Foundation	97.07%	96.10%
Year 1	91.67%	95.86%
Year 2	91.51%	96.11%
Year 3	84.81%	93.08%
Year 4	93.61%	95%
Year 5	92.45%	96.04%
Year 6	93.25%	96.11%

Majority of year group attendance has gone up since December, with Year 3 making the best increase! The joint winners for best attendance so far is Year 6 and Year 2!

Year Group	Late marks at 19/12/25	Late marks at 6/2/26
Foundation	2.37%	2.4%
Year 1	2.72%	2.54%
Year 2	3.65%	3.77%
Year 3	3.11%	2.85%
Year 4	2.51%	2.62%
Year 5	2.73%	2.6%
Year 6	1.43%	1.5%

Late marks have fluctuated since December to February but the year group with the best punctuality is Year 6! Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5 have also made a real improvement on their punctuality too.

A message from our Principal

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



**CAROLINE
BOOTHROYD**

What a fantastic way to end the half term! Last night's Schools Alive event was truly a highlight, the children were amazing, demonstrating our school values and showing wonderful team spirit as they celebrated the performances of other schools.

A huge thank you to all the parents who supported this event, not just last night, but throughout the weeks of rehearsals, costume and makeup preparation, and fundraising - we simply couldn't do it without you.

Earlier today, Y4 also showcased their learning to parents, performing as a band and sharing all they have achieved through their Upbeat sessions.

It has been a brilliant half term full of creativity, learning and collaboration, and we are excited to see what the rest of the year will bring.

A heartfelt thank you to our whole school community, and we wish you all a restful and enjoyable half term!

