

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

17th April 2026

Summer 1



Pictures: Dinner playtime fun in FS



What's happening ...

... YEAR 6

The final term is always a busy time for everyone, but especially so for our pupils as they continue their learning while also preparing for the next important step, transitioning to secondary school.

'A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step.' Anonymous

Just before Easter Mrs Wright and Mrs Harrop sent out information about 'dates for your diary'. Here they are again, just as a reminder about what is coming up.

- SAT's - 11th May up to and including 14th May
- Week commencing 29th June - Enterprise fortnight
- 14th July at 2pm - Year 6 production
- 15th July at 4pm - Year 6 production
- 16th July at 3:30pm - Year 6 DISCO
- 20th July at 2:45pm - Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 21st July - Year 6 Leavers' Breakfast and shirt signing

... IN THE ELECTION

We recently sent out information about how to become a Parent Trustee of our academy.

Following the election process in March 2026, we are able to announce that following the recent appointment of Mr Morgan as a Parent Trustee we are now delighted to share that Mr Whitworth will also be joining the team as a Parent Trustee.

We would like to share our thanks to Mrs Blackstock for her previous support in the role.

'Together we can make a difference.'

... DOWN AT THE FARM

Just before Easter, our Foundation Stage children had the wonderful experience of hatching their own baby chicks. Fluffy and full of life, it was a joy for everyone to watch as they pecked their way out into the world. Although we would have loved them to stay, the chicks have now returned to the farm where they will continue to grow alongside their feathered friends.

Foundation had been looking forward to visiting Ridgeway Farm this week to experience the sights and sounds of springtime on a working farm. While this visit has been postponed until later in April, the excitement has certainly not faded, our children are already eager to pull on their wellies and explore. With so much new life to see, it promises to be a rich and memorable experience.

Who knows, they may even be reunited with some familiar faces, including the little lambs who visited us in assembly at the end of last term.

News piece links:

- [Look who 'sprang' in to visit](#)
- [They've hatched!](#)

... IN YEAR 3

Some of our Year 3 children enjoyed a visit to the cinema yesterday to see *The Faraway Tree*. This was an optional, out-of-school event, and it was lovely to hear how many chose to take part and experience the magical world brought to life on screen.

While we have not yet gathered their full reviews (Mrs Haley-Davis saw it in the holidays and loved it), early feedback suggests the children thoroughly enjoyed the film, with plenty of laughter and 'wow' moments throughout. Silky and Saucepan Man were clear favourites, and it seems the idea of a slippery slip has captured a few imaginations, perhaps something they would like to see in school.

Our Values Nominations are in!

OUR VALUES MATTER

All our children have been following our academy values since returning from the Easter break. Well done to you all for understanding that our values are the foundation from which we build.

Respect, Resilience, Relationships, Reflection and Responsibility

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

Most improved attendance is class 6S

The class with the best punctuality was 6S. The most improved class punctuality was also 6S.

Quick links:

[Calendar](#)

[Term Dates](#)

[Latest News](#)

Family Support (recently updated)

[Event Feedback](#)

*Been to an event at Hawes Side?
Your feedback is valuable to us!*

Recent letters home:

[Multiplication Meeting Year 4](#)

[Year 6 Dates for your Diary](#)

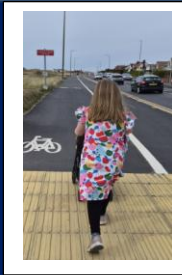
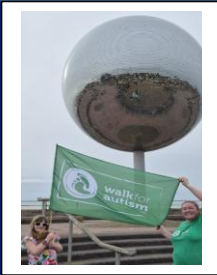
[Boy at the Back of the Class \(Y5\)](#)

Year 4 Parents – don't forget the MTC meeting at 3:30pm on 21st April

Clubs:

[Express an Interest form Athletics 5 / 6](#)

[Express an Interest form Tennis 3 / 4](#)



Pictures: Charlotte 'walking for Autism' and OPAL playtime fun

Celebrating Success

NATE, YEAR 2

██████████ Northern Taekwondo
Congratulations!

Before Easter, some of our children took part in their grading and demonstrated fantastic resilience and confidence throughout.

Master Lee shared that it was brilliant to see everyone giving their best and to witness the progress they have made. He looks forward to continuing to support the children as they develop further.



Well done to Nate, who was successful in his grading. It is amazing how far you have come and the progress you have made!

CALEB & BRIANNA

██████████ The siblings are ice skating wonders!

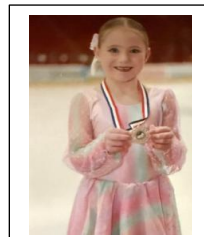
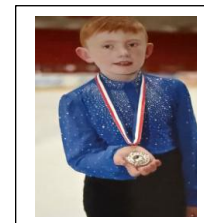
Caleb has been skating for 2 years and Brianna for 5 years, and both have such passion for ice skating and are completely dedicated to their sport.

Throughout their time ice skating they have continued to progress with confidence and skill and on the 25th April will be showing off their technique at a gala performance.

Brianna is also busy preparing for a competition in June.

It is wonderful to share in their enthusiasm and success for ice skating.

If you would like to celebrate your child's success, email admin@hawes-side.co.uk



Special Feature

FOCUS ON MAKING A DIFFERENCE

██████████ During the Easter holidays Charlotte in Year 4 took part in *Walk for Autism*. Her mum works with Autism Initiatives and Charlotte wanted to take part to support and raise awareness.

As part of a team of other keen walkers, she walked from Fairhaven Lake to the Solaris. Charlotte also helped raise £68 by doing a 'find the treasure' poster with her friends and family.

Charlotte's mum has one other event on the 15th May when she and others are walking up the BIG ONE – very brave indeed!

[Charlotte wanted to share her mums fundraising page link here](#)

FOCUS ON WEDDING BELLS!

██████████ Over the Easter break *Miss Pugh got married!* Yes, she is now Mrs Slater.

We have seen the pictures, and she looked beautiful on her wedding day. It truly appeared to be a very special occasion for her friends and family.

Congratulations Mr & Mrs Slater.

FOCUS ON ATTENDANCE

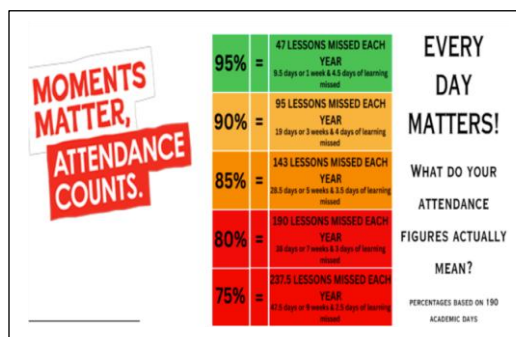
██████████ As we move into the summer term, many families may be looking ahead to the warmer months and beginning to plan holidays. We would like to remind parents and carers that holidays taken during term time cannot be authorised. Since September 2024, penalty notices may be issued in cases that meet the criteria for unauthorised absence, including holidays taken during the school term.

Further guidance, information, and useful links regarding attendance and punctuality can be found on the dedicated page in the 'Parents' section of our school website.

[Click here](#) to be directed to this page.

You can also familiarise yourself with some useful links regarding guidance on penalty notices issued from the local authority and also other useful attendance information below:

- [Guidance on Penalty Notices \(as from July 2024\)](#)
- [Attendance – Penalty Notice Factsheet](#)
- [Attendance Policy](#)



A message from our Principal

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



CAROLINE BOOTHROYD

This week has been an important one for our school, and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of you for your support during our OFSTED inspection. Your kind words, encouragement, and recognition of the work we do are greatly appreciated.

We are proud to have such a dedicated team who care deeply about our children and strive every day to provide the best possible experiences for them.

Our pupils represented the school beautifully throughout the visit, demonstrating our values with confidence, respect, and enthusiasm. We are very proud of how they conducted themselves and of the positive atmosphere they help to create in our school community.

Alongside this, it was a pleasure to see our Year 3 children enjoy a well-deserved opportunity to relax and have fun together. Their recent visit to the cinema to watch *The Magic Faraway Tree* was filled with laughter, excitement, and a real sense of wonder. It was lovely to see them so engaged and to hear their enthusiasm as they recognised familiar moments from the story. Experiences like this play an important part in school life, giving children the chance to unwind, build friendships, and create lasting memories.

Thank you for continuing to work in partnership with us as we move forward together.

