

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

19th September 2025

Autumn 1



What’s happening in Year 1

YEAR 1

As the saying goes, ‘Time flies when you are having fun!’ The last few weeks have flown by in year 1, and the children started the term full of enthusiasm, and they have not stopped since!

During this time, year 1 have been exploring our academy values. They have been reading a range of stories that have helped them reflect on how they can demonstrate these values. Not just at Hawes Side but, also at home and in the wider community.

‘All of the children have started with enthusiasm and have not stopped’

In class the children have been reading ‘Meesha Makes Friends’ by Tom Percival. In the story, Meesha loves being creative but finds it difficult to make friends. This theme ties in beautifully with one of our academy values: relationships. Building positive relationships and learning how to be a good friend is an important part of our learning..

Inspired by Meesha’s creativity, the children used craft materials to make their own friendship bracelets.

Mrs Garratt has been very impressed with how well the children have settled into year 1. They are already showing a wonderful ability to work together and look out for one another, demonstrating not only our academy value of relationships, but all of our core values in their daily actions.

As with all the children at the academy, it will be an amazing journey watching them grow in confidence, resilience and independence as the year unfolds. We are so proud of the positive start they have made.

Mrs Garratt has been very impressed with the children and how they work together’

Parent Information Events
23rd September Year 1 and Year 5
24th September Year 2 & Year 6
25th September Year 3
26th September Year 4

Pictures: In action at Year 1!

Our Values Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHERS

KS1: Lincoln, Scarlett and Aleksander

KS2: Scarlett, Delilah, Millie, Lexi, Joshua, David, Cleo and Cameron

‘He is working hard on his active listening so that he fully understands the work he has to complete’

Uniforms give us a sense of pride and belonging. [Click here](#) to find out about our uniform requirements at the academy.

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Special Feature

FOCUS ON MRS HODGKINSON

Each week we have a ‘special feature’ on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week it is Mrs Hodgkinson, Year 4 teacher.

We asked Mrs Hodgkinson about her favourite book

What is your favourite book and why? My favourite book is the ‘The Snail and the Whale’.

Who is your favourite character in the book? The snail, because he wants to travel the world and see amazing sights.

‘And they sang to the seas as they set sail on the tail of the grey-blue humpback whale’

How does the book make you feel? The book makes me feel happy! It gives me a sense of calm and is like a warm fluffy blanket. The illustrations are beautiful and it is such a simple tale, told exceptionally well. It also makes a great bedtime story, sending you to your dreams travelling the seas to see the world.

Book Author Visit 24th September

Eve Wersocki-Morris is coming in to visit some of our KS2 children and talk about what is like being an author and her new book, ‘Clem Fatale’.

The book is available to purchase on ParentPay and after the authors visit, any purchased books can be signed!

Our Pupil Leadership

HAWES SIDE

Our current year 6 children were asked to formally apply to become part of the Pupil Leadership team for this academic year. The role is about representing our academy and all our academy values.

Mrs Boothroyd was amazed by the calibre of all the applications, and the decision was made incredibly difficult because each child shone so brightly. After much deliberation, discussion with the applicants and peers, the decision has been made.

Pupil Leadership have their own webpage on our website, [click here to learn more](#)



Principal: Nahla and Elsa
Vice Principal: Merida and Harry
OPAL Ambassadors: Harrison, Leo and Poppy

Sports Camp

SPORTS CENTRE

October Sports Camp is open for bookings!

You book direct with the Sports Centre team:
Tel: 01253 504184
Email: sportcentre@blackpool.ac.uk

A message from our Principal

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



CAROLINE BOOTHROYD

It’s been another fantastic week at school! We were delighted to welcome Lisa, the Chair of Trustees from the Aspergillosis Charity, and a valued member of our school community, into school at the beginning of the week. Lisa introduced a wonderful new book, created in partnership with the illustrator, that raises awareness about lung health.

‘It been another fantastic week in school’

Children and parents from Year 2 and Year 3 listened to the story, learned about looking after their lungs, and showed fantastic artistic skills as they drew the main character alongside the author. It was a brilliant learning experience for all involved, and we’re excited to continue working with Lisa on future projects.

Looking ahead, we are pleased to share that we have set the dates for our open sessions to welcome prospective parents who are in the process of choosing a primary school. These sessions are a great opportunity to visit the school, meet our team, and see our wonderful children in action. The dates are listed in the next column, please feel free to share them with anyone you know who may be interested.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday. Let’s continue to keep attendance high and remember, every day in school really does count!

Open Events for Admissions 2026

8th October 1:45pm to 3pm

16th October 4pm to 6pm

7th November 9:15am to 10:15am

15th November 10am to 12 midday