

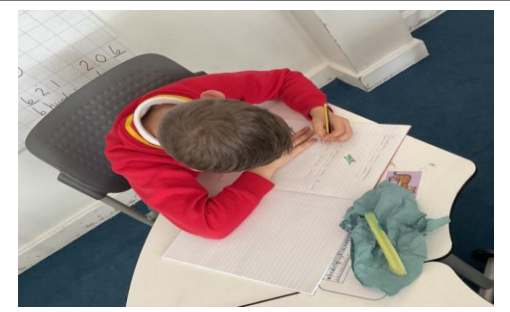
Our HSA Newsletter

Parent & Guardian Evenin

Friday 2nd & 9th October 2026

Autumn 1

Bumper
Edition



Pictures: Year 3 Scientists and a visit to FS



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YEAR 3

In Science, Year 3 have been exploring the fascinating world of plants, learning about their different parts and how they help plants grow and survive.

Becoming nature detectives, the children investigated how water travels through a plant. Using celery and blue food dye, they carefully observed how the dye moved up the stem.

It was an exciting experiment that brought their learning to life and sparked lots of scientific curiosity!

‘Curiosity is more important than knowledge.’ Albert Einstein

Can you turn a flower blue? Year 3 can. They placed a white flower in blue dye and the dye travelled up through the stem the petals turned blue. Eureka!



Keep it up the curiosity to learn year 3!

Don't forget!

31st October:
Applications for
Secondary Schools

YEAR 6 RESIDENTIAL

Is your year 6 child going to PGL Winmarleigh next Wednesday? Do you have all the information you need? If not ask at the office for the Parent/Carer Information.

Medication: Don't forget these need to be handed in for the trip and are essential for travel.

PC SAVAGE

Look who visited Foundation Stage. PC Savage!

During her visit to class she spent time talking to the children about the important role the police play in our community. Even more importantly how we can help ourselves and others keep safe.

The children learnt about police dogs, handcuffs, helicopters and even drones! They were also thrilled when PC Savage took some fingerprints!

Given that Foundation Stage have not been in class for very long, they did remarkably well to remain focussed and used all our academy values to welcome PC Savage into class. [Read the full story here](#)



‘Education is the key to unlocking the world. It is the passport to freedom.’ Oprah Winfrey

Our Values

Nominations are in!

RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Violet, Finley, Logan, Valencia, Adrielle, Jacob and Zara

KS2: Theo, Ellie, Brianna-Marie, Frankie, Dexter, Oliver, Sophie, Isabelle, Alice, Lexi and Brooke

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance 2nd October

The class with the best *attendance* this week is 2H with 98.7 %. Whole Academy Attendance 93.9%

The class with the *best punctuality* was 2H & 4H with no late marks.

Quick links:

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

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Please check your emails and your child's school bag



Pictures: Centenary Celebrations



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HALF TERM CLUBS

It is October already and before we know it it will be half term. We break up on *Friday 23rd October* and some families may be looking at half term activities for their children.

Below are some links which you may find useful:

- [Blackpool Council – Holiday Activities and Food](#)
- [BFCCT Holiday Clubs](#)
- [Boathouse](#)
- [Active Blackpool](#)

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Last Friday some of our Year 6 children took part in the Stanley Park Centenary celebrations, marking one hundred years since the park first open its big gates!

The children waited ever so patiently to greet the various dignitaries, giving them the chance to chat, welcome and of course give a big 'Hawes Side' smile.

Along with children from other local schools the children then sang a very pertinent song, 'Beside the Seaside', whilst others chose to dance or read a poem.

Despite the weather turning a bit drizzly the children were rays of sunshine and completely invested in this historic event.

'One opportunity used wisely can change your life dramatically.'

It was an amazing opportunity, once in a life time experience for all those that took part.

Well done to our wonderful representatives who embodied our Hawes Side values throughout.

OPEN EVENTS

Does your child start school for the first time in September 2027? Come and visit us on one of the dates below to find out more about our academy and see what we have to offer.

- **19/10/26: 5pm to 6pm**
- **7/11/26: 10am to 12 midday**

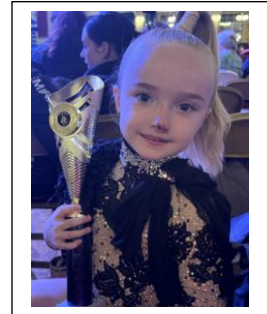
PRIMARY MENTAL HEALTH

The Primary Mental Health worker is in the academy on the 4th November 2026. If you would like to 'drop in' for a session, please get in touch with Miss Ward or Mrs Fleckney via the academy office.

Celebrating Success

NYLAH AND THEA

We are so very proud of both Nylah and Thea who completed in the UKA Freestyle Dance competition at the Winter Gardens.



Nylah came 1st in her age group, and it was her first ever competition too. We have it on good advice that the trophy she received is nearly as big as Nylah herself!

Thea competed in not one but two categories and performed brilliantly. She took home two trophies for both of the categories she competed in.



Both Thea and Nylah shone at the Winter Gardens and their passion and commitment was rewarded.

Well done to you both! We are so pleased to share and celebrate in your wonderful success!

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance 9th October

The class with the best *attendance* this week is **3H with 99.5%** Whole Academy Attendance 94.2%

The class with the *best punctuality* was **4H.**

Come work with us!

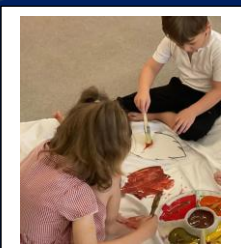
We currently have a live vacancy on our website for a lunchtime welfare role.

<https://hawes-side.co.uk/our-school/Work-With-Us>

Interested in applying, simply follow the link on the 'Work with Us' webpage. Any difficulties, contact the academy office.

Deadline for applications is 9am 12th October 2026.





Pictures:
Learning in our
academy

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YEAR 4

Year 4 have been getting active! They have been really enjoying their outdoor PE lessons, building on their teamwork skills. Year 4 certainly are a super team!

In science the children have been discovering about habitats and where creatures live and what they need to survive. They have been fascinated to learn about environments and the impact of change.

‘Never stop learning, because life never stops teaching.’ Lin Pernille

Keeping on the discovering theme, the children have been observational artists! Taking time to look at objects and from these intricate observations produce some fantastic drawings. This is not an easy task, drawing what the eye actually sees but year 4 have produced some fantastic art work.

IT’S GETTING CHILLY

As the weather starts to ‘turn’ and become even more unpredictable we ask that children come to school with a coat to keep them warm and dry. If your child’s coat could be clearly named, so that should it become misplaced, we can try and get it back to its rightful owner.

Because we like to play out in all weathers you may want to supply a pair of wellies for your child to bring into school and leave, so they can change into them when necessary.

PARENT & GUARDIAN EVENINGS

We are hoping to hold Parent and Guardian Consultations when we return after half term. Watch this space – we will share more information with you soon.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

It is great to see so many children accessing the various clubs after school whether that is performing arts or sport.

The interest in these clubs was amazing and all of them were over subscribed with children wanting to attend. We will keep up the momentum and offer as many different clubs as we can throughout the academic year.

‘A problem is a chance to do your best.’ Duke Ellington

For those children that attend Dance Club or Multi-Skills sports club, can we ask children to come to school on the day of the club in PE kit. This will enable the children to get straight into their extra-curricular activities.



Some of our School Alive children!

Open Events

SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Aspire Academy shared their Open Evening and ‘tours’ information. [Click here to find out more.](#)



Other News

APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL

Zoom in to find out more!

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

If your child was born between **1st September 2022** and **31st August 2023**, you must apply for a Primary School Reception place for September 2027. (Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027).

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

If your child is in the final year of primary education (Year 6), you must apply for a Secondary School Year 7 place for September 2027. (Applications are required for all children who are in their final year at a primary school).

If you live in Blackpool (pay council tax to Blackpool) –

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE ON-LINE AT:

www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Before you complete and submit your application you are advised to read Blackpool Council’s guide for parents at: www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The on-line system offers a quick and secure means of applying for places. Paper applications and information booklets are available from schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk or telephone 01253 476637.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS – BY 15TH JANUARY 2027

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS – BY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

Applications received after the closing dates will be processed after all those which are received on time. If you apply late this may reduce your chances of an offer for one of your preferred schools.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

If you pay your council tax to Wyre or Fylde then you will need to access Lancashire’s on-line application system at www.lancashire.gov.uk. You can still express preferences for Blackpool schools on Lancashire’s application system.

www.blackpool.gov.uk

Blackpool Council

A message from our Vice Principal, Mrs Kitching

What a busy couple of weeks we have had at Hawes Side! It has been lovely to see so much enthusiasm for learning across the academy, from our budding Year 3 scientists to Year 4 exploring habitats and developing their artistic talents.

I was particularly proud of our Year 6 children who represented Hawes Side at the Stanley Park Centenary celebrations. They were wonderful ambassadors for our academy and demonstrated our values beautifully. A big well done also to all our children who have received values certificates and to Nylah and Thea for their fantastic achievements outside of school. We love celebrating your successes!

It is hard to believe that half term is nearly upon us. Before then, we have our Year 6 residential to look forward to, which I am sure will be filled with lots of fun, laughter and wonderful memories.

As always, thank you for your continued support. It really does make a difference. I hope you all have a lovely weekend and manage to enjoy some family time together.

