

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

21st November 2025

Autumn 2



Pictures: Year 2 hard at work, some of our 'Switch On' performers & Year 3 Children in Need

What's happening

YEAR 2

Music has been spilling out of our Year 2 classrooms this half term. Not only did the children perform wonderfully at last Friday's annual 'Switch On', but they also are busy preparing for their upcoming nativity performance.

Many of you will have seen the whole academy come together last Friday. It was a wonderful evening for our school community, filled with music and a real spirit of 'joining together'.

Children from across the academy showcased their talents, from singing to playing instruments in a band, and we are all incredibly proud of everyone who took part.

After enjoying seeing the other performances, it was finally the turn of the Year 2 children to step onto the stage. They performed with confidence, smiling brightly as they sang Taylor Swift's song 'Change'.

Their voices were clear and strong, filling the hall! It was a truly joyful moment, and the applause for all the performances showed just how much the children's dedication, enthusiasm and hard work were appreciated.

'The music is spilling out from Year 2 classrooms'

Alongside our continued learning in Year 2, our focus has now turned to our next performance for families, our nativity production, 'A Midwife in Crisis'. The children have been practising their songs in class and learning their lines at home, all in readiness for their performances at St Christopher's Church on the 9th and 10th of December.

'It is always a memorable occasion, being able to bring the nativity story to the church and to our families.'

It sets the tone for the festive season and truly gets everyone into the Christmas spirit as we begin the countdown to the big day.

Don't forget we are asking parents and carers to request tickets for the performance by 28th November. You can do this by [clicking here](#) or contacting the office.

Moving away from all things Christmas, in DT the children have been exploring different types of hinges and even creating their own using card—and they've done a fantastic job! We certainly have some budding design technicians in Year 2!

Meanwhile in history, the children have been learning about Queen Elizabeth II and what made her remarkable reign so very special. We have thoroughly enjoyed discovering more about our late Queen, whose time on the throne spanned many decades and encompassed numerous significant historical moments.

It really has all been happening in Year 2!

Our Values Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Vincent and Austin

KS2: Jaydon, Briea, Lola, Farina, Luna, Jacob, Elsa and Joshua

'He never gives up, no matter the challenge'

**Oxford Square
Christmas Lights
'Switch On' tonight**

Some of our Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6 children will perform

See you there? Event starts around 5:15pm

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Special Feature

FOCUS ON MISS LILLIE

Each week we have a ‘special feature’ on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week it is Miss Lillie, year 5 class teacher.

Here’s what we asked Miss Lillie.

Miss Lillie what would be your favourite meal? Easy! Without a doubt it would be a Chinese takeaway. I love it!

Miss Lillie if you could chat to anyone from history, who would it be and what would be the question you would ask? Well, it would have to be Aristotle the classical Greek philosopher and polymath. As a student of the even greater Plato I would like to ask him ‘Does fate exist? Are there paths we are meant to walk, where everything happens for a reason or do we create our own destiny?’ BIG question I know and a real head scratcher! To be honest I don’t think there is a right answer but it would be very interesting what a great thinker like Aristotle would say.

**‘Knowing yourself is the beginning of all wisdom’
Aristotle**

If you had not been a teacher, what would you have liked to do instead? Really hard question as I first decided to be a teacher when I was 4 years old. This was largely influenced by having the very best teachers anyone could have. However, if I was to choose something else, I would love to be Lord Alan Sugars Personal Assistant!

Have you booked your Christmas Dinner for the 10th December?

*Simply book the date on ParentPay or let the office know. **Deadline to book is 28th November** (give us enough time to get the sprouts in!)*

**Foundation Nativity
16th December at
St Christophers**

Performance starts at 9:30am prompt in the ‘main’ church not the hall. Hope to see our foundation families there!

Parliament Week ACADEMY FOCUS

Next week, our focus will be on ‘Votes for Women’ as part of Parliament Week.

During the week, the School Council will lead our assemblies and run ‘School Council Surgeries’ to promote pupil voice.

The children will also have the opportunity to cast a ‘real vote’ within the academy, helping them understand the importance of democracy and the impact each of us can have on society and social change.

Elf Run 16TH DECEMBER 25



A message from our Principal

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



**CAROLINE
BOOTHROYD**

It has been another busy week at the academy! Yesterday’s Year 5/6 Showcase was a fantastic success. The children were buzzing as they took on the role of teacher, sharing their learning and teaching their parents new things. Staff reported that parents were very competitive, and everyone is already looking forward to the next showcase in the spring term

Earlier in the week, Year 1 parents joined their children for a ‘Stick Man’ workshop, which was both fun and informative. Parents enjoyed working alongside their children, exploring a variety of activities, and learning practical strategies to support their learning at home. They particularly appreciated seeing how their children learn in school and engaging with the classroom environment. It was a wonderful opportunity for families to learn, create, and connect together, making the afternoon both educational and enjoyable

We would like to thank all our parents for their continued support; it is the partnership between home and school that helps every child to thrive. We hope you have a wonderful weekend and wrap up warm and enjoy the cold weather safely!