

See you back,
2nd November

Hawes Side Academy

Our HSA Newsletter

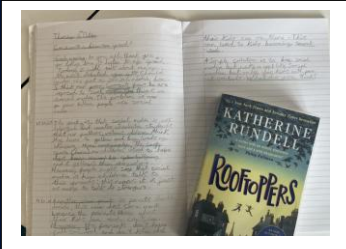
Brimming with useful information!

Friday 23rd October 2026

Autumn 1



Pictures: Year 6 in action and their wonderful work in class



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YEAR 6

Our Y6 children are thoughtful, reflective and considerate members of society! Why you may wonder, because in their English lessons, they have been writing speeches about social media aimed at their peers and other young people under the age of 16. As they have developed their ideas, they have thought carefully about their own experiences and viewpoints, while also considering the opinions of others.

Through this work, the children have learned how to use emotive language and rhetorical questions to make their speeches both engaging and persuasive. They are now looking forward to sharing their speeches with their classmates, and it will be wonderful to hear their voices. Too often, young people's perspectives can be overlooked or drowned out by those with an agenda or by people who have not taken the time to listen.

We are incredibly proud of Y6. They have shown maturity, empathy and thoughtfulness throughout this topic, demonstrating that they are valued and important members of both our school community and wider society.

'The only way to find your voice is to use it.' Jen Mueller

In maths, Y6 have been using long division to solve calculations. This is an *incredibly challenging method* but, the children have shown great resilience, practising each day to master this mathematical skill.

As part of their mathematical learning, they have also been thinking carefully about which division strategies are most appropriate when solving different problems. Y6, your progress is impressive and you should be very proud of all that you have achieved so far.

PARENT & GUARDIAN CONSULTATION EVENINGS

You should have received the letter about our upcoming Parent and Guardian evenings, where you can make an appointment with your child's class teacher. At these appointments you can discuss how your child is settling in, areas of focus and raise any queries you may have. *The dates of these evenings will be 11th and 12th November.*

TEMPEST PHOTOGRAPHY

On the 16th November Tempest Photography are in the academy to take individual (and sibling) school photos of our children. These will be available to purchase through Tempest. Information on how to do this will be sent out after the photography session.

We will check with Tempest if they are still able to offer photos with siblings that do not attend the academy. This will be clarified and information sent out nearer the time.

On the day of the photographs, 16th November, we ask children come into school in their *school uniform* regardless of whether it is their PE day or have a sporting activity after school.

EXPANDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may recall the letter sent out in summer, in addition to other notifications recently, about the expansion of Free School Meal eligibility. If you claim Universal Credit you could well be entitled to Free School Meals for your child.

What is the difference between Free School Meals and Universal Free School Meals? Free School Meals are based on whether you claim benefit, in particular Universal Credit/UC. Universal Free School meals are free meals (regardless of benefits) for children in Foundation, Year 1 and 2. When your child enters Y3 their dinners will be charged for unless it has been identified you are eligible for Free School meals.

If you claim UC (Universal Credit) you could get free school meals. Just ask at the office for a form and we can check.

FOUR LEGGED FRIENDS

Polite reminder that dogs are not permitted on school grounds, with the exception of assistance dogs. Thank you for your support.

Our Values Nominations are in!

RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Luna-Rae, Harley, Elektra and Finley

KS2: Luca, Tian, Harry, Gracie-Anne and all of class 3S

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

The class with the best *attendance* this week is **5S with 98.1%**. Whole Academy Attendance 95.2%

The class with the *best punctuality* was **1H**

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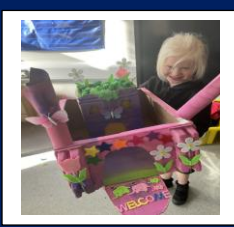
[Event Feedback](#)

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

Recent letters/info home
Please check your emails and your child's school bag

Socks Anyone?

Foundation and KS1 are looking for donation of children's socks. If you have any spare, please pop them into the office.



Pictures: Learning in our academy

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CAR PARK REMINDER

We would like to take this opportunity to remind all families that the car park is designated for staff and Nursery access only.

As the gates have remained open to allow planned transport services access, we have noticed an increase in families using the car park during busy arrival and collection times. As space is limited, this can make it more difficult to ensure everyone's safety, particularly when children are present.

To help keep all members of our school community safe, we kindly ask that:

- Children are closely supervised when near the car park.
- Vehicles are driven slowly and with extra care.
- Drivers avoid stopping or parking in a way that may obstruct access for other vehicles, including emergency services.

We greatly appreciate your support and cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for all our children, families and staff.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

OPEN EVENT

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.

- 7/11/26: 10am to 12 midday

MENU

Mellors catering team have new menu's for our yummy school lunches.

[Click here to be directed to our webpage.](#)

FLU NASAL SPRAY

The school vaccination team are coming into the academy on the **3rd November** to undertake the flu nasal spray programme. Please refer to the information previously sent home by email and letter.

[Click here](#) to find out more about the vaccination programme

Questions or queries? You can contact the NHS school vaccination team on 01253 951984.



Other News

USEFUL INFO!

Half term clubs....zoom in to find out more!



Other News

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A message from our Principal, Mrs Boothroyd

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of our first half term of the year. It has been a long half term, but it seems to have passed incredibly quickly. The children have achieved so much and have worked hard in their learning every day. I would like to say a huge thank you for your continued support and trust in us.

Everything we do is for the children, and as a staff team, we love coming to work each day and being part of their learning journey. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term break, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on 2nd November.