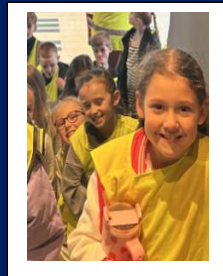
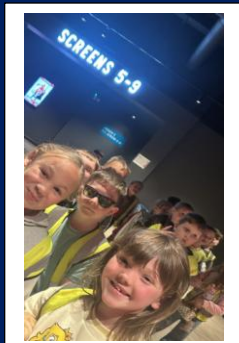
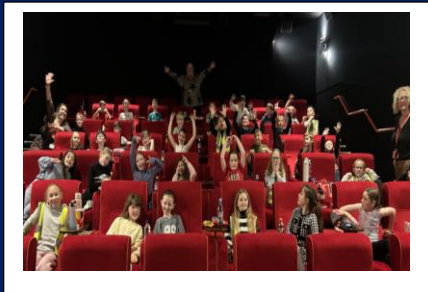


Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

24th April 2026

Summer 1



Pictures: Year 3 at Faraway Tree Friday



What's happened ...

... IN YEAR 3

Some of the Year 3 children enjoyed a well-deserved opportunity to relax, laugh with their friends, and immerse themselves in a magical experience last week. They visited the Arc Cinema to watch *The Magic Faraway Tree*.

From the moment the film began, they were captivated, journeying into a world filled with wonder, imagination, and unforgettable characters. They laughed, they gasped, and at times, they were deeply moved as they followed the adventures of Moonface, Saucepan Man, Silky, and the Angry Pixie. For the staff who accompanied them there were many heartwarming moments, especially as the children excitedly recognised elements from the story they had been reading in class, such as the slippery slip, the Land of Goodies, and, of course, the Angry Pixie's unmistakable yell!

'We lose ourselves in books. We find ourselves there too.'
Unknown

The trip was more than just a visit to the cinema—it offered the children a valuable opportunity to unwind, connect with one another, and experience the joy of storytelling in a fresh and engaging way. Seeing their faces light up throughout the film was a lovely reminder of just how meaningful these shared experiences can be.

We are incredibly proud of how Year 3 conducted themselves and are grateful for opportunities like this that help strengthen our school community.

Here's to many more moments of laughter, imagination, and well-earned smiles in the weeks ahead.

... FOUNDATION NEXT YEAR

The children joining us next year have now all been offered their places, and this marks the beginning of an exciting time—especially for those starting school for the very first time.

We are delighted to be welcoming some completely new families, while also seeing familiar family names returning and entrusting their loved ones to us once again. Whether new to our school or already part of our community, we are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone into our Hawes Side family.

'Within a tiny acorn, a mighty oak is waiting! Great things always start small. Embrace beginnings and take joy in the journey.' Pearl Sanborn

On 8th May, we will be holding an Information Event for our new families, where they will receive all the key information and support needed for a smooth start at Hawes Side. It will also be a valuable opportunity to meet key members of staff and feel reassured about the journey their children are about to begin.

We recognise that parents and carers are entrusting us with what matters most to them, and we are committed to making the transition to school a positive and nurturing experience, offering support every step of the way.

We have a webpage dedicated to starting school for the very first time, why not [click here](#) to find out more. The page is regularly updated and hopefully will be a starting point for many starting school for the very first time.

Our Values Nominations are in!

RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Kurtis, Johanna, Theo-Jay and Vincent

KS2: Alfie, Jasmine, James, Lenna and Llayton

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

Most improved attendance is class 3H

The class with the best punctuality was 6H (back on top again!) The most improved class punctuality was class 5H.

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/info home:

[Family Learning \(FS\) Elmer](#)

[Family learning \(Y1 / 2\) Show and Tell](#)

[Year 6 - Dates for your Diary](#)

[Endeavour Learning Trust - Next Steps](#)

Don't forget 'May Day' Bank Holiday
Monday, 4th May 2026 (academy closed
for one day only)



Pictures: 4H at Upbeat

Special Feature

SPORTS DAYS

Weather permitting, we are planning to hold our Sports Days in May. Please find the dates and times below:

- Monday 18th May at 2:15pm, Foundation, Year 1 and 2 (entry via Johnsville only, exit all gates)
- Tuesday 19th May at 9:15am, Year 3 and 4 (entry via Johnsville (if arriving after 9am) and exit Johnsville only)
- Tuesday 19th May at 2:15pm, Years 5 and 6 (entry via Johnsville only, exit all gates)

On the day of your child's Sports Day, children should come to school wearing their PE kit and bring a water bottle. If the weather is particularly warm (fingers crossed!), please also ensure they have suitable sun protection.

If you have any questions about Sports Day, please do speak with your child's class teacher.

We very much hope you can join us!

... YEAR 6 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

There is lots happening in Year 6 at the moment! Although we are still only in April, we know that the end of the academic year will soon be here.

Further to the letter sent out prior to Easter - just in case you missed it, please [follow the link](#) (on page one) to find details of the upcoming year 6 events and SAT's dates.

CLASS PHOTOS

We hope you have all received the information regarding how to purchase whole class photographs (with Year 1 there has been a slight delay) from Tempest. We have been informed that some families have already begun ordering these lovely keepsakes.

For those who have not yet placed an order **online**, the deadline has been extended to **24th May 2026** to take advantage of free delivery back to school.

You can order through the Tempest website using the information that was sent to you, and visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 5).

5S MUSIC SHOWCASE

On Monday 27th April the children of 5S are inviting their parents and carers into school to showcase their music curriculum, demonstrating their keyboard skills.

The showcase will start at 2.50pm and we kindly ask parents and carers to arrive five minutes earlier so they can be escorted into the main hall. The showcase will last approximately 30 minutes, allowing families time to collect their children from the 5S normal home-time door as usual.

Class 5S are very excited to share what they have been learning and to demonstrate the progress they have made on their musical journey. Photos from the event will also be shared in our 'Latest News' section on the school website.

Family Learning

FOUNDATION, YEAR 1 AND 2

We really hope you are able to join us for our Family Learning workshops, which will include a range of engaging activities based around a fun and creative theme. During the final hour of the session, your child will also join you, making it a lovely shared experience.

Foundation, Family Learning

29th April at 1pm for 2 hours

Elmer theme

Use this link to book: <https://bit.ly/FLELM26>

Year 1 and 2, Family Learning

20th May at 1pm for 2 hours

Show and Tell theme

Use this link to book: <https://bit.ly/FLSHOW26>

Summer Sports Camps

SPORT CENTRE

The Sports Centre team have shared information about their upcoming camps, which may be of interest and use to some of our families.

May Sports Camp

Dates: 26th – 29th May (Closed Monday due to a Bank Holiday)

- Early Bird:**
- £16 per day (available until 15th May at 7pm)
- Non-Early Bird:**
- £19 per day

Summer Sports Camp

Please note: Due to college summer enrolment demands, we will be running for **three weeks only**.

- Week 1:** 20th – 24th July
- Week 2:** 27th – 31st July
- Week 3:** 3rd – 7th August

Early Bird Prices: (available until 10th July at 7pm)

- £16 per day
- £70 per week

Non-Early Bird Prices:

- £19 per day
- £85 per week

If you have any questions or need assistance with your booking, please do not hesitate to get contact them either by email or telephone.

Email: SportCentre@blackpool.ac.uk

Tel: 01253504184.

A message from our Principal

It has been another very busy and productive week in school, with a wide range of activities taking place across the year groups.

From Year 3's recent cinema trip and the upcoming Year 5S music showcase next week, to preparations underway for Sports Day and the exciting events planned for our new Foundation Stage families, there has been a real sense of energy and engagement throughout the school.

As we move further into the summer term, there is still much to look forward to, with many opportunities for the children to take part in enriching experiences both in and beyond the classroom. We very much look forward to welcoming you to the various events taking place over the coming weeks and to sharing the children's achievements.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind families of the importance of regular attendance.

These special experiences and wider opportunities are a key part of school life, and it is essential that children are in school in order to fully enjoy and benefit from them.

We encourage all families to ensure good attendance so that no child misses out on these exciting activities

We hope you all have a lovely weekend and enjoy the sunshine.



Caroline Boothroyd

