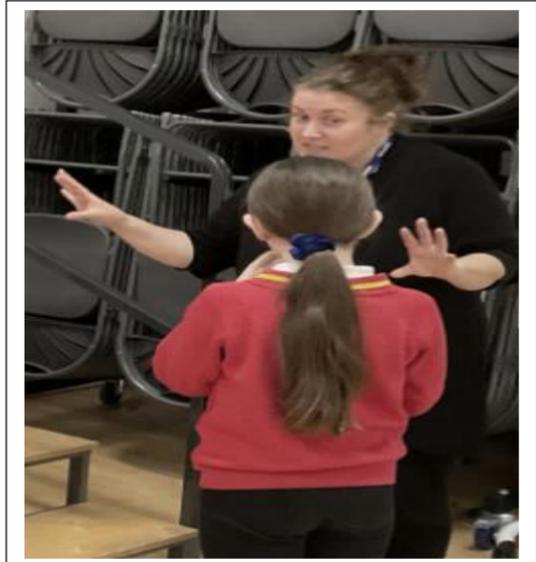


Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

27th February 2026

Spring 2



What's happening

Pictures: Year 3 girls and boys – Book at bedtime, Year 5 Tales Retold

YEAR 5

As we move into our 4th half term, year 5 continue to impress with their hard work and determination.

Our recent focus as a year group has revolved around the 'Tales Retold' project. The project is literally that, retelling tales with the assistance of two visitors from the Blackpool Grand Theatre. Our year 5's have built on their skills in oracy, teamwork, resilience and public performance.

It has been wonderful to see the children engage within these sessions and begin to grow even more confident. Year 5 are excited for the project to continue through this half term and see how our 'Tales Retold' unfold!

'Self confidence is a super power. Once you start to believe in yourself, magic starts happening.' Unknown

As you may be aware, last Thursday, as we broke up for half term, some of our Year 5 children performed an excerpt from our production of *Aladdin* at Schools Alive. Taking to the impressive stage of the Opera House at the Winter Gardens, they rose to the occasion with confidence and poise.

The many weeks of rehearsals certainly paid off, as they delivered a rousing and thoroughly entertaining performance. Their professionalism, enthusiasm and teamwork truly shone through, and we could not have been prouder of them.

Keep up all the hard work year 5, we are very proud of the progress you are making as you journey through the academy.

UPCOMING DATES

We have a few dates coming up in March, and whilst these are always on the calendar (and events) on our app and website, here are some you may wish to make a note of!

- 5th March, World Book Day.
- 9th March, Dental Survey for children aged 5yrs. *Information sent to relevant families.*
- 16th March, Learning Showcase, 2:45 to 3:15pm for years 3 to 6. *Information sent out to families.*
- 17th March, Whole School Class Photo's with Tempest. All children to come in school uniform, regardless of whether PE day.
- 18th March, Mosaic Stay and Play at 2:30pm.
- 23rd March, NCMP Heights and Weights for Year 6 and Foundation. *Information shared with families.*
- 24th & 25th March, Parent & Guardian Consultation evening. *Information shared with families.*
- 26th March. Keyboard performance to families. **Information will be shared soon!**
- 27th March, break up for Easter, normal time and it is non-uniform day too!

Don't forget to always check the [calendar here](#) or contact the office.

Our Values

Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Nylah and Lola

KS2: Aryan, Poppy, Alex, Luka and Kobi

'No matter the challenge, he will always push himself and rise to the highest level.'

Quick links:

- [Calendar](#)
- [Term Dates](#)
- [Latest News](#)



Special Feature

FOCUS ON MRS MOVILLE

Each week, we have a 'special feature' on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week, it is Mrs Merville, Year 2 class teacher.

Here's what we asked Mrs Merville.

Mrs Merville, if you had three wishes what would they be?

Mrs Merville would like a planet where everyone is kind to each other. Wouldn't that be nice? Sometimes we can all forget a *little kindness can mean a lot* and really does not take much effort at all!

'A warm smile is the universal language of kindness. William Arthur Ward'

Mrs Merville would also like warm sunshine every day of the year. As we are emerging from a wet and dreary winter, I am sure we would all love to have the *sun smile on us every day!*

Finally, Mrs Merville would wish for a world without germs or illness. Imagine never having to wipe your nose, take medicine or visit the hospital... life would certainly be very different! Of course, the doctors and nurses might find themselves out of a job, though we suspect they would soon find new and equally important ways to care for us all.

FOCUS ON ELVES!

You may recall back in December we were *taken over by elves!* All took part in a 'run' of our grounds to raise money for Brian House Children's Hospice. Below is the letter of thanks from Brian House.



Hawes Side Academy
Johnsville Avenue
Blackpool
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FY4 3LN

25th February 2026

Dear Becky and all at Hawes Side Academy,

We're delighted to write to you and share our heartfelt thanks to everyone at Baines School for taking part in this year's Elf Run 2025.

Your school raised an incredible **£378** - what a fantastic achievement!

We truly appreciate your generous donation and hope you all had fun spreading festive cheer throughout your school.

This year, more than 30 local schools and nurseries joined in with our Christmas festivities. It's been wonderful to see hundreds of children across the Fylde Coast supporting Brian House Children's Hospice. Your involvement means so much to us, and we're overwhelmed by the kindness shown by our community.

Thanks to your support, we can continue providing vital respite and palliative care to local children and families who need us most. On behalf of everyone at Brian House, a huge thank you to all the staff, children and families who made your fundraising possible.

Your generosity truly makes a difference.

Warmest wishes,

G. Webster

Gemma Webster
Community Engagement Officer

Zoom in!



Celebrating Success

MAIA & FARINA, YEAR 6

Congratulations to Maia and Farina who recently performed in *Dance Sparkle* at the Globe Theatre. Over the course of three days, they took to the stage not once, but four times, a remarkable achievement. We are reliably informed that each time they took to the stage, they did indeed 'sparkle'.



The girls have worked incredibly hard, practising and honing their performance. Their dedication, resilience and talent shone through. *Well done, Farina and Maia*, we are very proud of you!

If you would like to celebrate your child's success, please email in (with a photo) to admin@hawes-side.co.uk

Parent & Guardian Consultations

24TH & 25TH MARCH

You should have received the letter home today about our upcoming consultations with class teacher, including how to book an appointment. [Click here](#) to read this letter. *Paper copies are available from the office.*

A message from our Principal

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



CAROLINE BOOTHROYD

We have lots of activities planned, including a learning showcase and parents' evening, so please take a moment to read the information in this newsletter for full details.

It's lovely to be back in the academy after the half-term break, and I hope everyone had a restful and enjoyable time.

Wishing you all a great weekend, and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

The children have returned with smiles on their faces and are ready for the exciting half term ahead.



Schools Alive – So proud!



World Book Day

5TH MARCH 2026

News Round-up

SCHOOLS ALIVE

We were so proud of our wonderful pupils for their amazing performance of Aladdin. From the moment they stepped on the stage, they represented Hawes Side with confidence, energy and true professionalism. The cheers and the applause they received were thoroughly deserved.

Watching them shine out in the *BIG* Opera House auditorium and seeing the audience's reaction, reminded us why we are all so proud to be part of this school community.

Through the children's commitment and hard work they brought joy to everyone in the theatre. They created memories that we will all treasure for a long time.

Thank you too to the parents and guardians who supported us during the rehearsal process which culminated in a phenomenal performance. We could not have done it without you, and the exceptional face paint and stage make up by parents and carers did not go unnoticed. Your creativity, time and care helped bring the performance to life, and we are incredibly grateful for your support.



'Together we did it!'

We are already looking forward to next year's performance, so if your child is currently in year 3 and 4 and would like to take part, please get in touch for more information.

BOOK AT BEDTIME

What a fantastic evening Year 3 had at *Book at Bedtime* after school on Tuesday.

One of our classrooms was transformed into a cosy reading room and the children, dressed in their oodles, pyjamas, slippers, and even their favourite teddy, were ready to share in the joy of reading together.

They stepped into the world of Peter Rabbit, listening to the timeless tale of Peter and the rest of the much-loved characters created by Beatrix Potter. Mr Fleckney also read one of his favourite chapters from the 'Faraway Tree' and Mrs Randles showed the children how to use a new app to access interactive stories and audio books.

The creativity continued with a draw-along of the 'Gruffalo', where the children created their own impressive illustrations. Books are about the words, but the illustrations can really bring the story to life! It was evident from the drawings on display that there are some marvellous illustrators in year 3!

Finally, drawing inspiration from their favourite book characters, the children worked in teams to design beautiful bookmarks. After all you never want to lose your page!

The children shared ideas, read stories together and most importantly enjoyed themselves and one another's company. It was a wonderful way to celebrate the National Year of Reading and to foster a general love of books and storytelling.

Pictures: Interactive Draw-a-Long and making bookmarks

This year's theme is 'book at bedtime' where we ask children to come in their pyjamas, as if ready to cuddle up and hear a lovely bedtime story.

As well as wearing 'pyjamas' we are holding two, yes two, fun and creative competitions.

Book in a Box, where children can create a scene from their favourite story using their imagination and whatever crafts and art to bring their creation to life. Send your child's work of art into class.

Caught Reading, where we ask you to share a picture of your child reading in a most unusual place. Send your 'snaps' into admin@hawes-side.co.uk or send a printed copy to class teacher.

Deadline for all competitions is 5th March....there are prizes to be won!

Learning Showcase

YEARS 3 TO 6

On the 16th March parents and guardians are invited into the academy where our classes can showcase what they have been learning. **The event starts at 2:45pm** with the doors closing 5 minutes after this time. On the day, Johnsville gate will be open, and entry is via the year 4 door (to the right of academy office).

The showcase will last for 30 minutes after which time you can collect your child as normal at the class door.

We very much hope you will be able to join us, as the children are incredibly excited to share everything they have been learning and creating in class. Your support and interest mean a great deal to them, and we know they are looking forward to welcoming you.

Bulletin Board

Blackpool Learning Rooms
Adult Skills

Fun with Phonics course for Year 1 and 2 families



Take part in fun activities with your child based on a pirate theme

- ✓ Find out what your child learns at school
- ✓ Support your child's learning by working together
- ✓ Make resources to use at home

Children join in last part of every session

Free 4 week course
Starting Tuesday 3rd March 1-3pm
at Hawes Side Academy

Due to health and safety we are unable to accommodate younger siblings in the session

.....Sign up at <https://bit.ly/FLPhonics26> or return the slip to school to book your space

We would like to join the Fun with Phonics Family Learning course

Your name Contact Number

Child's Name Child's Class

Zoom in to find out more



How to CHOOSE a Book

A guide to finding your next great read!

<p>BLURB CHECK</p> <p>Read the blurb to see what the book is about and whether it sounds exciting</p>	<p>QUICK FLIP TEST</p> <p>Flick through to see if the pages look too tricky, too easy, or just right.</p>
<p>FIRST LINE HOOK</p> <p>Read the first sentence to see if it grabs your attention straight away.</p>	<p>TITLE TASTER</p> <p>Start with the title and see if it makes you curious to find out what the book is about.</p>
<p>FAMILIAR FINDS</p> <p>Look for authors, series, or characters you have enjoyed before.</p>	<p>COVER CLUES</p> <p>Look at the cover picture to spot clues about the story, where it's set and how it might feel.</p>
<p>FIVE-FINGER FIT</p> <p>Read one page and raise a finger for each tricky word. Five fingers means it's too hard for now.</p>	<p>FIRST PAGE PULL</p> <p>Read the first page and see if it makes you want to turn the next one.</p>
	<p>FRIEND REVIEW</p> <p>Ask someone who has already read it whether they'd recommend it and why.</p>
	<p>LENGTH CHECK</p> <p>Pick a shorter book for a quick win, or a longer one if you want a bigger challenge.</p>