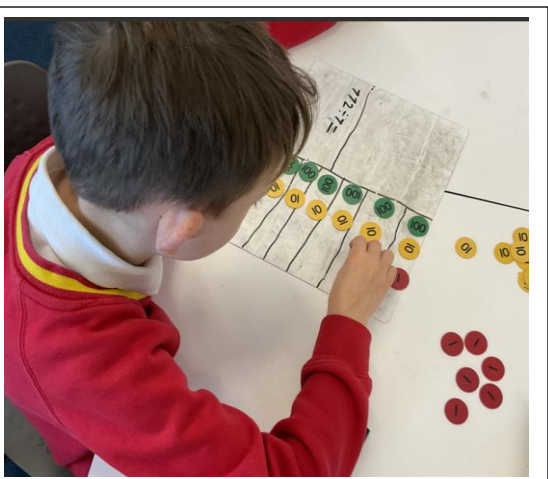


# Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Autumn 2



*Pictures Mellor's Chrismassy biscuits, Year 4 maths, Year 4 in action and Lei's Christmas creation*

## What's happening

### YEAR 4

In Year 4, we can hardly believe how fast the weeks have flown by and that we are already approaching the end of our first term.

**‘There is a saying, ‘time flies when you are having fun’, and Year 4 have been doing just that!’**

In Design Technology, the children have been creating their own pop-up cards for their families. It has been wonderful to see their creations come to life and to witness the thought and care they have put into making their cards truly ‘spring into life’. Year 4 families are in for a real treat!

Meanwhile, in art, we have been exploring different sketching techniques and learning how to create a sense of movement with water. The children have been discovering what a ‘quick study’ is, put simply, a sketch of what you see, or imagine you see, which often becomes the basis for many artworks. We have also been learning about Leonardo da Vinci and how ‘ahead of his time’ he was, he was even sketching helicopters! Why not ask your child what ‘ahead of their time’ means? You may be surprised by their answers.

Year 4 have stepped back in time and, in conjunction with Parliament Week last week, have been learning about the Suffragettes and how they protested for women’s right to vote. Thanks to their efforts, we now have a democratic process for everyone. Going even further back, the children have been learning about William the Conqueror and the Domesday Book, and how one of its main functions was to record the extent, value, and ownership of land in England, which was particularly important after William’s conquest. Many of England’s oldest buildings and towns are recorded in the Domesday Book, for example, the city of York.

In maths, Year 4 are still going strong with their times table knowledge (please keep practising at home!) and have now moved on to our multiplication and division topic. They are learning new vocabulary that allows them to talk more mathematically; for example, their conversations now include terms such as ‘factors’, ‘products’, and ‘divisors’.

Multiplication knowledge threads through the maths curriculum, and as they progress through school, their times table knowledge will help them to deepen their learning and understanding.

If that wasn’t enough, next week we are planning a trip to the library. It’s all ‘go’ in Year 4!

It’s all about the music!



*[Click here](#) to view our children in action at Upbeat. We are so proud of how these young and talented musicians are embracing their learning. Keep up the ‘Roar’!*

## Our Values Nominations are in!

### CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Alfie, Lewis and Zara

KS2: Jayco, Nichole, Leni, Elsie, Jack, Freddie, Sienna, Freddie and Tallulah

**‘She offers support and guidance to her peers and is a great role model’**

We are trialing streamlining our communications with our families. [Click here to read](#)

**Quick links:**  
[Calendar](#)  
[Term Dates](#)  
[Latest News](#)

**[Update your home-time arrangements for your Year 5 & 6 child here](#)**

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The imagination is a palette of  
bright colors. You can use it to touch  
up memories — or you can use it to  
paint dreams.

# Special Feature

## FOCUS ON MRS RANGLES

Each week we have a ‘special feature’ on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week it is Mrs Randles, Year 3 class teacher and Years 3 and 4 Phase Leader.

Here’s what we asked Mrs Randles.

**Thinking about the colour blue, how does it make you feel?** Hmmmm, tricky! It depends on the shade of blue. Pale blue can feel quite cold, whereas a darker blue, like navy, can feel very calming. Dark, but not too dark — just enough to envelop you, almost like the feeling of falling asleep.

**Mrs Randles what is your favourite colour and why? What memory/feeling does it conjur up?** I would be torn between cobalt blue or purple. These colours remind me of my mum and my sister and spending time with them in the summer holidays. The rich blue seas on holidays. The smell from the purple flowers. It is strange how a colour can remind you of a certain memory or feeling.

Definitely in my case ‘blue’ does not mean ‘feeling blue’, quite the opposite!

**‘I prefer living in colour’ David Hockney**

*Foundation Nativity  
16<sup>th</sup> December at  
St Christopher’s Church*

*Performance start at 9:30am prompt  
in the ‘main’ church. Hope to see our  
foundation families there!*

### Last day of Term

*19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 school  
closes for Christmas at normal  
time.*

*It is non-uniform day*

*We are also kindly asking for a  
‘bottle’ donation to help raise  
funds for our OPAL playtimes*

### Stay and Play Mosaic Class

**Stay and Play** in Mosaic Class! Our Mosaic parents and guardians are invited to come and spend some time in class, showcase what we have been learning and join in!

**Dates are:**  
**17th December 2025**  
**4th February 2026**  
**18th March 2026**  
**20th May 2026**  
**24th June 2026**

## Celebrating Success OUR CHILDREN

Some of our children have been achieving wonderful things outside of the academy, no doubt drawing on our



academy values to guide them in their personal successes.

Well done Charlotte and Mickey. We are super proud of you!

If you want to share your personal successes, email

[admin@hawes-side.co.uk](mailto:admin@hawes-side.co.uk)

## Christmas Dinner MELLORS CATERING TEAM

Imagine preparing and cooking Christmas dinner for nearly 400 people. Well, the Mellors kitchen team is already hard at work for the Hawes Side Christmas Dinner Day on the 10<sup>th</sup> December.

They will be chopping 50kg of potatoes to turn into delicious roasties, and prepping and cooking 10kg of peas, 12.5kg of carrots, and 10kg of sprouts. In addition to the main event, the turkey and Yorkshire puddings, they will also be making 50 litres of gravy. Wow!

And that’s not even including the Christmassy biscuits they’re preparing.

It’s going to be a fantastic meal, and we are so grateful for the skill and dedication of our kitchen team. We are truly lucky to enjoy such a wonderful Christmas dinner!

## A message from our Principal

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



**CAROLINE  
BOOTHROYD**

**‘There’s a real sense of  
togetherness as everyone gets  
ready to celebrate this special  
time of year.’**

We really enjoy sharing all the wonderful things we have been doing each week through our newsletter. As we head into some of the busiest weeks of the school calendar, the academy is full of festive cheer. It’s lovely to hear songs echoing through the halls as the children prepare to perform for their families and the wider community over the coming weeks.

It’s also important to remember the value of regular attendance. Even if your child is feeling a little under the weather, they may still be **well enough to come to school**. Being present helps children keep up with their learning and ensures they can continue to enjoy being with their friends.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Useful links:

[NHS Guidance – Is my child too ill for school](#)