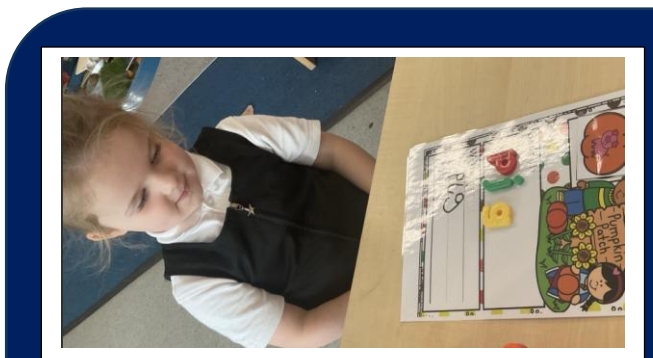
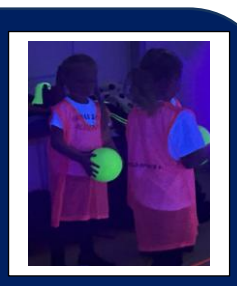
Hawes Side Academy

Our HSA Newsletter

Brimming with useful information! **Friday 6th November 2026** **Autumn 2**









Pictures: Foundation and CVC words and Glow Dodgeball Fun!

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FOUNDATION

Our EYFS children have been making fantastic progress with their early writing. They are growing in confidence as they learn to hear sounds, form letters and use their phonics knowledge to write simple words. This term, the children are focusing on CVC words. These are words made up of a consonant, vowel and consonant, such as cat, dog and sun. Through practical activities, stories and purposeful play, they are learning to segment words into individual sounds and then blend them together to read and write words independently.

'The goal of early childhood education should be to activate the child's own natural desire to learn.' Maria Montessori

We are incredibly proud to see the children becoming enthusiastic and independent writers. Families can support this learning at home by practising CVC words through reading together, playing sound games and encouraging short writing activities. **Mr Fleckney hopes that you will be able to join him in class on 23rd November for a Phonics Lesson.** This session will provide you with additional strategies and practical tools to help support our enthusiastic EYFS learners at home and beyond the classroom. We look forward to working together to continue developing the children's confidence and success in early reading and writing.

GLOW FUN!

A selection of children from across the school started their sessions with Jack from Blackpool Football Club this week and will continue to enjoy them throughout the rest of the half term. This half term's club is **Glow Dodgeball,** and although only a few sessions have taken place so far, it has proved to be extremely popular.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed taking part and have shown great enthusiasm each week. This year, we are working hard to ensure that every child has the opportunity to access an extracurricular activity.

Our aim is for all pupils to take part in at least one club or activity over the course of the year, helping them to develop new skills, interests and friendships. If you would like any further information about our clubs and activities, please contact the school office or speak to Mr Fleckney, who will be happy to help.

SHARE YOUR VEWS ON CHILDCARE

Do you use early years or wraparound childcare in Blackpool, such as breakfast clubs, after-school clubs or holiday clubs? Blackpool Council would love to hear about your experiences and understand why you do or do not use these services. Your feedback will help identify what is working well, where improvements could be made and how childcare provision can continue to meet the needs of local families. By completing the survey, you will have the chance to win one of six **£50 Love2shop vouchers.** Please take a few moments to share your views and help shape the future of childcare in Blackpool. Your feedback will play an important role in ensuring local childcare services continue to support children and families across the town.

Both surveys are live from 26th October 2026 until 31st December 2026.

Parents and Carers Survey for Early Years

To take part, visit www.blackpool.gov.uk/EYChildcaresurvey2026 or use the QR code below

Parents and Carers Survey for Wraparound Childcare

To take part, visit www.blackpool.gov.uk/WAChildcaresurvey2026 or use the QR code below

Our Values Nominations are in!

RECIPIENTS OF VALUES CERTIFICATES

KS1: Darcey, Theo and Noah

KS2: Nate, Luna, Arthur, Reuben, Harrison and Aryan

Celebrating Punctuality & Attendance

The class with the best *attendance* this week is **Mosaic with 97.5%**.
Whole Academy Attendance 92.9%

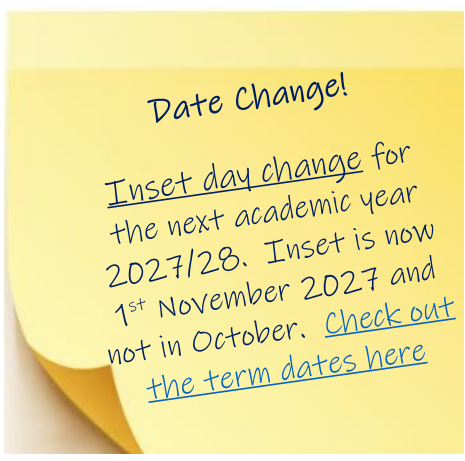
The class with the *best punctuality* this week was **6S**

Quick links:

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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









Pictures: Memories from Year 6 PGL Residential PGL Residential

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EXPANDED FREE SCHOOL MEALS

You may recall the letter sent out during the summer, along with other recent communications, regarding the expansion of Free School Meal eligibility. If you receive Universal Credit, your child may be entitled to Free School Meals, so it is worth checking whether you qualify.

What is the difference between Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals? Free School Meals (FSM) are awarded based on eligibility criteria linked to certain benefits, including Universal Credit. Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM) provide free school meals to all children in Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 2, regardless of family income or benefit status. Once children move into Year 3, school meals are no longer automatically free, and charges will apply unless they have been assessed and found eligible for Free School Meals. Even if your child currently receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, we encourage families who receive Universal Credit to apply for Free School Meals, as eligibility may also provide access to additional support and funding for the school.

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

MISSED FLU NASAL SPRAY

If your child did not have the flu nasal spray on Tuesday 3rd November, you can contact the NHS School Vaccination Team to find out where you can access this service. *Contact number below:*

Blackpool, Wyre & Fylde: 01253 951984

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.

If you would like a photo of your child and their *sibling who does not attend Hawes Side*, please arrive at the academy reception between 8:30am and 8:45am to have the picture taken.

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

PARENT & GUARDIAN CONSULTATION EVENINGS

You should have received information about our upcoming Parent and Guardian Evenings, where you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher. These meetings provide a valuable opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into school, celebrate their successes, review areas for development and ask any questions you may have about their learning and progress. We look forward to working together to support your child's continued growth and achievement throughout the year.

The dates of these evenings will be 11th and 12th November.

NEU WAY SUPPORT

Neu Way is offering early support for children, young people and families. Click here to find out more

Celebrating Success

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENTS

We are so very proud of siblings ***Luna*** and ***Nova*** who won not one, but four trophies for their dance exams and shows. They have both worked incredibly hard and what an achievement. Check out their amazing trophies!







Keeping on a 'trophy' theme, sisters ***Matilda*** and ***Grace*** have won awards for their dancing. Grace won Dinkies Star of the Year and Dinkies Dancer of the Year Finalist. Matilda achieved Babies Dancer of the Day, Mascot of the Year and Championship Mascot of the Day.





Brianna, has ice skated her way to pass her British Ice Skating Level 1 Skills. Brianna is dedicated to her sport and we know that she puts in a great deal of practice, effort and enthusiasm and certainly reaps the rewards with her achievements.

Well done to all these young people for such an awesome achievement!

Beaver Scouts

Zoom in to find out more!





A message from our Principal, Mrs Boothroyd

It has been a great first week back, and it has been lovely to see everyone return to school refreshed and ready for learning. We have a fun-filled half term ahead as we begin the countdown to Christmas, with lots of exciting activities and opportunities for the children to enjoy. Before then, don't forget our very own HSA Switch On event on 20th November. The children are already busy preparing for this special occasion, and we are looking forward to celebrating with our school community. Please make sure you put the date in your diary. We hope to see as many families there as possible.