

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

7th November 2025

Autumn 2



Pictures: Fun in Foundation

What's happening ...

THIS MONTH

We start back this half term full throttle! The children have been busy, busy, busy learning in class and we are looking forward to sharing all the wonderful things they'll be doing over the next few weeks.

November is often our quieter month before the festive flurry of December. Next month, the children will be performing in nativity productions, music ensembles, and, of course, enjoying our ever popular Christmas Dinner Day, which always rounds off a jam-packed December perfectly.

We are especially excited for the BIG Switch On next Friday! Our children will be performing as part of the event, and there will be stalls, refreshments and, most importantly, the Hawes Side illumination switched on by our very own VIP family.

Children in Need also takes place on the 14th November. Children can come into school in non-uniform, with a spotty theme or wearing Pudsey merchandise. All donations will go towards supporting this fantastic cause, and your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Today, we also welcomed families looking to join in September next year. Our next open day will be on Saturday 15th November, and we hope to see even more new (and some familiar) faces as we showcase everything that makes our academy such a special place to learn.

Finally, you may have noticed some of our children in non-uniform today, that is because 6H were our Value Winners for last half term. By consistently demonstrating our academy values, they earned the most values tokens and enjoyed a well-deserved non-uniform day as their reward. Well done, class 6H!

Looking ahead, on the 13th November, the children in Dance Club will be performing at the Winter Gardens as part of the Dance Festival. We have had the pleasure of watching their rehearsals, and thanks to their hard work and dedication, we have no doubt they will deliver a polished and impressive performance. We're predicting a HUGE round of applause for them all!

Also on the 13th Mellors Catering, our fantastic food service team, will be celebrating their birthday! To mark this occasion, there will be some delicious special additions to the menu, including Rainbow Traybake Birthday Cake, cupcakes and yummy hotdogs in buns! Dinners are priced at £2:20, and if your child would like to enjoy a school meal on this day, or any other day, you can easily book and pay through ParentPay!

Finally, on the 17th November, it is whole school individual photographs (plus siblings too). The photographers from Tempest will be visiting to take photographs of all the children. Once the photos have been taken, you will receive further information about how to view and purchase them directly from Tempest.

On 'Photograph Day' we ask that children come in full school uniform and not PE kit, even if it is PE day.'

We cannot wait to see all the exciting things our children will be engaging with over this half term, and we are really looking forward to sharing their successes with you through our newsletter and website news.

If your child achieves something special outside of school, such as a swimming certificate, performing in a production, gaining a sporting award, or receiving a Brownies/Scouts badge, we'd love to hear about it! Please email the academy to admin@hawes-side.co.uk and we will do our best to share and celebrate their achievements with our community.

Our Values Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Luna-Rae, Reuben, Zara, and Blake

KS2: Seth, Erin, Ava, Gracie-Anne, and Sophia

'He is thriving in English and absorbing every morsel of knowledge he can and then applying it to his learning'

PE Days this term:

Monday: Class 6S

Tuesday: Class 4H & 3S

Wednesday: Class 4S, 3H, 2H, Foundation & Year 5 (swimming)

Thursday: Class 6H

Friday: Class 1H & 2S

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Focus on

FOUNDATION



Our Foundation Stage children are learning all about their bodies! They are exploring skeletons and discovering how these amazing structures scaffold, allowing us to move and carry out our daily lives.

**‘The thigh bone's connected to the hip bone,
The hip bone's connected to the backbone,
The backbone's connected to the neck bone’**

As part of their learning, the children have been reading the book ‘Funnybones’ by Janet & Allan Ahlberg. They really engaged with the story, enjoying the repetitive, rhythmic text as the ‘skeleton family’ embarked on their spooky adventures.

To conclude the topic, the children got creative and made their very own skeleton pictures. We were so impressed with their art work and their individual interpretations of a skeleton.

It is wonderful to see how the children are developing and grasping their learning with such enthusiasm, their excitement for exploring the world around them is truly inspiring!

Year 2 Nativity at St Christopher’s Church

9th and 10th December,
Performance starts at 9:30am

Ticketed event

[Request your tickets here](#)

On 10th December we will be having our academy Christmas dinner. If children would like to book on for their dinner, we ask for this day, you book in advance using ParentPay. Simply select the day, 10th December, check out and pay £2:20.

For children that are in receipt of free school meals or are in years Foundation, 1 & 2 (have Universal free lunches) we request you still book your place on ParentPay.

The deadline to book your child’s place is Friday 28th November at 3pm.

If you are experiencing any issues using ParentPay to book the day for Christmas dinner, please get in touch with the office.

Local Production

FEELING FESTIVE



Elf Park Run

BLUE SKIES



A message from our Principal

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



CAROLINE BOOTHROYD

This week, all of our children have been reflecting on the importance of Remembrance through the poem *In Flanders Fields*. They have been creating artwork and engaging in thoughtful discussions, which they will share in assembly next week. These activities help deepen their understanding of this very important event.

We also held an open event for prospective new parents today and received some wonderful feedback. Visitors commented on the calm and welcoming atmosphere in the academy and praised our pupil leadership team for their politeness and brilliant support. It’s always lovely to hear such positive reflections and a reminder of the friendly, caring environment we strive to provide every day. The Family Hub and Better Start representatives, who supported the event, shared similarly positive feedback. What a lovely way to end the week!

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We wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all next week!