

HAWLEY HEADLINES

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Happy New Year!

I've made it my mission that I send out a weekly news page, so, we've all settled back in after a break... here we go!



Happy New Year! Our festive time at school is so busy, but so full of joy. I never tire of seeing the excitement levels peak. Madame Wos told us that in France, they send Bonne Annee cards, so I thought that I would do the same.

Our school value for the month of January is **Joy**, we have talked about this in our reward assembly today - so please speak to your child about how they are 'bringing the joy'.

Attendance Matters

The challenge that we continue to face is punctuality. Please be reminded that school starts at 8.30am for KS2 and 8.40am for KS1 & EYFS. Congratulations Zebras and Lions for having the best attendance this week - well above our school target of 96%

STEPS Award December 2025

I was thrilled to award 5/6 children with their STEPS award during the end of term Rewards assembly. This is the most prestigious award at Hawley, so it is a real pleasure to present such worthy winners. Congratulations Esther, Elliott, Dario, Samuel, and Freddie.

STEPS rewards positive role-modelling through consistently high standards in manners, politeness and following our Golden Rules. STEPS stands for:

Smart
Thank you
Excuse me
Please
Sorry

PAPAYA

Thank you to all of the Parents who came to our 'Lets Talk about our Kids and their Tech' workshop led by Papaya on Tuesday evening. A super informative session, sharing the impact that smartphones have on our children. This is one of the slides shared...is this healthy? Take some time to look at Papaya's website, it has lots of information that is very interesting. <https://www.papayatalks.com/resources>

2026, Aiming High...

We have lots to look forward to to this term. As well as the start of new topics in all phases of the school, there will be a number of events this term that will enrich our curriculum.

Next week, we have a whole school art week that will provide every child with the chance to be creative. You will be able to see your child's work in our Art Exhibition that is taking place on Thursday 12th February. Please see our website for more information:

www.hawleyprimary.co.uk

Screen time

The average amount of time a teenager spends online in the UK
4.54 hrs

=
34.3 hrs
a week

=
75 days
a year

=
14.3 years
a lifetime

*Ofcom 2025

According to Jonathan Haidt, The Anxious Generation, the average teen spends between 6 to 8 hours a day engaged in screen-based activities, with approximately 4.8 hours dedicated specifically to social media.