April 2025

Huish Headlines

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Dear parents/carers

What a lovely final week of term we have had! Spring feels like it is finally here and children have been enjoying some time outside.

As always, we have had a busy term with lots going on. As you read through the rest of this Huish headlines you will see some of the exciting activities and opportunities that have been on offer for the children this term.

Thank you for attending our family work share this week. Children love to show you the work they have been doing. We hope you also enjoyed our Science Exhibition, showcasing some of the amazing work that children completed during our science week in March.

A massive well done to all of our children who have worked hard this term. Our recent 'celebration' assemblies have seen many children praised for good work, behaviour, good manners, growth mindset, reading, sporting achievement and so much more. A break has definitely been well earned!

Many thanks for your support with the Easter Bingo recently – that is always such a fun evening and it is so lovely to see the children and grown-ups enjoying this event!

As we finish up for the Easter holidays, we say a very sad farewell to Sophie Staple, she will be leaving her role as PFSA for Huish Primary School. She has been a great asset to our team and has supported many families. She will be greatly missed. We will be looking to reappoint for this role early in the summer term.

Thank you to year 5 for organising and managing our annual Easter egg hunt. The children love to look for chocolate eggs on the field and KS1 playground. Thank you to the PTFA for funding this. The children had a very exciting time!

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday 22nd April.

With warm wishes,
Cara Carlock Head of School

World Book Day

During this term, we celebrated World Book Day. The children came in with their favourite book and took part in activities in their classrooms. They also enjoyed sharing their favourite stories with their partner classes It was lovely to see so many children using their book day vouchers to purchase a book to read.
The children were also visited by adults from the NHS and Brown & Brown Insurance who read them stories linked to their careers.

Huish had the pleasure of welcoming Kate Wakeling to visit Years R-3 this term—thanks to the PTFA. Each class took part in a workshop with her, which consisted of participating in performance poetry and coming up with their own poetry.

Huish also welcomed poet, author and performer A.F.Harrold. He led an assembly in which he performed some of his poems and gave key stage two children some top tips for poetry writing before some poetry workshops for children in year 4 and 5. Children were inspired by Ashley's engaging and enthusiastic style and will hopefully use his tips in their own poetic creations. This was also funded by the PTFA.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April
Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April
Back to School / Earth Day
PTFA Meeting 3.15 pm IT Suite

Monday 5th May
Bank Holiday

Monday 12th—Wednesday 17th May
Y5 PGL Osmington Bay Trip

Monday 12th—Friday 17th May
Year 6 SATs

Monday 19th May
Year 4-6 Medical Mavericks Workshop

Monday 26th—Friday 30th May
Half Term

Monday 2nd June
INSET Day

Wednesday 4th June
Year 2 Haynes Trip

Friday 13th June
Non Uniform Day donations of Teddies and Tombola Items

Friday 20th June
Huish Summer Fair
Non Uniform Day donations of Tombola Items, Bottle Store, Plants and Cakes

Monday 30th June
School Group and Y6 Photos

Wednesday 2nd July
Transition Day

Friday 4th July 6 pm—8 pm
BBQ and Disco

Thursday 10th July
Year 5 Preston Step Up Day

Friday 11th July
Inset Day

Friday 18th July
Year 6 Festival Fun Day

Tuesday 22nd July
2 pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly
6-8 pm Leavers Prom

Wednesday 23rd July
Last Day of Term

Science Week 2025

The Hub

During Science Week, children in the Hub explored the properties of Oobleck by making their own Oobleck eggs through mixing corn flour with water and a yellow food coloring. The egg was solid to touch and also runny when in children's hands.

Year R

Starting the week teaming up with Year 4, Reception children worked together using paper as a construction material to create a shelter for a bear. They did a 'Floating and Sinking' challenge where the children tested a number of classroom objects in water. They discovered that a ball of plasticine didn't float, but when made into a boat it did! They investigated the weather completing an experiment using shaving foam and food colouring that demonstrated what happens when it rains. The children had lots of fine racing liquids (water, paint, oil, glue) to see which was the fastest, and finally they finished the week making slime, using glue and saline solution then adding colouring and glitter. They even had a go at making bubbles inside the slime using a straw.

Year 1

Year 1 discovered that science is linked to EVERYTHING! Firstly, they undertook a Team building challenge, connecting with their class partners, they built a shelter for a Professor Bear using only paper and tape. Time was spent talking about how to make a structure that would be stable and stand up on its own before practicing joining techniques. Next they refreshed their memories of animals, discussing and classifying them into groups by their size, what they eat, and their animal group. They then designed their own zoo. To conclude their week, the children learnt about the 5 senses and took part in lots of different investigations, the favourite involved getting their taste buds working!

Year 2

Year 2 started their week by defining what being a scientist involved. The children created their own mind maps to show their ideas. They then joined the NFU's Live Lesson where farmers discussed different ways to become 'Change Champions', explaining biodiverse habitats. During the afternoon, they joined their class partners in Year 5 to shelter baby bear. On Wednesday, the children watched a video about Rob Bell. They used his work to inspire their own creations for the engineering competition. Lastly, the children shared their ideas for the future of food and discussed new ways in which food is being produced and farmed in more sustainable ways.

Year 3

Year 3 enjoyed an action-packed science week, staring with the STEM challenge of building a shelter from newspaper with their partner classes in Year 1! Another exciting activity was visiting a farm 'live'. The children learnt about how Beltie cows adapt to their environment and actually saw a calf being born! To complete their science week, year 3 thought about everyday problems and how they could invent something to solve these problems. Budding engineers designed page turners, slipper warmers, drain cleaners and many more. All these inventions were adapting to the future and were powered by green energy.

Year 4

Celebrating the theme of 'Adapt and Change' year 4 started the week working alongside pupils in reception building a shelter for the class bear. This was trickier than expected as they needed to ensure that the shelter was large enough to fit our bear and strong enough that it was secure. Later on in the week, they learnt all about the different types of engineers and lots of different and unusual inventions they had made. They were then set a challenge to come up with an invention of their own and write a letter to the 'Primary Engineer Programme' to explain why it is a good idea. Finally the children enjoyed a very exciting visit from Leonardo. The engineers talked to the children about their work and they were shown how a wind table worked.

Year 5

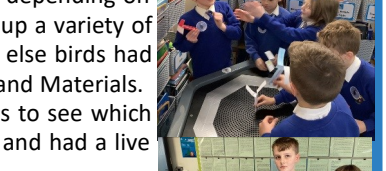
Year 5 have had a very exciting science week starting with thinking about what science is and conducting a very simple experiment with a paper hoop, film canister and coin. They connected with their partner classes and built a newspaper shelter together to house our special scientific bear. Next, they planned and carried out an experiment using skittles, changing one variable (the water temperature) to see how this changed the speed at which a skittle lost it's colour. They investigated adaptation and how birds beaks had developed depending on their diet, environment, habitat etc, conducting an experiment using different equipment to pick up a variety of objects/foods and discussed which was the best for specific purposes before thinking about how else birds had adapted. Their final experiment,, was dam building which linked to our previous topics on Rivers and Materials. They looked at climate change and the increasing flood risks before trying out different materials to see which would make the most effective dam. Included in the week, we researched a variety of scientists and had a live lesson from the NFU about farming.

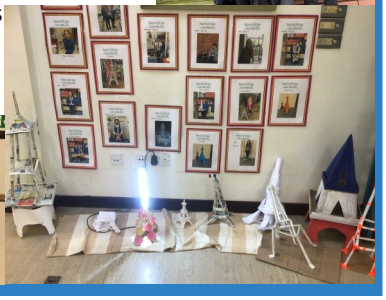
Year 6

Year 6 enjoyed their time with their partner classes to create newspaper structures. This involved a lot of problem solving and was great fun! They enjoyed taking part in creating an entry for the 'if I was an engineer' competition, in which children were encouraged to design a new product to solve an existing problem. The children learnt about lots of different career areas that use engineering and watched some interviews with engineers from a forensic crash investigator to a 'bakineer' (baking and engineering). They came up with lots of creative designs a plastic pollution eater for the ocean; a shoe-tier; self-cleaning clothes; robots to help around the house and bears designed to comfort sick children.

Home Learning

And last but not least! Thank you to all of you who participated in this Year's Science Week Home Learning Challenge! We were amazed by the creativity shown in creating unique Eiffel Towers with such simple resources. Everyone's masterpieces will be shared on the big screen in the hall during our Science Exhibition, taking place on Friday 4th April. Congratulations to all who got involved!





Trust Spelling Bee

There was a real 'buzz' around the school this term, as we took part in the annual Trust Spelling Bee competition against our partner schools: Primrose Lane Primary and Milford Juniors. A **selection of children from KS2 were chosen to represent our school**. The rounds consisted of a missing words round, a correct the mistake round and a fill in the vowels round. The final scores after each round showed that the competition was very close with Primrose Lane eventually winning. The children, who participated, were brilliant and were great role models for the school!

Y4 Geography

To finish their Geography topic on 'What Makes the Earth Rumble?', Y4 produced their own news reports from the scene of the eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. In groups, they used geographical vocabulary and knowledge of the eruption and the impacts it had on Pompeii to produce exciting news reports which they shared in class.

Workshop

A Pupil Premium workshop was held for years 2, 3, 4 and 5 which focused on supporting children with their maths. As part of the workshop, both the parent and child worked together to make some delicious looking biscuits!

Online Safety

Did you know some Emojis have a double meaning?

For those that have watched Adolescence, you will know children and young people may be using emojis to mean something completely different. It is important that you are aware of how emojis can be used and keep up to date with the way in which they can be used as their meanings are changeable. You can find out further information here: https://www.bark.us/blog/emojislang-guide/

Vodafone: The Rise of the Aggro-rithm

Vodafone released a short video last year, titled 'The Rise of the Aggrorithm'. It highlights the harmful algorithms targeting young boys. It's certainly worth a watch as well as learning about the terrifying statistics accompanying it: https://www.vodafone.co.uk/newscentre/press-release/ai-aggro-rithms/

School Meals

Deadline for booking school dinners for the first week back is

Monday 14th April

YR Church

The children in Reception had an amazing time visiting Reverend Graham at St John's church today. We all took part in a treasure hunt around the church to find five hidden letters which would spell out a very special word. We learnt lots about churches along the way and got to see some very special features in the church including the pews, altar, lectern, font, organ and stained glass windows. At the end, we unjumbled the letters s, j, e, s and u to spell….. Jesus! Reverend Graham explained why Jesus is so important to him and how people worship with him in church.

Y3 Quarry

Y3 attended Moon Hill Quarry, near Radstock. They attended work-shops and were taught about fossils and different rock types, conducting experiments to work out which rock was which. They also explored a working quarry, and watched the excavation and processing. The children were amazed by how many people were working there! Some of them even got to watch an explosion!

Y1 DT

Children in year 1 have been getting arty this week! They have made Easter cards and puppets as part of their DT. They had so much fun getting creative.

Y5 DT

As part of their DT, year 5 have designed a parachute using material. They have learnt several skills including cutting, sewing and knotting.

Comic Relief

Thanks to everyone who purchased their red noses and wore red for Comic Relief's 40th Anniversary. The school raised a massive

£562.49

Music

Anna Stegman and Tabea Debus, from Jackdaws Music, came into school to celebrate the Year of the Recorder. Pupils who receive instrument lessons through school were invited to take part in a 45 minute masterclass followed by a performance to KS2 and Year 2 pupils. Thirty four pupils took part. The instruments played included recorders, keyboards, clarinets, ukuleles, guitars and drums. During the first session, pupils prepared two pieces – Lament and the Cuckoo. In the next session, pupils performed to their class mates and our two visitors also demonstrated their many recorders and their brilliant skills. They were amazing musicians and everyone learnt a lot.

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3 - Morgan	Class 4 - Samuel
Class 5 - Theo	Class 6 - Henry
Class 7 - Freddie	Class 8 - Ryan
Class 9 - Felix	Class 10 - Muneeb
Class 11 - Harrison	Class 12 - Dexter
Class 13 - Archie	Class 14 - Sara

Congratulations to Ella (Class 11) for obtaining her Millionaire certificate

Spanish

Just a reminder that Linguascope subscription has been renewed for use at home. Your child should have brought home a slip confirming login details.
This year the app has been upgraded to include bilingual stories in addition to the wide variety of games on offer. Check out the 'ebooks on demand' tab.

House Cup

Winners of the House Cup this half term was

Newton.

Cross Country

Huish's Cross Country runners have had two races to compete in this half term, the first Aldon Estate with THE HILL and the last race of the season at Mudford Rec. Our runners have done amazingly well this year with our Year 5/6 boys going from strength to strength. T winning both the last two races individually and winning the 5/6 team event. T, Harrison, Jackson Jack, Luca, Caelen will all be representing Yeovil in the Area event in May. In the year 5/6 girls Poppy made it 6/6 winning both races, her and Bella selected for the Area. Jaxon again won the Year 4 boys event. Henry finished 2nd in the Year 2/3 boys with Arthur also selected for the area event. Finally, in the Year 2/3 girls at the Rec, Ayda was 2nd overall and Lucy 3rd. Well done to all the children who take on the challenging courses throughout the season with grit and determination and always finish with a smile on their face—Huish is proud of all you all.

House Sports

House sports this term has been in fitness and team building. Scott were the successful team this term after all their hard work across these activities.

Play Leaders

Year 6 children have been working really hard to learn skills to become sports leaders. They have been leading sessions with reception students and have led lots of fun sessions for them. They have worked on their communication skills, team work and leadership. Reception have really enjoyed these sessions

Tri School Tournament

Huish hosted Milford and Primrose for a netball and football tournament.

The football was a very closely fought competition with scores close throughout the entire tournament. Huish managed a 2-0 win against Primrose and some very closely contested games against Milford.

The netball tournament was also a very closely contested competition! Huish played extremely well against both schools and scored some great goals. The improvement from our netball team has been amazing!

Clubs—Spring B

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year R Lego Club	Monday	3.15pm-4pm	28th Apr	19th May
Year 5 Pottery Club	Monday	3.15pm-4.15pm	28th Apr	19th May
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance Club	Tuesday	3.20pm-4.15pm	29th Apr	20th May
Year 5 Gardening Club	Tuesday	3.15pm-4pm	22nd Apr	20th May
Year 4-6 Chess Club	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	22nd Apr	20th May
Year 6 Tennis Club	Tuesday	3pm-3.45pm	22nd Apr	20th May
Year 3-4 Computer Club A	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	23rd Apr	21st May
Year 3-6 Foot Martial Arts Club	Wednesday	3.15pm-4.15pm	30th Apr	21st May
KS2 Summer Production	Thursday	3pm-4pm	24th Apr	22nd May
Year 3 Tennis Club	Thursday	3pm-3.45pm	24th Apr	22nd May
Year 5-6 Wellbeing Club	Friday	3pm-4pm	25th Apr	23rd May

Keri Hill Dance

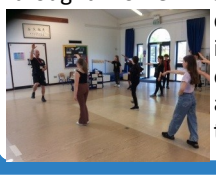
Students from Keri Hill dance club took part in the annual dance showcase at Westlands. They performed their dance to a full house! There was over 15 schools taking part and the atmosphere was fantastic! The dance crew will be performing in assembly for the rest of the school to see!

Y6 Netball

A great final netball tournament for our Year 6s as they came runners up at the local schools tournament at Westfield School. They all worked really hard with some fantastic defensive skills, great footwork and good passing on show.

Martial Arts

In term 5 there will be a new and exciting Martial Arts club on offer for KS2 students! Each child should have brought home information about this club today. Students in KS2 were able to experience this club and really enjoyed their taster sessions.



PTFA

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Spring Bingo, what a fantastic turn out to win the amazing prizes that were put together by Kim from the PTFA. A big thanks to Mr Andrew for calling and all the members of staff and PTFA who stayed to help. The total raised was **£685.19**

The 'Break the Rules' Day was a great success raising : **£587.60**

At our last meeting there were a number of requests for funding that the committee agreed.

Work has already started on a number of these projects as follows:

£5000 to rejuvenate the MUGA which during the wet weather continues to flood and is then unusable

£1500 to enhance the provision of the Reception area

£500 to furnish the 'Book Nook' outside library

£500 to enhance the Year 1 outside area including clearing the area outside the Husky Hut.

£150 to enhance the gardens in the school grounds

£400 for A F Harrold Poet visit

£431 for Kate Wakeling Poet visit

Work on the planters for Reception and Year 1 has already commenced thanks to Adam and the Huish groundforce team. This project is being funded by the Stronger Starts grant from Tescos.

We look forward to raising further funds to support the school at our 2 biggest fundraisers this Summer. Firstly the Summer Fair on Friday 20th June and then the School BBQ and Disco on Friday 4th July

If you would like to get involved, please come along to our next PTFA meeting which will be held on Tuesday 22nd April at 3.15 pm in the IT Suite.