December 2024

Huish Headlines

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support throughout this term. It has been both a long and busy term. Children have worked hard and have been making good progress. They are definitely due a well-deserved rest!

As we finish the autumn term, I would like to say a big thank you to Miss Scott who has been working with us for the past year. She has had an excellent first year of her teaching career and will be moving on to a new school – we wish her every success! We will be welcoming back Mrs Webster who is returning from her maternity leave. We will also be saying good bye to Mrs Quinn, who has kindly supported children at Huish for many years. We wish her a happy and relaxing retirement.

As we round up this final week of term, children have been singing, performing, painting, crafting and enjoying some Christmas themed activities and celebrations.

All of us at Huish would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and best wishes for 2025!

With best wishes from the Huish Team.

Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Christmas Productions

An amazing array of talent has been on display over the last few weeks of this term. Our Christmas performances commenced with the School Carol Service held at St John's Church. Children across KS2 shared songs and the story of Christmas!. This was followed by our KS1 nativities, where parents were welcomed into school to see Year R—Baa-rmy Christmas, Year 1—Christmas Night and Year 2— the Meaning of Christmas. Finally, the choir and children in Year 3-6 performed a series of songs to some members of local Care Homes. This can be viewed by clicking this link https://vimeo.com/1038563713/b647852e8a

Dates for your Diary

Fri 20th December—Monday 6th Jan
Christmas Holidays

Monday 6th January
Back to School

Wednesday 22nd January
International Day— France

Monday 3rd and Tuesday 4th February
Parents Evening

Tuesday 11th February
Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February
Vocabulary Day

Monday 17th– Friday 21st February
Half Term

Monday 3rd March
Class 7 Quarry Trip

Tuesday 4th March
KS2 Poet Visit

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day
(no dressing up this year)

Wednesday 5th March
Class 8 Quarry Trip

Tuesday 11th March
YR—3 Kate Wakeling Poet Visit

Monday 17th March
INSET Day

Friday 4th April;
Workshare Afternoon from 2.30 pm

Monday 7th April—Monday 21st April
Easter Holidays

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

Monday 12th—Friday 17th May
Year 6 SATs

House Cup

Congratulations to Shakespeare who have won the House Cup for this half term.

Remembrance

Thank you for your kind donations to this year's Poppy Appeal. Our outside display made by our talented Year 6 crocheters, supported by Mrs Johnson, the Year 1 Creative Club and a kind loan of a the poppy man from Tommy and Meredith's grandad saw Huish awarded as joint winners of the Pittards Poppy Memorial Trophy. This was presented in assembly by Roger Law, The Royal British Legion representative.

Year 6—World War II

During the Autumn term, Year 6 have been learning about what life in Britain was like during WWII. To round off this history unit, Year 6 were involved in a WWII day where they got to experience drills, dress up, discuss what food was rationed and learn about code breaking and morse code.

Year 4—String Telephones

Year 4 created string telephones using 2 plastic cups and lengths of string. The telephone works when one person talks into one of the cups and another listens, the children found that it worked best when the string was pulled tight, pinching the string made it ineffective.

Children in Need

Children in Need Day saw Huish children dress up in their spottiest of outfits to raise money for this fantastic charity. With the selling of merchandise and donations on the day Huish raised a fantastic £505.60.

Lunches

The deadline for lunches for the first week back is

Monday 30th December

Lunches can be booked until Easter

Year 2-DT

Y2 have designed and created their own Baby Bear chairs so that it was 'just right'. They used a range of flexible materials.

Uniform

Just a reminder that children should be wearing the correct uniform to school, this includes appropriate footwear and PE kit.

For PE, can you ensure that long hair is tied back (or children have a tie to secure hair with them) and that only stud earrings are worn. All other earrings MUST be removed for PE.

Year R—Diwali

Reception children have been learning about Diwali, the festival of light and how it is celebrated by Hindu families. They made links to other celebrations such as Bonfire Night and Christmas. They used coloured rice to complete a whole class Rangoli pattern and read the story 'Dipal's Diwali'.

Year 3—DT

During their DT week Y3 designed and produced **two** mechanical car prototypes: The first had an inclined plane, the second a slingshot. The children built and tested each car, learning how to construct axels and wheels to make a chassis. When they compared the performances of each prototype, Y3 quickly got used to trouble shooting and sorting issues such as 'why' all four wheels were not rotating.

Year 2—Nursing

Year 2 had a visit from Mark who works for the NHS. He talked to the children about the vital work that the NHS do to help people. A discussion was held about some of the important jobs that people in the NHS do before thinking about what it is like to work in a hospital. Year 2 shared with him their knowledge of Florence Nightingale and he talked about how hospitals have changed since the Victorian era. These changes included cleanliness, uniforms and knowledge of medicines. Some of the children even got to try on the uniforms!

Xmas Dinner

Children across the school donned their Christmas Jumpers for Save the Children raising £147.30 whilst enjoying their Christmas lunch which was fantastically prepared by our amazing Kitchen staff.

Snow

Huish had a brief flurry of snow and children in Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed being able to play outside and make some very small snowballs.

Y4 Performance Poetry

This half term, Year 4 have been preparing for their Performance Poetry. They have learnt and performed 'Television' by Roald Dahl. We each took a line, and focused on performing it with accuracy, pace and expression. They then did a great job of performing their poem in assembly.

TESCO STRONGER STARTS FOR SCHOOL

Tokens can still be collected until 14th January 2024

Our project is to install garden planters in the school grounds so children can experience growing their own food and understand plant life cycles

Stores where you can vote with tokens are:-

Tesco Extra Yeovil, Tesco Abbey Manor, Tesco Ilchester Road and Tesco Cavalier Way.

Reading

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3 - Rosa	Class 4-Mercury
Class 5 - Elsie	Class 6-Harry
Class 7 - Noah	Class 8-Kendall-Rae
Class 9 - Imogen	Class 10-Leon
Class 11 - Luca	Class 12-Seth
Class 13 - Parvani	Class 14-Juno

Book Fair

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who supported the school by ordering or purchasing a book at our book fair. It was so lovely to see children getting excited about books and visiting our wonderful book fair. Due to your support, we were able to receive over £1048 worth of free books, which have been shared out to all classes.

Year 1-DT

Year 1 made Christmas biscuits. They rubbed all the ingredients together and added a small amount of water to bring the dough together, rolled and used Christmas cutters to make biscuits. The children each tried one biscuit at school and took some home to share with families.

Careers Related Learning

A small group of year 6 children were given a wonderful opportunity to visit Wincanton Race course for the day. During the course of the day, children learnt about the general running of a race course. They were able to meet a jockey who talked to the children about his experiences and dreams of becoming a jockey. They visited the weighing room and met a beautiful, old retired race horse. The children took part in a workshop with the catering team where they looked at planning a healthy diet for the jockeys. They also got to ride on a mechanical race horse and quickly realised how much it hurt their legs.

Year 5—History

Year 5 enjoyed their first History lesson of the year, they began by ordering each period of time from the Big Bang to today and into the future. Certain pictures provided clues such as people wearing armour and the types of houses. The children were then introduced to their new topic The Tudors. The children went around the room looking at different sources trying to guess what the item was, what it was used for and what the item was made from.

Year 5-Science

Year 5 conducted 2 experiments that centered around reversible and irreversible changes. Class 12 made casein plastic, mixing vinegar with warm milk to make a solid substance, this was used to make buttons, buckles and jewellery between 1900-1945. Class 11 made the gas carbon dioxide mixing vinegar with bicarbonate of soda. This gas is dissolved in liquid to create fizzy drinks and to cool food on aeroplanes and trains.

Online Safety

With Christmas nearly here and with some children receiving new technology or related games, here is a quick reminder of the importance of setting up appropriate parental controls.

Games/Consoles - Check age ratings: look at the PEGI rating of any new games. - Remember, PEGI rates the gameplay so whilst it is important to review age ratings, you must also check to see if it has any communication elements. - If a game does allow your child to communicate with others, then adjust or disable the settings as appropriate to your child. - On the device itself, set up applicable controls such as restricting spending limits and managing who they can communicate with. Follow the links below to find out how to set up Parental Controls for some devices here:

XBOX PS5 NINTENDO SWITCH

Tablets/Smart phones Set up parental controls on the device to prevent purchases, restrict content viewed and adjust privacy settings. Remember to check any apps your child requests to check that they are suitable for their age. Follow the icons below to find out more:

App Store Google Play

Why is it important? Parental controls are important to help provide a safer experience for your child by reducing/preventing access to inappropriate content, cyberbullying, communication with strangers and restricting purchases.

Further information You can find out more about parental controls here: https://www.childnet.com/help-and-advice/parental-controls/

Huish PTFA

Our Christmas fund raising activities have provided the school with much needed funds to support additional activities. The Christmas Bingo was again very successful with fabulous prizes on offer and very pleased winners. Huge thanks to Mr Welch for calling and to Kim and Zoe for organizing the prizes, plus all our other volunteers for setting up, cooking and selling merch and tickets.

Christmas hampers were full to the brim with so many generous donations and we hope the winners will be pleased with all the lovely goodies contained in them. A huge thank you to the wonderful volunteers who came to help pack the hampers last Friday. Funds from the hamper money provides the children with class Christmas gifts from Santa.

Christmas decorations have also been sold to raise funds and a big thank you to Lucy and Nicki for completing these.

The PTFA have paid for entertainment for Years R-2 from Pinky Party and on Tuesday Forest Forge Theatre attended the school to perform "A Christmas Carol " to years 3 to 6. These were both thoroughly enjoyed by the children [oh not it wasn't, OH YES IT WAS!]

Lastly a big thank you to Adam and Joseph who have built the new reading shed ready to be adorned with shelves, books and cushions in the Spring.

Help is always required at events, and if you have any ideas that could raise money, please come along to the next PTFA meeting which will be held in February—date to be announced in 2025.

Year 5/6 Football

The Year 5 and 6 boys team competed at the South Somerset Schools football tournament. In the initial group stage, Huish needed to finish 1st or 2nd to progress to the semi-finals. Despite dominating the game, they drew our first match 0-0, struggling to finish off chances. They won the next game 2-0. The team led 1-0 for much of the final group game, but then conceded with the final kick. 1-1 draw. This meant that, with one win and two draws, Huish, Milford and Oaklands all finished the group stage with 5 points. Unfortunately, Huish were placed 3rd on goal difference. Consequently, we were placed into a 5th vs 6th play-off. Huish won this game after a penalty shoot-out (11-10). The team finished in a respectable 5th place, but a feeling that they could've progressed much further. Nevertheless, the boys competed with skill, determination and sportsmanship throughout – a credit to the school.

Year 5 Football

A team of Year 5 footballers took part in a tournament at Bucklers Mead where they played against several local schools. In chilly conditions they played 6 games where they won 4 and finished 3rd overall. Special mention to T who scored 2 hattricks in one game, well done to the whole team who showed great sportsmanship throughout the afternoon.

Games Mark Platinum

Huish have once again achieved the Platinum Sports Games Mark for 2024-25, an award that celebrates Sport across schools

Girls Football

A series of stunning performances meant that the Huish Year 5 and 6 girls football team won the local area competition. They not only finished first in the competition, but won every game. Poppy produced some wonderful performances, scoring some incredible goals and netting in every game, whilst Lillie-Mai and Juno also scored a great strike each. Charlotte led the line with relentless energy, whilst Ellie-Jayne and Evie were rocks in defence. Bella N was fantastic in goal, with her distribution leading to a number of goals. The team now move on to the next round of the competition, scheduled for January. The girls also played at a friendly tournament at Buckler's Mead. They won every game. Vaya and Lillie-Mai scored a fantastic goal each, whilst Lillie-Mai also netted. Poppy scored some more fantastic goals, whilst Charlotte and Juno put in a huge amount of distance to press and tackle opponents. Evie, Eva and Bella N were a fantastic defensive unit, keeping a number of clean sheets.

Netball

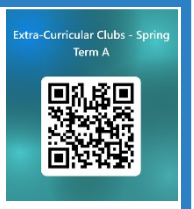
Huish took a team to the latest round of netball tournaments at Westfield school. Working on their training goals of successfully passing the ball, the team worked really hard. They persevered and scored a brilliant goal.

Indoor Athletics

Huish have taken part in two Indoor Athletics events. In the first competition the year 5&6 were required to sprint, complete standing long jump, seated throw and a balance test. Each competitor scored points from their events this was calculated together. Overall, Huish finished in 3rd place! At the second event the children sprinted, jumped, threw and took part in sprint races. The Huish team finished 1st in the sprint races and 2nd overall for their athletic events.

Clubs—Spring Term A

Our clubs for the first half of the Spring term are detailed below. Deadline for booking is **Tuesday 7th January**, this should be made via the following link:- **https://forms.office.com/e/KebhA7DjcP**



Keri Hill Dance is an external paid club, and separate information has been attached to the club information and the Huish Headlines email.

Please note that where clubs are over the whole full term and are over subscribed these clubs may be split into two groups to provide as many opportunities for children as possible. These will run over a half term period .

Information on dates of clubs can be obtained via the MCAS app once your child is enrolled.

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 5 Keyboard Club	Monday	3.15 pm-4 pm	13th Jan	31st Mar
Year 3 - 6 Cross Country Club	Monday	3 pm - 4 pm	20th Jan	10th Feb
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance Club	Tuesday	3.15pm-4.15pm	14th Jan	25th Mar
Year 1 Multi Sports	Tuesday	3 pm - 3.45 pm	14th Jan	11th Feb
Year 2 Choir	Tuesday	3 pm - 3.30 pm	14th Jan	1st Apr
Year 2-3 Poetry Club	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	14th Jan	11th Feb
Year 3 and 6 Computing Club	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	15th Jan	2nd Apr
Year 3 - 6 The Voice (KS2 Choir)	Wednesday	3pm - 4 pm	15th Jan	2nd Apr
Year 4-5 Dodgeball Club	Thursday	3.15pm-4pm	16th Jan	13th Feb
Year 3-4 Wellbeing Club	Friday	3pm-4pm	17th Jan	28th Mar

Keri Hill Dance

The Keri Hill dance Club for the Autumn term culminated in a dance show that parents and teachers attended. If you wish to sign up for next term, please see the Club information email.

Sports Cup

Congratulations to Caxton who won the House Cup taking part in Tag Rugby and fitness activities.

Bikeability

Students in year 6 took part in Bikeability. They learnt skills to keep them safe on the road and ensure they know how to ride correctly. After an assessment on the playground they took to the local roads and showed off their knowledge.