February 2025

Huish Headlines

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are nearing the end of the first half of the spring term, although it's not feeling very spring like just yet!

We've had a busy and enjoyable start to 2025. This week alone, we have all enjoyed dressing up for Vocabulary day and our Year 1 children have enjoyed a special "Superheroes" day to celebrate the end of their English unit.

Also this term, children have enjoyed celebrating International Day and learning about France. We were fortunate to have visits from a Fire Safety Officer who delivered a KS2 assembly and worked with children in years 2 and 5. We also had a visit from Wessex Water who kindly delivered science workshops for children in years 1,2,4 and 6. We participated in Mental Health week and Safer Internet Day where children have continued their learning about using the internet safely and in particular the focus was 'online scams'.

Many thanks for all those parents who recently attended our parents' evening meetings. It is always so positive for parents and teachers to meet face to face to share your children's progress.

We wish you all a happy half term and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes,

Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Vocabulary Day

As a school, we focus on increasing children's vocabulary and exposing them to a range of new words that they can apply within their learning. The response on the day from the children was brilliant. It was lovely to see all the children in their costumes dressed in a wide range of ambitious vocabulary and we thank parents for the efforts that had been made at home to create their ambitious word. In school, the children really enjoyed meeting up with their connecting class to share their word. They also learnt new words from the class that they were connecting with.

Dates for your Diary

Monday 17th—Friday 21st February
Half Term

Monday 24th February
Return to School

Wednesday 26th February
Retake of Reception Class Photos
Year 4 PGL 2026 Meeting at 3 pm

Monday 3rd March
Class 7 Quarry Trip

Tuesday 4th March
KS2 Poet Visit
Year R and 6 Heights and Weights

Wednesday 5th March
Class 8 Quarry Trip

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day—No Dressing Up

Monday 10th-Friday 14th March
Science week

Tuesday 11th March
Kate Wakeling Poet Visit (YR-3)

Monday 17th March
INSET Day

Tuesday 18th March
Closing date for Science Week Projects

Friday 4th April at 2.30 pm
Family Work Share

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

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day this year was focused on knowing what to trust online; this included AI and online scams.
As part of this, we discussed in classes how scams and phishing work online after KS2 had an assembly introducing the topic. We learned about how to spot scams online, and looked at some of the reasons, along with money, that scammers may want our data.
We also learned about what AI is, and some of the generative capabilities it has. Children took part in a 'real vs AI' quiz, before exploring how to safely use AI, as well as some of the clues that content may be AI generated.

The internet can be a tool used by criminals to target their victims, but a few simple steps can help keep you and your accounts secure:

- Use strong and separate passwords for online accounts.
- Set up two-step verification where available.
- Set parental controls to prevent unwanted online purchases and limit children's access to harmful content.

Other common signs of a scam include unexpected contact or being asked for money or personal information (such as bank details, passwords, or phone numbers). Scammers use tactics to manipulate their victims into paying, like playing with emotions or creating a sense of urgency to rush decisions. If you aren't sure that it's reliable, don't risk it.

Year 1 - Toys

Year 1's toys had a sleep overnight in their classrooms. The toys were SO naughty and scribbled on workbooks, had a tea party, climbed in the cupboards and tried to escape in the class toy cars. Buzz, Buzz and Minion even took some selfies on the photocopier.

Year 1 invited their Grandparents to come in and share their favourite toys. The children were really pleased to see all the great toys they had looked after so well from when they were little. They told us a bit about their toys, how were they different than today, what were they made from, how old the toys were and what games they used to play.

Red Nose Day

To celebrate 40 years of Red Nose Day, Huish will be celebrating by

GOING RED FOR COMIC RELIEF

Swap one or more items of uniform for something red for a monetary donation (£1 suggested)!

Red noses will be on sale from Tuesday 18th March for £2.50 from the school office

Year R—The Gingerbread Man

Continuing on their 'Once upon a time' theme, Reception have focussed on the story of The Gingerbread Man. They ordered pictures from the story and retold it together. They talked about why the Gingerbread Man made the choice to ride on the fox rather than going in the water and observed what happens to a gingerbread man in water – it absorbs water and falls apart. They then used a range of materials to make a coat for the Gingerbread Man to protect him from the water; testing tin foil, cling-film and cotton fabric to see which was most effective in keeping him dry. They were excited to see the results!

Wessex Water

Year 4 enjoyed a visit from Sam from Wessex Water. She helped them with their science topic by talking about the water cycle and what can be done to save water. This was also a great opportunity to talk about some of the jobs people do for Wessex Water .

Year 6 also enjoyed a presentation on Climate Change and Our Water. Subjects covered Included water treatment, water efficiency, human impact on water, the water cycle and climate change.

Y2—Fire Safety

Simon from the Fire Safety Team visited Year 2. He talked about the 4 emergency services (Police, Ambulance, Fire Brigade and Coast Guard) and explained that dialing 999 would reach them. He spoke about the importance of smoke alarms and how important it is that these are checked regularly. Children then practised the 'Stop Drop and Roll' technique should clothes ever catch fire.

Y3-Rainforests

Y3 have really enjoyed their geography learning on rainforests. The children made fantastic posters demonstrating just how much they know and how passionately they feel about the problems faced and how they can help as individuals. Children also enjoyed videos sent from Bella's uncle who is working at a primary school in a tropical rainforest.

Newspapers

As part of our Science Week topic to build structures across the school we are asking for donations of old newspapers. These can be brought into school with your child or handed to the school office.

House Cup

The winners of this term's House Cup were **Caxton** with 1800 housepoints!

Arts Week

This week, all children have enjoyed participating in Arts Week.

Year R—In Reception, the children have been creating fairytale castle collages using coloured paper in a variety of 2D shapes, inspired by Jack and the Beanstalk.

Year 1 have been creating milk bottle elephants linked to their History topic of toys, using tissue paper to cover the milk bottle like Elmer. They experimented painting and applying colour with tools.

Year 2 have been inspired by the work of John Dyer to create brightly coloured They practised their sketching skills with a focus on birds, boats and daffodils and incorporated these into their paintings.

Year 3 have been focusing on the French post- impressionist artist Henri Rousseau, best known for his jungle fantasy pictures. They started off usi colours for the background, adding the rainforest outlines before finally adding the toucan.

Year 4 have been exploring different textures within art. They have used a variety of different materials to form a multi-textural piece of art based on their Geography topic of 'What Makes the Earth Rumble'.

Year 5 have been exploring the artist William Morris, creating printing blocks and printing their own repeated pattern using nature as inspiration

Year 6 studied the artist Bridget Riley, who is a famous English Op Art artist. Children copied her style to make optical illusions in their Art books. They then moved on to learn about Escher and used tessellation to create a 'final'piece

Mental Health Week

On Friday 8th February, Huish celebrated Children's Mental Health Day. The theme for the day was 'Know Yourself, Grow Yourself'. Through the characters of Pixar's Inside Out and Inside Out 2, we encouraged the children to discover how getting to know who they are can help them build resilience, grow and develop. During the day, we created our own 'belief system' by each child drawing one of their favourite memories from life so far and putting forward how this memory had helped them grow as an individual. Some children created their own poems about knowing themselves and they created their own islands of personalities just like in the Disney film Inside Out.

Year 2—RE

Year 2 learnt about Palm Sunday.

They started by watching some videos of the Queen's Golden Jubilee from 2002 where crowds gathered. They then reflected on the events of Palm Sunday and talked about why crowds had gathered to see Jesus. To complete the lesson children created their own palm leaves and reenacted the event.

Y6 Science

Year 6 revisited the difference between natural and man-made light sources They have learnt how light travels in straight lines, how humans see and how the eye actually works. This was linked to their WW2 unit and submarines!

International Day—France

This year, our International Day focused on France. Across the school, pupils explored the geography and culture of France in lots of exciting ways. We also had the opportunity to learn some new French phrases!

In **Reception**, pupils who had visited France started the day by sharing souvenirs and pictures from their travels. They then learnt about different places in France before building their own Eiffel Towers from Lego. To finish off, they learnt to say hello and goodbye in French.

In **Year 1**, pupils learnt about the geography of France, as well as famous landmarks, food and more! They then practised speaking in French and noticed that some words (especially the colours) are similar to English. Finally, they collaged a French flag by carefully selecting red, white and blue colours.

In **Year 2**, pupils began by discussing some facts about France which included famous landmarks, the climate, food and animals. They then had a go at leaning some French greetings. Later, they learnt about the famous artist Henri Mattise and then created their own Eiffel Tower silhouette pictures, inspired by his collage art work. To end the day, they used the iPads to conduct some more research about France and recorded it on a fact file.

In **Year 3**, pupils started by looking at the diverse geography of the country and also its weather. They discussed various landmarks, history, famous people and food. To round up their day, they learnt some French greetings and colours.

In **Year 4**, pupils started the day by learning about the history and culture of France. They then explored the geography of France and use DigiMaps to plot their findings. After break, they explored the work of Monet, before creating their own versions of his 'Water Lilies' piece. To finish off, they learnt and recorded some key French phrases.

In **Year 5**, pupils began the day by learning key facts about the country, before using atlases to research its locality and other geographical features. They also spent some time learning how to count in French. After playtime, pupils made French menus, before making and eating crepes. In the afternoon, they recreated Greorges Seurat's 'The Seine at Le Grande Jatte' artwork.

In **Year 6**, pupils began by learning about the geography and culture of France and creating a fact-file. They learnt common greetings, and, by the end of the day, were able to hold a short conversation. In maths, they learnt to count in French, played some games and solved some French-themed word problems. Finally, they were set a challenge to use given materials to create a model Eiffel Tower – this was tricky but lots of fun!

Year 1 Superheroes

Today we celebrated the end of our 'Traction Man' English topic with a Superhero Day! We enjoyed lots of activities including some super maths, creating a superhero mask and some of us even dressed up as superheroes.

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Jax	Class 4— Hugo
Class 5— Poppy	Class 6– Joey
Class 7— Arthur	Class 8— Reggie
Class 9— Jaxon	Class 10— Freya
Class 11— Karina	Class 12— David
Class 13— Ellie-Jayne	Class 14— Tabitha

Congratulations to Shravani for obtaining her Millionaire certificate .

Dinners

Deadline for booking school dinners for the first week back is **Monday 17th February**

Y5 Skills

As part of their PSHE, Year 5 shared their skills. The talented year group taught their friends new skills and continued their learning on how skills are developed.

Cross Country

The fourth Yeovil and District Schools race was held in the blistering cold weather at Bucklers Mead Academy, 396 girls and boys from 30 schools took part. First race of the day was the Year 2/3 girls which saw Ayda, Lucy and Mollie all finishing strongly against tough competition. In the Year 2/3 boys Henry finished 2nd overall with Arthur, Alfie, Ellis and Noah completing the team, finishing in 3rd place.

In the Year 4 girls event Teddie, Olivia, Freya and Rachel finished in 4th place in the team event. The Year 4 boys taking 2nd place with Jaxon finishing strongly in 1st place, Edward, Oliver and Casey completing the team.

Poppy continued her dominance in the Year 5/6 Girls winning convincingly, with Bella also finishing in the top 5, Charlotte completing the team. 8 Huish pupils ran in the Year 5/6 boys race which saw the team finishing as winners with just 29 points. A determined run from T saw him take 1st place overall following a sprint finish. Jack, Harrison, Caelan, Luca, Noah, Dexter and Archie completing the squad.

The next Cross Country race will be on the Monday 3rd March at Aldon Hill.

Girls Football County Finals

After winning the Yeovil Area tournament, the Year 5/6 girls football team went to Strode College to compete in the County Finals. Huish played 5 group games. After losing the first game 2-0, the girls drew the next three games and were unfortunate not to have won at least one fixture. With one group game left, Huish knew that only a win would be enough to qualify for the semi-final. However, the final group game ended in a 2-0 defeat to a very good team. The Huish team competed well in all games and should be proud of their efforts.

PTFA

Next Meeting:
Tuesday 4th March at 3.15 pm
in the ICT Suite Children welcome!

Come along and make a difference as plan are made for events for the rest of the academic year and where the money could be spent.

A huge thank you to all those that supported our Asda Cashpot for Schools and Tesco Stronger Starts scheme. The school has been awarded £431.06 and £1000 grant for a Kitchen Garden Area across Year R and 1.

Clubs—Spring 2 Half Term

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3 - 6 Cross Country Club	Monday	3 pm - 4 pm	24th Feb	24th Mar
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance Club	Tuesday	3.15pm-4.15pm	25th Feb	25th Mar
Year 3 Mixed Football Club	Tuesday	3pm-3.45pm	25th Feb	25th Mar
Year 2 Choir	Tuesday	3 pm - 3.30 pm	25th Feb	1st Apr
Year 3 and 6 Computing Club B	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	26th Feb	26th Mar
Year 3 - 6 The Voice (KS2 Choir)	Wednesday	3pm - 4 pm	26th Feb	2nd Apr
Year 4-5 Dodgeball Club B	Thursday	3.15pm-4pm	27th Feb	27th Mar
Year 3-4 Wellbeing Club	Friday	3pm-4pm	28th Feb	28th Mar

Dodgeball Club

Children from Year 4 have enjoyed taking part in their Dodgeball sessions in the hall. The games played have been both competitive and fun.

House Sports

Children in key stage 2 have taken part in their termly house sports competitions. This term this has been in gymnastics and team building. Students showed off their complex skills in gymnastics including rolls, shapes and balances. In team building, students had to work together to achieve a range of team goals. Working really hard across these skills. Scott came first!

Year 5 Basketball

Students in year 5 enjoyed a taster session in basketball. After a quick lesson on the basics of the game they then took part in a tournament playing against 8 other schools! They tried their best and managed to score some great baskets! They are looking forward to putting their new skills into action again!

Year 5 represented Huish at basketball. Having had some training at a previous session most of the team were then able to show case their new skills. They played some brilliant games against 4 other schools. The results were mixed but everyone worked really hard to support each other.

Music Lessons

Huish Primary is pleased to offer the following Music lessons in association with Somerset Music, Judy Juggins and Fiona Bennett.

For lessons in, U**kulele, Guitar, Drums, Flute, Clarinet, Trumpet, Trombone, Tenor Horn, French Horn, Baritone, Euphonium, Tuba and Cornet** please follow the following link from Somerset Music:
Huish Primary Individual and Small Group Music Lessons for 2024-25

For **violin** lessons provided by Somerset Music please use the following link:
Huish Primary Violin Individual and Small Group Lessons 2024-25

Recorder lessons are available for those in Year 3 and above with Mrs Judy Juggins. Please let the office know if you wish to sign up and a letter wlll be sent home in September.

For further information about **piano and keyboard lessons** with Mrs Bennett, please contact the school office in the first instance.