July 2025

Huish Headlines

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Dear Parents / Carers,

The end of term is nearly upon us. As I write this, we are looking forward to the year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Prom – both of which are always amazing! A little sadness, but overridden by the excitement of what the future holds!

I would like to say well done to all of our Year 6 children for their recent SATs results. Children worked hard to make progress and achieve, and we were very pleased with the outcomes. Having now visited all of their secondary schools, we know the children are excited to move on and to meet new people and make new friends. We wish them all every success as they do so.

This has been a particularly busy end of term. We have all enjoyed community events such as our Summer Fair and Summer BBQ. The introduction of the Colour Run was also great fun and certainly an enjoyable afternoon. Our music concert and clarinet concert saw many of our children display their musical talents and the summer production was fantastic after many months of hard work and rehearsals. Both our house sports and Fun Sports events were also very much enjoyed. Thank you for your support with each of these events.

As we draw to the end of a school year, there are always a few goodbyes. Firstly, we will be saying good bye to Mr. Truscott who has been working with us this year in year 6. We wish him well as he moves on. Also, we say good bye to Miss Kirk. We wish her every success as she begins her teaching career. We are very proud of you Miss Kirk! Finally, it is a very sad goodbye we say to Mrs Bennett. She has been a music teacher at Huish for many years and will be starting her retirement. Mrs Bennett and her musical expertise will be greatly missed. We will no doubt still be asking her lots of questions! We wish Mrs Bennett a long, healthy and very happy retirement. Thank you Mrs Bennett for everything you have given to Huish over the years!

May all the staff at Huish Primary School thank you for your support over the course of this year. Have a wonderful, relaxing summer break and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday 3rd September.

With best wishes, Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Dates for your Diary

Thurs 24th July - Mon 1st September
Summer Holidays

Tuesday 2nd September
INSET DAY

Wednesday 3rd September
First day of school
Year 1-6 Meet the Teacher
6 pm and 6.30 pm

Monday 15th September
Year 4 Swimming commences

Tuesday 23rd September
Year 4 Trip to The Newt

Tuesday 7th October
Year 3 BugMan visit

Wednesday 8th October
Individual/Sibling School Photographs

Wednesday 15th October
Year R-6 Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 21st and Wed 22nd October
Parents' Evenings

Thursday 23rd October
Year 4 Roman Day

Friday 24th October
INSET Day

Monday 27th—Friday 31st October
Half Term

Monday 3rd November
INSET Day

Year 6—Prom

What a fantastic leavers' prom the children had, arriving in an array of different vehicles and dancing the night away whilst enjoying a wonderful selection of sugary snacks! We wish our year 6's every success as they move onto their new secondary schools. Huish will miss you.

Leavers Awards

Four awards are handed out to our Year 6 leavers. This year, they were awarded as follow: The Snell Award for Sciences won by Tabitha, the Toal Award for Arts to Jack, the Fossey Award for achievement in English to Fleur and the Hillier-Nickels award for achievement in Maths to Shreya.

Information for 2025

SCHOOL START /FINISH TIMES

8.30 am/3 pm Years 1, 2, 3, 6
8.45 am/3.15 pm Years R, 4, 5

UNIFORM

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform including appropriate footwear, details of which are available on the school website. Preloved uniform will be available to purchase on MCAS in September. If you have any logoed uniform that you can donate please drop it in to the school office.

PE KIT

Children in Years 1 to 6 will need to attend school in their PE kits on their PE days as follows:-

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Wednesday & Thursday	Wednesday & Friday	Monday & Tuesday
Year 4	**Year 5**	**Year 6**
Monday & Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday

SCHOOL MEALS

School Meals can now be booked for September; please ensure you have booked meals for the first week back by **Monday 25th August**. Reception parents will receive their logins in September.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast Club can be booked in advance for September. If you normally pay by Childcare Vouchers, please ensure you email the office with details of payments

Year 2 -Haynes

In preparation for their history topic (all about different types of transport), Year 2 had a very exciting day at Haynes Motor Museum! They completed three different activities. This included learning about the parts of a car, then making one by themselves. They soon realised it worked better as a production line, because there are so many parts to remember and some of them were very fiddly! They had a look around the whole museum, and had the challenge of finding as many car mascots as possible. Finally, they had a guided tour and looked at many different cars throughout the ages. transport unit

Engineering Awards

During Science Week every child from Years 1-6 at Huish had the opportunity to take part in a National Competition entitled 'If You Were an Engineer, What Would You Do?' What a lot of creative ideas everyone had! Children put pencil to paper and designed fantastic, futuristic inventions. Every child's entry was entered into the national competition and judged by VIP's from the engineering world, alongside those from other schools in the South West region. Four children from Huish also achieved either a highly commended or winning grade! Well done! Children and parents were invited to an Awards Ceremony at the University of Western England in Bristol, where their inspiring ideas were celebrated and awarded.

Geography

This year's Geography Quiz was well contested once again. Students from Year 1 to Year 6 all participated in their own class quiz, attempting to earn a chance to represent their house. Those successful children took to the stage. The House Quiz consisted of questions relating to topics covered throughout our Geography curriculum.

Poetry

Congratulations to all Huish children who entered two poetry competitions this year, focusing on the theme, 'nonsense'! We were delighted by the number and quality of entries this year. The SLN (Schools Literacy Network) competition included thousands of entries from south west schools and was judged by the poet James Carter. We are really pleased that the following pupils from Huish have been recognised for their very creative nonsense poems: KS1 Winner—Thea KS2 Highly commended: Lucy and Autumn

Winners of the Huish Poetry Competitions
KS1 Winner Lillie, Highly Commended Seb
KS Winner Benji, High Commended Noah and Shravani

SCARF

At Huish, Health and Relationships is taught through the SCARF Coram Life Education scheme. As part of this scheme, we were able to welcome Katie this year, who came in to deliver Health and Relationship workshops to all of the children. The children enjoyed these sessions, especially in the Lifespace tent!

Reception learnt all about themselves and how important their organs are in their body. They were also taught about the effects that exercise has on the body and about basic hygiene.

Year 1 learnt about the major food groups before looking at the interactive body model to learn how food, water and oxygen get into the body to give it energy and to keep it happy and healthy.

Year 2 learnt about what bodies need to stay physically and emotionally healthy using the healthy wheel and well-being wheel.

Year 3 learnt about the concept of accepting what people can't control and how to manage feelings at such times. They also thought about how they could accept themselves and others as they are.

Year 4 learnt about how actions and thoughts can trigger the release of hormones and chemicals in their bodies that affect how they feel, both physically and mentally, learning how they could apply this to their own feelings and to help them at times of heightened emotions.

Year 5 learnt about looking after their mental health, as well as physical health – and the connection between the two using the Wellbeing Wheel. The children also considered how to ensure that online behaviour is healthy and balanced.

Year 6 learnt about recognising the impact of online behaviours on their mental wellbeing and understanding different ways their decisions are influenced online through influencers and online advertising. They learnt about how they can could interact positively online and how to manage their online behaviours.

Year R—Minibeasts

The children in Reception have thoroughly enjoyed learning about minibeasts. The children have enjoyed learning about the life cycles of bees, butterflies and ladybirds and looking for them in our garden and playground. They have had lots of fun making a variety of art and craft projects, linked to their work, including bee pegs, ladybird crowns and butterfly life cycle spinners. They also enjoyed a visit from Mr Opie, a bee keeper in his spare time, who showed us some of the equipment that he uses to keep his bees happy and safe.

Careers Related Learning

Year Six have been extremely lucky to meet lots of parent volunteers who have given up their time over the past two months to come and speak about their careers. It has been fascinating to learn about different career options, pathways to reach them and what to expect from the world of work. They've heard from people who work in healthcare, the law, beauty therapy, sales, finance, manufacturing, parks management, engineering and more! A very big thank you to everyone who has come in to speak to the children; it has been engaging, inspiring and lots of fun.

Online Challenges

According to Ofcom's latest Children's Media Use and Attitudes report "funny videos or those showing pranks or challenges continue to be the most popular type of VSP (video-sharing platforms) content for children, watched by 68% of 3-17-year-olds who watch videos." [source - https://www.ofcom.org.uk/media-use-andattitudes/media-habits-children/children-andparents-media-use-and-attitudes-report-2025]

If your child is watching this type of content, then you need to chat to them regularly, particularly about online challenges and the risks that they can pose. There are challenges online that are risky/dangerous. Sadly, there are reports that children have died as a consequence of attempting online challenges. Children may not yet have developed the skills and ability to critically analyse that what they see online is not always safe for them to replicate. Make sure your child knows that they should talk to you (or another trusted adult) if they are thinking about trying something that they have seen online. If your child has not heard about an online challenge, then do not draw attention to it as this may lead to them searching for it out of curiosity, so just talk about challenges in a general sense. Furthermore, reassure your child that challenges that suggest that terrible things will happen if they do not complete the tasks are not real. The following link will provide you with further information as well as content to help you talk to your child: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/online-challenges-guide/

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Archie	Class 4—Valerie
Class 5— Mattia	Class 6– Jude
Class 7— Henry/Jacob	Class 8— Lucas
Class 9— Robin-Rae	Class 10— Johaan
Class 11— Ezra	Class 12— Farooq
Class 13— Ayla	Class 14— Ebony

Congratulations to those children who have earned their Millionaire Reader award this half term Noah (7), Hunter (10), Luca (11), Otis (12) and Ellie Jayne (13). Shravani (13) also achieved her 3x Millionaire award.

Year 4 Eton Mess

Year 4 had a go at adapting the traditional Eton Mess recipe. They began the week by sampling lots of well-known desserts to completing market research, commenting on the appearance, smell, taste and texture of each. Next, they made traditional Eton Mess and thought about what they may change to make their own. Finally they made their new versions, stating what they had done well. The desserts were very yummy!

Year 3—DT

Year 3, have been cooking vegetable tarts. They learned about seasonal food and used this knowledge to plan which ingredients to use. They cut, peeled and prepared the vegetables, boiled the carrots and fried the onions and then chose the ingredients to put on the puff-pastry. Once they were out of the oven, they were absolutely delicious!

Year 5 – India

Studying the importance of elephants in Indian culture, year 5 made their own Indian elephants! First of all, they had to make an elephant sculpture using newspaper before covering the elephants in Modroc Plaster of Paris. When they had dried, they were painted and decorated.

Year 5 learned about Indian food. They researched different spices and ingredients that are frequently used in Indian foods. Then, they had a go at making our their vegetable curry. They began by discussing food hygiene and safety before getting stuck into preparing their meals. The morning was spent chopping, dicing, peeling, stirring and cooking. When lunchtime arrived, they sat down together to sample their work. Most of them cleaned their plates

House Cup

Congratulations to the winners of the House Cup. This half term the winners were **Caxton**.

RSPCA

The school recently had a series of workshops from the RSPCA, Year 1 learnt about littering and how this can affect the environment and animals.

Swimming Gala

Children from Year 6 competed in the Yeovil & District Swimming Gala held at Goldenstones. The children took part in in many races using different strokes and were successful in reaching the finals both for individual races and team relays. They finished 5th overall.

House Sports

The annual House Sports day was completed this term. This sees every child compete in at least 1 event to score points for their house team! This can be a running race, hurdles or beanbag obstacle races! They all then have the opportunity to compete in a middle distance type race to add points to their teams total. The races started mid morning and the lead constantly changed hands with some fabulous performances from all. Finishing the events in first place were **Newton**

The Arts at Huish

The amazing Summer Production 'What's the Crime Mr Wolf' was performed by our Year 5 and 6 children earlier this month. They had spent months learning their songs and lines and put on an amazing show over 2 nights. A recording of the show will be shared with parents this week.

The sound of music has been very prevalent this term. The Instrumental Concert was held at the beginning of July and was well supported by parents. The sound of drums, guitars, clarinets, keyboards and violins – 40 extremely talented pupils took part! All pupils receiving music lessons through school. Huge thanks to Mr Gill, Mrs Bennett, Mrs Juggins, Mrs Eveleigh and Mrs Scutt for their support and contributions.

After months of hard work and practice, Year 5 performed the clarinet to their family and put on an excellent show.

Music Lessons

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

For lessons in, **Ukulele, Guitar, Drums, Violin and Piano** please follow the following link from Somerset Music:

Huish Individual & Small Group Music Lessons 2025-26

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

PTFA

Our 3 big fundraising events have raised a lot of money for the PTFA this half term, thank you to all that have supported these events, we hope you and your children have enjoyed attending them. A big thank you to all the PTFA volunteers as well as everyone who has donated items, prizes and their time too.,

New ipads have already been ordered following your amazing sponsorship donations and these will be ready for reading quizzes and general classroom use after the holidays

SUMMER FAIR	COLOUR RUN	SUMMER BBQ
£3320.60	£3708.53	£1839.22

Year 5 Tennis

Children from Year 5 attended a Tennis tournament at Yeovil Tennis Club. They had a great time competing against many local schools and finished 3rd overall.

Fun Sports

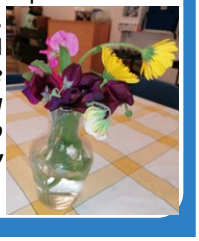
Children had a fantastic morning participating in this year's Fun Sports in front of their parents. There were lots of activities for them to try that they had been practising in PE.

Pottery

This half term, a group of children in year 5 used their artistic talents with pottery. Although they didn't have access to a potter's wheel, they used techniques to create their own pots and tiles. These were then dried, glazed and fired using the school's kiln.

Huish Gardens

A lot has happened in the gardens this year; much during the summer terms. ***Thank you to Brimsmore Garden Centre, Palmers Garden Centre and Mr O'Shea (on behalf of B&Q) for their kind donations of plants and seeds.*** As a result of rain and the abundancy of sunshine, the gardens have flourished producing lots of vegetables and flowers.Classes 1 & 2 have all tried fresh peas in a pod and classes 11 & 12 have tried cucamelons. Many of the classrooms have smelt lovely with the arrival of vases of sweet peas. Cucumbers, lettuce, rocket, spinach and courgettes have been used in the school kitchen. Flower displays were used during the summer fair. Several items grown have been used in Year 3's DT cooking sessions and in Year 5's Indian vegetable curry

The staff have also benefitted from a weekly box of produce, available to take. This has included lettuces, rocket, spinach, cucumbers, courgettes, a variety of beans and peas.

Vegetables are still growing ready to be picked in the Autumn term including: potatoes, leeks, turnips, broccoli and cauliflowers. ***A big thank you for the effort and time spent by Theo and a few of the Year 6s who have helped to make the gardens and the sensory area a massive success!***