APRIL 2026

Huish Headlines

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we come to the end of the spring term, children have, this week, enjoyed Easter Egg Hunts, Easter Bonnet Competition and enjoyed some sunnier and much drier weather – Spring is here!

Thank you for the amazing turn out of families who came to our Easter Bingo evening – this was a lot of fun and lots of happy children. Thank you to Mr Andrew for being such a good Bingo Caller; thank you to the PTFA support for organizing fantastic prizes; and thank you to all staff who were able to stay and help with drinks, sweets and the BBQ.

Today, we announced the winners of the Penny Wars – children LOVED this! It was a fantastic fundraiser and children enjoyed collecting money for their own classes and sabotaging the collections of others! Well done to class 4 for winning the overall competition. Thank you to PTFA members who helped organise this activity and count all those coins at the end!

Children have worked hard this term, this has included our annual Science week, this year focusing on being 'curious'. This generated lots of interesting questions and investigations. Children also produced some excellent homework. All of which was shared in our science exhibition – thank you for those who were able to pop in and have a look. Children are always proud to show what they have been doing.

We look forward to the summer term and all that this brings. Our year 5 children will be heading off to PGL in early May and our Year 6 children will be busy with their KS2 SATs tests – keep working hard year 6! On top of that we have a variety of school trips and visits to plan and look forward to.

Thank you for your continued support through the Spring term. We wish everyone a Happy Easter and relaxing break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 20th April.

With best wishes,

Cara Carlock

Head of School

House Cup

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

WORLD BOOK DAY

What an array of costumes the children dressed up in for World Book Day this year. The children took part in activities, reading with their year partners, enjoying the 'The Great Big Footy and Booky Quiz", making book marks, creating poems, making paper chains and a book scavenger hunt.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 3rd April—Friday 17th April
Easter Holidays

Wednesday 22nd April
Earth Day
School Council Cake Sale—Caxton

Wednesday 29th April
School Council Cake Sale—Newton

Friday 1st May at 2.30 pm
Family Work Share

Wednesday 6th May
School Council Cake Sale—Scott

Monday 11th—Wednesday 13th May
Y5 PGL Osmington Bay Trip

Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May
Year 6 SATs

Thursday 14th May
Year 5 Sutton Bingham Trip

Friday 15th May
School Council Arts Competition deadline

Wednesday 20th May
School Council Cake Sale—Shakespeare
Year R trip to Yeovil Library

Thursday 21st May
School Council Penalty Shoot Out

Monday 25th May—Friday 29th May
Half Term

Monday 1st June
INSET Day

Monday 2nd June
Year 2 Trip to Haynes Museum

Thursday 4th June
Art Exhibition

Thursday 11th June
Class Photos

Friday 19th June
PTFA Summer Fair 4.45 pm—7 pm

Wednesday 1st July
Transition Day

Friday 3rd July
PTFA Sponsored Obstacle Colour Run

Friday 10th July
PTFA Summer BBQ 6 pm—8 pm

Friday 17th July
Year 6 Festival Fun Day

Tuesday 21st July
Year 6 Assembly (2 pm) and Prom

This year Huish, launched Science Week with the national theme 'Curiosity – What's your Question?'. This proved a great hook to encourage children of all ages to embrace their passions, find answers to their burning questions and ignite more creativity in their learning. In classrooms, this led to lots of hands-on experiments and investigations. It also served as a brilliant platform to showcase the vast array of careers linked to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and to find out a little more about what they involve. A huge thank you to Mrs Oliver for coordinating all the amazing visitors and experiences.

THE HUB

The Hub had a fantastic time exploring different experiments and learning through hands on activities, planting their our seeds and learning what plants need to grow. The children enjoyed making rain clouds, colour changing drinks, and lava lamps. It was an exciting week filled with curiosity, discovery, and creativity!

YEAR 6

Year 6 celebrated Science Week 2026 by engaging in a range of scientific activities. At the start of the week, they joined an exciting thermal imaging workshop and then spent some time creating designs for an engineering competition. They also took part in a second workshop thinking about building and sustainability. Later in the week, they investigated the best design for a paper aeroplane, how the age of a shark can be identified and finished the week by exploring what makes good teamwork.

YEAR 2

Children started the week by watching the BBC Live Lesson about space and light, assisting with putting together a production of the moon to explain parts of the solar system. Next year 2 considered how boats float. Using a single piece of paper they created their own boat designs, testing them In water, adding marbles to the most successful ones. On Wednesday the children discussed the natural world, focusing on a picture of sea turtle and discussing what they could, see, think and wonder. Using straws and connectors provided by Angel from MCS Construction, the children enjoyed constructing their own two storey buildings. Completing the week they joined the NFU live 'Big Farming Question' on how farmers help the environment by creating safe habitats for lots of wild animals

YEAR 3

The children started the week with a visit from a building energy expert using a thermal imaging camera to highlight where heat escapes. They used this knowledge to design their own eco homes. Walking around the school grounds year 3 enjoyed identifying bird songs. They were amazed by the amount of birdlife on site. Finally, working in small groups, the children planned, designed and constructed their own buildings using straws and connectors. Year 3 were amazed at how tall their constructions were!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had an exciting science week starting by discussing what science is and the many varied careers available. A visit from Jack, a Building Energy Expert who demonstrated his thermal imaging camera and how energy efficient our lives could be was first. Year 5 then joined a Live Lesson linked to space and made a moon movie. In the afternoon, they had fun with sweets, working in groups and testing different concepts using popping candy, mini eggs, strawberry laces and skittles. Children then collaborated and reviewed the experiments creating a poster write up which were shared with another group. Later in the week, Angel from MCS Constructions talked about careers and set an engineering challenge to build a innovative structure within a budget. Lastly, investigating how to design and make the best paper aeroplane and tested these with some amazing successes.

YEAR 1

The children took great delight in the topic of 'Curiousity— What's your Question' exploring all sorts of questions before focusing in on the vast array of names given to baby animals. In line with their topic 'Animals including Humans', Mr Moffat visited us and talked about his role at Longleat. There were opportunities to handle and look closely at animal skulls, feathers and hair before reinforcing their understanding of the scientific way of classifying animals. Through investigations linked to Senses, the children enjoyed exploring their senses of smell and taste!

YEAR 4

Year 4 explored their new topic of 'Animals including Humans' by taking part in an invertebrate hunt around the school grounds, finding an array of different insects, arachnids, mollusucs, annelids, crustaceans and myriapods. They also enjoyed building structures from straws and connectors from MCS Construction and a visit from Jack from 'Building Energy Experts' who brought a thermal imaging camera highlighting how buildings use energy and how they can be made more efficient.

YEAR R

Year R celebrated Science week by learning about static electricity, using balloons to pick up small objects like tissue paper and rice crispies. They also used balloons to shoot a rocket made of a paper straw along a string. Slime making was next, using glue and saline solution mixing and adding colouring and glitter, it was fantastic. As part of their last activity they undertook a 'Floating and Sinking Challenge' testing whether classroom objects

YEAR 3 QUARRY TRIP

Year 3 had the fantastic opportunity to visit Moon's Hill and Whatley Quarries on the Mendip Hills. They learnt lots of amazing facts about rocks, fossils and how limestone is quarried. They were fortunate enough to drive around the quarry and see huge boulders being crushed and then transported by train to London.

YEAR R PET WEEK

Reception classes were lucky enough to have some visitors who brought their pets to show the children. Mrs Cullum's tortoise Blossom was the first to visit, the children had lots of questions about tortoises including what they eat, where they sleep and how to look after them. Elijah's pet turtle 'Crush' also came in, and the reception discovered lots of interesting facts about turtles and how they are different from tortoises.

Yr R CHURCH VISIT

The children in reception had an amazing time visiting Rev Graham at St John's Church, they took part in a treasure hunt to find five hidden letters. They saw special features of the church including the pews, alter, lectern, font, organ and the amazing stained glass windows. The hidden letters spelt out Jesus, and Rev Graham explained why Jesus is so important and how people worship with him in church.

ONLINE SAFETY

The Government is consulting on whether to bring a Social Media ban for Under 16s. They have set up a national consultation for you to give your opinions on the matter. This includes your views on minimum age, mobile phones in schools, limiting certain apps and support for parents.

To take part, please visit the link below:

https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/growing-up-in-the-online-world-a-national-consultation

YEAR 4 GEOGRAPHY

Year 4 produced their very own news reports from the scene of the Eruption of Mount Vesuvius in 79AD. In groups, they used geographical vocabulary as well as their knowledge of the eruption and the impacts it had on the city of Pompeii to produce exciting news reports.

WORLD THINKING DAY

Children at Huish who attend Guiding and Scouting Groups across the town were invited to wear their uniforms to school to celebrate World Thinking Day. Children wore their Squirrel, Beavers and Scout uniforms and also their Rainbow, Brownie and Guide uniforms.

DANCE FESTIVAL

Children from the Keri Hill Dance Club took part in the Primary Festival of Dance at Westlands on 1st April brilliantly performing the routines they have been learning.

DEADLINES

Deadline for booking school dinners for the first week back is

Monday 13th April

With the new Spring Menu now available to book until the end of the Summer Term.

The Breakfast Club deadline is 7 days before the date you require.

READING AWARDS

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3 - Rosie	Class 4 - Kayden
Class 5 - Solveig	Class 6 - Samuel
Class 7 - Olivia	Class 8 - Serena
Class 9 - Mikah	Class 10 - Olivia
Class 11 - Edward	Class 12 - Muneeb
Class 13 - Lennox	Class 14 - Meredith

Congratulations to Lucy, Ryan, Olivia and Seth for obtaining their Millionaire reader certificate, and to Violet for her Double Millionaire award .

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Children have been enjoying an array of activities as part of Design and Technology

The Reception classes have cut out flowers from card and then joined the pieces together using thread, and also made Easter Decorations.

The children in year 1 have been getting arty this week! They have made Easter cards and hand puppets as part of their DT, applying their skills of cutting and sewing they made some wonderful designs.

Year 3 had a fantastic time making Mediterranean Tarts as part of their unit on seasonal foods. They investigated what vegetables are grown in this country. They planned their tarts before making them the following day. The children used their skills of chopping, stirring, frying, spreading, cooking and finally…. eating. They were scrumptious.

A cushion for the gift shop of either the London Aquarium or the Iceland Volcano Museum was the design brief for year 4. They practised a range of stitches before putting their sewing skills to work applying the techniques they had learned.

Year 5 have designed a parachute using materials. They have learnt several skills including cutting, sewing and knotting. Their finished parachutes were tested to see which took the longest to fall.

SPORTS

NETBALL

Huish recently attended a netball tournament. For some of the players this was the first time they had represented Huish. It was a fast paced tournament with no rest for the team. They played against 4 other schools made up predominately of year 6 students! Huish showed great resilience and teamwork!

HOUSE SPORTS

This half term, the children have been learning about how to play tag rugby and the skills required to play the game.

The winners were Shakespeare

HANDBALL

Year 6 students attended a Handball competition at Westfield School. Despite never having played the game before, the boys were quick to learn the rules. After some very quick coaching, the boys went on to draw their first game. After this, they managed to win all of their games so remained undefeated!

CROSS COUNTRY

Our Cross Country teams have been busy competing in 2 races this half term. The first at Aldon with the 'killer hill' and the second at Mudford Rec. This concluded a fantastic season where our Year 4 Boys team won the Area Trophy for the boys event and the Year 5/6 Boys also won this event. A contingent of 9 children have been invited to take part in the Inter Area Competition at Mudford Rec on Wednesday 28th April. Well done to all our runners for taking part in the 6 events this year— sometimes the weather and courses have been tough, but always finishing with a big smile as they cross the line.

A big thank you also to Mr Nathan who has supported with training this year.

HUISH PTFA

NEXT MEETING–TUESDAY 28TH APRIL AT 3.15 PM IN THE IT SUITE

During the next half term, the School Council will be undertaking fundraising for two local charities. There are various events taking place, and we ask you to support where you can.

Here is a quick breakdown of the events. e will send out further information via email.

SCHOOL COUNCIL