December 2025

Huish Headlines

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Dear Parents/Carers

As I write this headline, we are just a couple of days from the end of term.

We have been very busy in recent weeks enjoying all of our Christmas festivities – starting with Christmas dinner at the very start of December. Since then, children in Reception, year 1, and year 2 have all performed their very lovely nativities and Christmas plays – these are always a delight to listen to as we can hear the children practising in the hall and then perform in front of their grown-ups!

A massive well done to all of our children who performed at the Huish Carol Service at St John's Church. This has been a long-time tradition and is always enjoyed by children, staff and families. Our choir did a great job of singing some traditional Christmas carols. Thank you to our readers for sharing personal accounts of what Christmas means to them. It was a lovely evening.

Yesterday evening, we held our Christmas Movie Night… this was really enjoyable and children enjoyed cozying up to some fun Christmas films. Thank you to our PTFA ladies who helped make hot chocolate and squash and distributed popcorn and snacks – it was a popular event, so there was a lot of children!

This week, we have been doing DT (Design Technology) week. Children across the school have been completing their DT projects, including making cars, bridges, torches, steady hand games and more!

As the week draws to a close, we have a few year group parties left and then the holidays can start and the fun at home can begin!

Thank you for your support throughout this term and more recently with our Friday afternoon family work share. Children do enjoy sharing their work and it is always nice to see what they have been doing in class.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our Huish friends and families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 6th January 2026!

With best wishes,

Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Dates for your Diary

Mon 22nd December—Monday 5th Jan
Christmas Holidays & INSET Day

Monday 29th December
Deadline for school meals

Tuesday 6th January
Back to School

Tuesday 20th January
PTFA Meeting - 3.15 pm IT Suite

Wednesday 21st January
International Day— France

Tuesday 10th and Wed 11th February
Parents Evening

Tuesday 10th February
Safer Internet Day

Monday 16th– Friday 20th February
Half Term

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day—dressing up!

Tuesday 10th March
Class 8 Quarry Trip

Wednesday 9th March
Class 7 Quarry Trip

Thursday 19th March
Science Exhibition

Friday 3rd April—Friday 17th April
Easter Holidays

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

Monday 12th—Friday 17th May
Year 6 SATs

Monday 1st June
INSET Day

Friday 19th June
Summer Fair 4.45 pm—7 pm

New website

Our new website is now live and we will be updating further content over the first few weeks in January.

A really useful feature of the website is the ability to subscribe to the school calendar which will keep you posted of all the events that are forthcoming.

Don't delay subscribe today!

Lunches

The deadline for lunches for the first week back is

Monday 29th December

Don't forget—lunches can be booked until Easter.

Breakfast Club bookings are also due by Monday 29th December.

House Cup

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

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email: office@hps.huishmat.org

View the news pages of our website for further details and pictures of your children in class

It's Christmas

The month of December has seen Huish celebrating the festive season with lots of activities including Christmas Dinner, Nativities, Carol Service, Christmas Parties. .

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Children across the school donned their Christmas Jumpers and Designed hats to raise money for the PTFA and Save the Children raising £124 whilst enjoying their Christmas lunch which was fantastically prepared by our amazing Kitchen staff. Over 400 meals were served by our staff and volunteers

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

A wonderful evening was held at St John's Church where children in Years 3 to 6 performed at the Annual Carol Service. Children shared their personal stories of what Christmas means to them, and the Choir sang Carols to really get Huish in the Christmas spirit!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The school hall has been alive with music and party games as the year groups celebrate Christmas in style. What a wonderful way to end the term.

CHRISTMAS NATIVITIES

Our Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 children have all taken part in their year group nativities, watched by their families. Year R performing It's a Baby, Year 1 Christmas Night and Year 2, The Meaning of Christmas. Great performances from all children.

Design and Technology Week

This week the children have been enjoying lots of different activities through the Design and Technology curriculum, developing their skills in design, constructing and using the appropriate tools.

YEAR 4—TORCHES

Children in Year 4 designed and made their own torches. They started the process by analyzing ones that are already marketed, then designed theirs to make their personal specifications. The torches were made out of recycled materials, building circuits with switches to fit inside them to make them light up.

YEAR 5—BRIDGES

During DT week ,the children have investigated how bridges are designed and constructed. As part of the investigation, the children learnt what makes a bridge strong, making a bridge from spaghetti, before final constructing their bridge from wood, learning skills to cut wood safely, to use a glue gun and why exact measurements matter!

YEAR 2—BABY BEAR's CHAIR

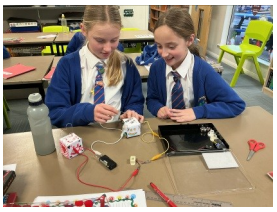
Year 2 have designed and created their own Baby Bear chairs so that it was 'just right'. They used a range of flexible materials.

YEAR 1—BISCUITS

Year 1 have been making biscuits, discussing how to keep safe whilst cooking and creating a list of rules to follow. In groups they measured out ingredients, placed them in a bowl, rubbed the ingredients together and then balled the dough together. To finish, they rolled the dough, cut them with their chosen cutter and baked them in the oven.

YEAR 6—STEADY HAND GAMES

Year 6 have been making steady hand games in DT. They first learnt about form and function in toy design, before applying this to designing and creating the base and shaping the wire for their own game. Finally, they enjoyed testing their games – some were particularly challenging!



YEAR 3—SLING SHOT CARS

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 R—POP UP SANTAS

Reception children created their own pop up Santa. They started with a class drawing lesson to draw Santa. Next, they used their fine motor skills to cut out Santa carefully. To make it a puppet, they made a snowy scene and created a chimney. Finally adding him inside the chimney pop and down.

Reading

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3 - Gabrielle	Class 4– Dottie
Class 5 -Archie	Class 6– Cara
Class 7 - Evie	Class 8– Zwe
Class 9 -Harry	Class 10- Bella
Class 11- Ava-Lily	Class 12- Edith
Class 13 - Ella	Class 14-Amelia

Congratulations also to Violet who achieved her Reading Millionaire award

Year 3 PCSO

Two PCSO visited year 3. They talked about the importance of being kind to each other, how you might feel if people do or say unkind things and also the importance of respect—respecting each other and those around you, finishing with a discussion around how swearing is offensive, rude, unkind and not acceptable.

Remembrance

Thank you for your kind donations to this year's Poppy Appeal. Our outside display added to this year by the memorial crosses made for VE Day last year. The school was awarded the Pittards Certificate of Merit for the Display. Year 6 performed their assembly to the whole school.

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.

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 £913 worth of free books, which have been shared out to all classes.

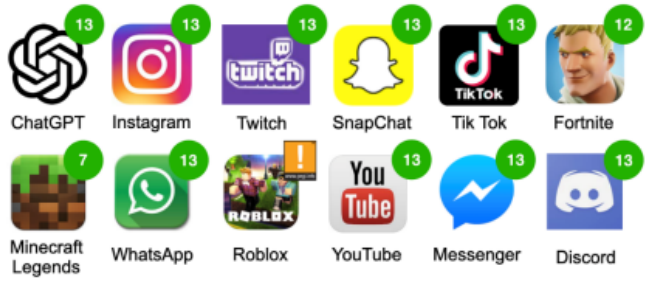
Y2-Nursing

Year 2 were fortunate to have a visit from Mark who works at the NHS. He came to speak to year 2 about the vital work that the NHS do to help people. He discussed jobs that people in the NHS do in particular within a hospital. Children shared with him their knowledge of Florence Nightingale and he told us about how hospitals have changed since the Victorian era. These changes included cleanliness, uniforms and knowledge of medicines.

Online Safety

Age ratings exist to help protect your child by showing whether content is suitable for your child's age. Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media– make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough.

Popular apps and their age ratings Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are currently accessing:



For users under 18, a parent or legal guardian's permission may be required to use the service

In addition to checking the age rating, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might encounter e.g. violence or bad language within a game

You can find out more here:
https://parentzone.org.uk/article/age-ratings

Clubs—Spring Term A

Our clubs for the first half of the Spring term are detailed below.

Deadline for booking is **Tuesday 6th January**, this should be made via the following link:-

Extra-Curricular Clubs - Spring Term 2026 – Fill out form

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

Spring Term A 2026

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3-6 Cross Country	Monday	3pm-4pm	26th Jan	23rd Mar
Year 4-5 Wellbeing Club	Monday	3.15pm-4pm	12th Jan	9th Feb
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance Club	Tuesday	3.20pm-4.15pm	13th Jan	10th Feb
Year 3-4 Football Club	Tuesday	3.15pm-4pm	13th Jan	10th Feb
Year 3-6 Choir	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	13th Jan	10th Feb
Year 3/6 Computer Club A	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	14th Jan	11th Feb
Year 2-3 Dodgeball Club B	Thursday	3pm-3.45pm	15th Jan	12th Feb
Year 4-6 Cross-Stitch Club	Friday	3pm-4pm	16th Jan	13th Feb

Sports Events

YEAR 5/6 SOUTH SOMERSET FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Huish competed in the South Somerset schools football tournament with high hopes after a number of well contested friendly games. They began the group stage with a competitive game against a familiar opponent – Milford. Over the past few years, the two schools have played a number of times and the games have always been close. On this occasion, Huish went 1-0 down early but fought back to draw 1-1. The team went on to dominate the remainder of the group stage winning 5-0, 1-0 and 5-0 again. These results led the team into a semi-final against Holy Trinity which was a tough game, but a late winner from Poppy sealed a 1-0 win. In the final, Milford were the opponents once again and Huish were well up for the game. Despite attack after attack, the Milford goalkeeper made some excellent saves to keep the score at 0-0. It took a cool finish from Luca to put Huish ahead. Seth made an amazing save in the final few minutes to keep the score at 1-0 and when the final whistle went, Huish were victorious! The entire team competed with great skill, teamwork, tenacity and sportsmanship – a credit to the school. The team will now compete in the Somerset schools game in January

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Huish's Year 5/6 girls football team competed well at the Buckler's Mead tournament. They scored a number of goals, leading to them winning four of their games, and drawing another. Amelia made some crucial stops in goal, whilst Jade and Imogen performed well in defence in their first football tournament for the school, helping Huish get a number of clean sheets. Poppy R and Isabelle worked hard in midfield, whilst Lillie-Mai and Charlotte pressed well and won the ball back multiple times. Poppy O finished as our top scorer with 7 goals as Huish narrowly missed out from progressing to the area finals by 1 point. Fantastic play girls!

INDOOR ATHLETICS

Huish attended the second indoor athletics event this term at Westfield School. They took part in sprints, throws and jumps. For some of the students this was their first time attending this event. They all worked extremely hard and were an amazing credit to Huish.

FUTSAL

Huish played in their first ever futsal competition playing some outstanding football throughout every single game. They managed to score an incredible amount of goals which was the combination of some fantastic teamwork and collaboration between all the players. They managed to finish in 2nd place despite being level on points and goal difference!

NETBALL

The Year 5/6 netball team took part in a tournament at Westfield school. For some of the players this was the first time they had represented Huish at netball! The tournament was a great opportunity for some game experience learning. Everyone worked incredibly hard and did not stop smiling .

CHEERLEADING

Students from year 5 enjoyed a cheerleading session led by Westfield Academy. They learnt some basic moves required to enable them to complete a routine. Including the start of a small lift! Lots of fun was had!

PTFA

Thank you for supporting our events this term, please come along to our next meeting on Tuesday 20th January if you would like to be involved in helping to raise money to enhance learning and the school environment.

Our **CHRISTMAS HAT AND JUMPER DAY** to coincide with Christmas Dinner raised £124 split between the PTFA and save the children. Some amazing hats were produced and prizes were awarded in each class.

The **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 Nicola, Lucy and Nicki for completing these.

Our **DECORATE A BAUBLE** Competition was also very successful with winners receiving their prizes this week.

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 for organizing the prizes, plus all our other volunteers for setting up, cooking and selling merch and tickets.

MOVIE NIGHT was enjoyed by over 250 children and was a great success. Thanks to the teachers and PTFA who helped supervise and serve all the children with their popcorn and drinks whilst they enjoyed their movie.

Thank you to those who braved the weather to join us in the hall for the **HOT CHOCOLATE SALE**—we raised over £200. Thanks to all our volunteers too!

The Forest Forge Theatre group attended on Tuesday and all KS2 watched their amazing show of Pinnochio.
This was thoroughly enjoyed by the children (oh no it wasn't—OH YES IT WAS!)