February 2026

Huish Headlines

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Although Christmas feel like a distant memory, the past 6 weeks do seem to have whizzed by! It has been a very wet, rainy start to our spring term, but, as always, children at Huish have worked hard and have achieved lots in just a short half term:

- All children enjoyed our annual international day; this year focusing on Ireland.
- Year 1 have enjoyed having their grandparents in as part of our Grandparent's workshop looking at the history of toys.
- KS1 and KS2 each enjoyed live storytelling workshops as part of our involvement in the National Year of Reading.
- This week, we have also all enjoyed taking part in Art's week and children across the school have been working creatively.
- We have also focused some time supporting Safer Internet Day and Children's Mental Health Day.
- Fantastic sporting achievements from many children and teams – both in and out of school.
- After school clubs have continued to enhance our curriculum, providing children with a variety of additional opportunities. This has included choir, cross stitch, cross country, wellbeing club to name but a few.

Thank you to all our families who were able to attend parents' evening this week. It is always helpful to meet face to face and discuss your child's progress. We hope you were able to enjoy spending some time looking at some of the work your child has been doing this year.

We have lots of exciting things coming up as we move into the end of the spring term and into the summer term, please do check the calendar to keep these key dates in your diaries.

Have a good week and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 23rd February.

With warm wishes,

Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Dates for your Diary

Monday 16th– Friday 20th February
Half Term

Monday 23rd February
Thinking Day Celebration
Children in the Scouts/Guides movement may wear their uniform to school

Thursday 5th March
World Book Day—dressing up!

Tuesday 10th March
Class 8 Quarry Trip

Wednesday 11th March
Class 7 Quarry Trip

Thursday 19th March
Science Exhibition

Tuesday 24th March at 5.15 pm
PTFA Easter Bingo

Friday 3rd April—Friday 17th April
Easter Holidays

Wednesday 22nd April
Earth Day

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

Monday 11th—Thursday 14th May
Year 6 SATs

Monday 1st June
INSET Day

Thursday 11th June
Class Photos

Friday 19th June
Summer Fair 4.45 pm—7 pm

Friday 10th July
Summer BBQ 6 pm—8 pm

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

House Cup

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

Mental Health Week

During Children's Mental Health Week, the children explored this year's theme of **'Belonging'** and what it means to truly feel part of something. They discussed how belonging to friendships, school and the wider community plays an important role in supporting their mental health and wellbeing. The children learnt that feeling safe, valued and accepted is a basic human need, and that when we feel we belong, we are more confident, resilient and able to make a positive difference in the world around us. Throughout the day, they took part in a range of thoughtful activities designed to help them reflect on their own sense of belonging and how they can help others feel included too.

Safer Internet Day

Children have been learning about AI as part of their work on Safer Internet Day. Children attended an assembly about AI, its uses, the dangers it faces, and how to spot potential AI. They looked at how AI images sometimes struggle with certain details, and that trusted sources should be used when learning about topics or news online. Children completed a variety of activities, from working to separate AI videos and images from real ones, to creating information posters on AI and rating uses of AI out of 10 based on potential harm.

Year R—Fairytales

Focusing on their 'Fairytale' theme, Reception 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 – he absorbs the 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! They built houses for the Three Little Pigs using various materials, completed puzzles and used their fine motor skills by placing buttons and pompoms on the gingerbread man. They also made Troll faces using their cutting skills to cut the facial features and the hair.

Power Cut!

Huish had an unplanned power cut at around 11am. This made it really tricky to carry on with the normal day because, as the children discussed in class, electricity powers lots of things! Year 1 took the opportunity to have a class chat about how they could resolve one of the really BIG issues, which was the Kitchen Staff not being able to cook lunch!

Year 1 came up with quite a lot of solutions as to how everyone could have a lunch. However in the end, Mrs Carlock, Miss Lodge and Mrs Price went to Tesco and bought some bread, cheese, ham and chocolate rolls and the staff all helped to make the children sandwiches! Typically at midday the power came back on. The children thoroughly enjoyed their picnic!

Year 1—Toys

TOYS TAKE OVER

The children's Toys from Year 1 had a sleepover. On arrival in class, the children couldn't believe their eyes… their toys had been SO naughty and taken over! Children looked at the clues left behind to work out what mischief they'd been up to in the night, discovering they'd played with the pom poms, helped themselves to a snack, scribbled on the white boards, read a story, and even took some selfies using the photocopier! Year 1 had to let Mrs Carlock know, so they wrote her a recount of the events that took place, creating some lovely pieces of writing, and made some amazing portraits of our toys in Art!

GRANDPARENTS TOY WORKSHOP

Year 1 enjoyed some special visitors at their Grandparents Toy Workshop! They visited the school to share their old toys. The children were given the opportunity to speak to them, ask questions that had been prepared and play with some of the toys. The children had to use very gentle hands as not to break the old toys. Everyone had so much fun!

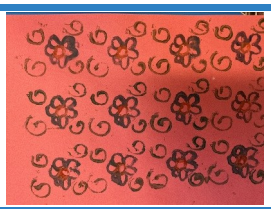
Y2—Geography

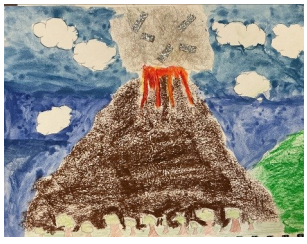
Year 2 have been developing their map skills. Children were given a map of the school grounds which included some obscure images. With a partner, they used the map to locate the landmarks and record what they actually were. They used terminology they had learnt, such as north, south, east and west as they undertook the challenge.

Arts Week

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





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'.

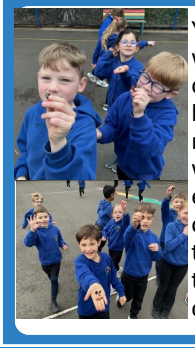
Year 1 have been creating milk bottle elephants linked to their History topic of toys, using tissue paper to cover the milk bottle like Elmer. They experimented painting and applying colour with tools.

Year 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.

Year 2 have been inspired by the work of John Dyer to create brightly coloured paintings. 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 using water colours for the background, adding the rainforest outlines before finally adding the toucan.

Year 3—Geography



Year 3 have been learning about rocks! As part of this, they went on a rock hunt around the school, and found a variety of exciting specimens of various shapes, sizes, textures and hues. As they have started to discuss the 3 main types of rock (metamorphic, igneous and sedimentary as I'm sure we're all aware), the children could barely contain their excitement as we began to talk about which of these types our specimens could be. During their forthcoming quarry trip, the children will view experiments to determine which type of rock a specimen is, and they are looking forward to carrying out these tests on their own rock samples. Rock on!

Y4 Volcanoes

Year 4 have been learning all about volcanoes and the different types of eruptions. They explored explosive eruptions, effusive eruptions, Strombolian eruptions, Vulcanian eruptions, and Plinian eruptions, discussing what makes each one different. Working together, they created their own eruptions using Coca-Cola and Mentos, watching their "volcanoes" explode and carefully observed what happened.

International Day—Ireland

This year, our International Day focused on Ireland. Children in all year groups spent the day doing a range of activities to help learn about the geography and culture of Ireland. The children enjoyed moving around the school to work with different teachers on a range of exciting activities!

Reception and Year 1 worked together to complete an Irish themed treasure hunt, completed Irish map puzzles and designed and coloured shamrocks. Later in the day, they listened to Irish stories and learnt an Irish dance. **Year 2 and 3** also learnt some Irish dances and then enjoyed hearing and acting out Irish folktales such as Fionn and the Salmon of Knowledge. **Year 4 and 5** enjoyed using DigiMaps to plot key Irish locations and then creating watercolour postcards of famous Irish landmarks. Later on, they learnt about the role of St Patrick in Irish history and then created their own designs in the style of the 'Book of Kells'.

Year 6 completed some Ireland-themed word problems in maths and spent the afternoon learning how to draw Celtic knots. They also enjoyed singing some of the Irish songs that they had been learning in singing assembly.

Story Telling

As part of events for the National Year of Reading, children across the school took part in online lessons for National Storytelling Week. Reception were treated to fun from poet Simon Mole and musician Geocko; KS1 enjoyed a live lesson with exploring stories through sound with Annemarie Anang; and KS2 rapped with Alim Kamara. Some children went on to perform their raps in music assembly too. A fantastic, inspiring week of storytelling through a new medium!

If you're interested in finding out more about the National Year of Reading, visit this link: National Year of Reading 2026 | Go All In

Year 6—Science

How can you see without being seen? As part of their light unit, Y6 have been making periscopes. Once finished, they had fun testing them out to look around corners and over walls. They also conducted a shadow puppet investigation, measuring the heights of shadows at scaled distances from the background screen. This linked well with our recent music unit of Shadows too in which students prepared shadow puppet performances on themes like anti-bullying, immigration and climate change to pieces of music.

School Council

The School Council have been busy behind the scenes. This year, we have opted to support two charities; School in a Bag and Able 2 Achieve.

Katie from 'School in a Bag' came in to deliver assemblies about how they provide essential resources to children all over world. Soon we will be fundraising and then packing bags which will be sent to children abroad. Each bag contains a pencil case with pens and colouring pencils, maths resources, lunchboxes, water bottles, toothbrush and toothpaste. These bags can be tracked so we will be notified when they arrive and see how they are helping the children learn.

Able 2 Achieve is a local charity, based on Princes Street in Yeovil. This charity supports individuals with learning difficulties and mental health conditions. The charity runs 'The Winking Frog' café. The School Council representatives will be visiting Able2Achieve and will be completing workshops. Children will be planning and running their own events, aiming to support these charities.

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3 - Alexander	Class 4 - Frankie
Class 5 - Elladora	Class 6 - Ryan
Class 7 - Harry	Class 8 - Esme
Class 9 - Eliza	Class 10 - Tommie
Class 11 - Teddy	Class 12 - Ella
Class 13 - Finlay	Class 14 - Alex

Congratulations to Hazel, Otis and Amelia for obtaining their Millionaire reader certificate .

Dinners

Deadline for booking school dinners for the first week back is **Monday 16th 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

Sports Events

YEAR 5/6 FOOTBALL COUNTY FINALS

Having won the Yeovil Schools Games in November, Huish's footballers arrived at the Somerset County Finals full of confidence and optimism. In extremely wet conditions, Huish got underway and it was a difficult start. A 1-1 draw was followed by a 1-0 defeat. With just three more group games to come, the team knew that only three wins would be enough to reach the semi-finals. As the conditions improved, so did our performances. Wins of 2-1, 3-0 and 4-0 meant a semi-final place was secured. Here we met familiar opposition in Milford and a close game in driving rain ended in a 1-0 Huish win. This meant a final against Bishop Henderson from Taunton, who the team had drawn with at the start of the day. It was Bishop Henderson who took the lead with an unstoppable strike and, despite Huish's best efforts, the game ended in a 1-0 defeat. Once again, the team represented the school superbly. Every player demonstrated great skill, teamwork and resilience. The Huish players left feeling disappointed not to win the tournament but should, on reflection, be immensely proud of their endeavours throughout the year - ending as runners up and the second best team in the County.

Well done to Seth, Jackson, Dexter, Freddie, Haydn, Poppy, Luca, Caelan and T. Huge thanks to all those who came to support on the day!

HOCKEY

A group of 10 children from Huish enjoyed a 3 week session run by SASP and Yeovil and Sherborne Hockey Club to learn new skills from students from Yeovil College. The first week saw a downpour of rain but the children's spirits were not dampened and they returned to enjoy dribbling, hitting, shooting and tackling drills winning the highest score in the skills competition. The children are looking forward to using their new skills at a tournament in March.

BASKETBALL

Year 6 students represented Huish at basketball. They had a very brief coaching session before playing 6 games of 5v5. They played extremely well and remained undefeated across all their games!

CROSS COUNTRY

The fourth Yeovil and District Schools race was held in very wet and slippery conditions at Bucklers Mead Academy, 296 girls and boys from 25 schools took part. Amazing success in our year groups with the Year 2/3 girls and the Year 2/3 boys finishing 4th overall in the team event. In the Year 4 girls event, Lucy finished in 4th place; and in the Boys Henry W was second and Henry N 5th. In the Year 5/6 girls Poppy finished 1st, with Olivia, Enid and Freya securing 4th place in the team event. The Year 5/6 boys event saw them retain their team title, with Jaxon 3rd, Caelen 9th, Roman, Dexter, and Edward making up the team.

FUTSAL

Year 3 and 4 played their first Futsal tournament and enjoyed every game. They showed some great individual skill and as the games progressed they really started to play some great football together. They were undefeated throughout the tournament and ended up as winners!

SPRING CLUBS B 2026

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3-6 Cross Country	Monday	3pm-4pm	23rd Feb	30th Mar
Year 5 Pottery Club	Monday	3.15pm-4.15pm	2nd Mar	23rd Mar
Reception Lego Club	Monday	3.15pm-4pm	23rd Feb	30th Mar
Year 4-5 Board Game Club	Monday	3.15pm-4pm	23rd Feb	23rd Mar
Year 4-5 Wellbeing Club	Monday	3.15pm-4pm	23rd Feb	23rd Mar
Year 3/4/5 Tag Rugby Club	Tuesday	3.15pm-4pm	24th Feb	24th Mar
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance Club	Tuesday	3.20pm-4.15pm	24th Feb	24th Mar
Year 3-6 Choir	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	24th Feb	24th Mar
Year 3/6 Computer Club A	Wednesday	3pm-4pm	25th Feb	25th Mar
Year 6 Badminton Club	Thursday	3pm-3.45pm	26th Feb	26th Mar
Year 4-6 Cross-Stitch Club	Friday	3pm-4pm	27th Feb	27th Mar

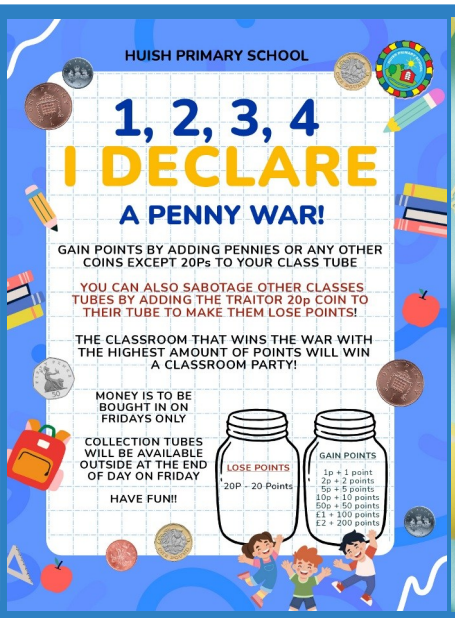
HOUSE CUP

This term students took part in fundamental movement activities in their lesson term. This was then their focus for house sports. Year 6 have been studying dodgeball and that was their focus for house sports. Newton were the winners!

DODGEBALL

Huish were represented at the recent dodgeball tournament. They quickly got to grips with the rules and tactics needed for the game. They all played really well and had lots of fun!

PTFA

The PTFA met recently agreed to purchase some gardening equipment for the school. New hand tools, brushes, spades rakes and cold frames are now being shared across the school, and the planters are ready to be filled with soil also purchased ready for planting this Spring.

Next PTFA meeting: - Tuesday 3rd March at 3.15pm in the IT Suite