JULY 2026

Huish Headlines

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am sure I start with this every year, but I really don't know where this year has gone! Another year has flown by and here we are listening to our Year 6 children practising for their final performance for their Leavers' assembly.

When we reflect on this last term, we have packed a lot in. It has been super hot and children have been so good at getting on with things and adapting timetables and playtimes depending on the heat of the day. Nevertheless, school life has gone on and we have had some great times with Fun Sports, House Sports and the PTFA Colour Run. We've had a fantastic concert from our musical children who have worked hard to learn an instrument, and Year 5 clarinets have performed to the rest of the KS2 children during assembly.

As always, the end of the school year brings many changes; earlier this month, we said goodbye to Miss Chambers, who has worked with us for several years supporting many children in her support staff role. Miss Smith, support staff, will also be leaving as she pursues a new adventure. Sadly, we will also be saying goodbye to Mrs Eyong, Miss Horsfield and Mr Opie. We are all greatly saddened for the loss this will bring to our school and will miss them all very much. We thank them all so much for everything they have given to Huish and to all of the children they have helped over the years. We wish them good luck for their future endeavors.

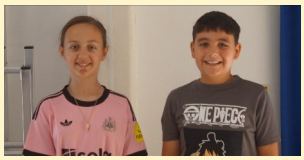
We have several new staff members who will be joining our team: Miss Shaw (Assistant Head of School), Miss Russell (Year 3 Class Teacher), Mrs Bowden (Lead Support Assistant in the HUB) and Miss Scott will be returning to Huish to teach in year 6. We are excited for them to be joining us and warmly welcome them to the Huish community.

A massive well done and thank you to all of our children this year who have worked hard and we are so proud of all they have achieved.

We wish all of our families a happy, safe and relaxing summer break. Thank you for your continued support; we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for another year at Huish! Best wishes, Cara Carlock

HOUSE CUP

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



YEAR 6 – LEAVERS CELEBRATIONS

What leavers' celebrations the children have enjoyed. They started on Friday with their Festival Fun Day enjoying a bouncy assault course, barbecue and games, their Leavers' Assembly was held on Tuesday where they sang and performed about their time at Huish, culminating with their Leaver's Prom 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.

Dates for your Diary

Thursday 23rd July to Wednesday 2nd September
School Holidays

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September
INSET Days

Monday 7th September
First Day of School

Tuesday 15th September
Year 4 swimming sessions commence

Wednesday 16th September
Flu Vaccinations

Thursday 1st October
Year 4 Trip to The Newt Roman Villa

Tuesday 6th October
Year 3 Bugman Visit

Tuesday 20th and Wed 21st October
Parent's Evening

Thursday 22nd October
Individual School Photos

Monday 26th to Friday 30th October
Half Term

Monday 21st Dec to Friday 1st Jan
Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January
INSET Day

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 Thomas W, the Toal Award for Arts to Evie, the Fossey Award for achievement in English to Ella and the Hillier-Nickels award for achievement in Maths to Neve and Libby.

SCARF

Children across all year groups took part in age-appropriate lessons focused on health, wellbeing, relationships, and making positive choices, often supported by activities featuring Harold the Giraffe.

Reception children learnt about personal hygiene, healthy habits, emotions, and wellbeing through play, movement, and music.

Year 1 explored healthy eating, body needs, physical activity, and friendship skills.

Year 2 focused on physical and emotional health, recognising feelings, safe medicine use, and positive friendships.

Year 3 learnt about the brain, emotional wellbeing, healthy lifestyle choices, and the impact of medicines, alcohol, and smoking.

Year 4 explored emotional wellbeing, online safety, diversity, healthy choices, and respecting differences.

Year 5 examined the connection between physical and mental health, body systems, the effects of drugs, peer influence, assertiveness, and online safety.

Year 6 focused on self-image, mental and physical wellbeing, the influence of social media and algorithms, critical thinking, digital literacy, and safe online gaming.

Overall, the sessions helped children develop knowledge and skills to support their physical health, emotional wellbeing, positive relationships, informed decision-making, and online safety.

GEOGRAPHY QUIZ

This year's Geography Quiz was once again a highly competitive event. Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 took part in class-based quizzes, with the highest performers earning the opportunity to represent their house in the final. Those successful children then took to the stage to compete in the House Quiz, answering questions based on topics they had studied throughout the Geography curriculum. Shakespeare were the winners this year, scoring 22/30.

HOUSE MUSIC

This summer term saw the inaugural House Music Challenge, where all 4 houses sang a song which was judged by our resident panel of judges! The songs, chosen by House Captains, included Billy Jean, Waka-Waka, Ordinary and Bloodlines. Following deliberations, it was concluded it was a draw and all children were rewarded with 20 mins extra play!

DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY WEEK

YEAR R

In Reception, the children designed and made fruit kebabs. They brought in fruit matching their class colours and learned how to safely cut fruit using child-safe knives and the bridge hold technique. They then created their kebabs, choosing fruits for taste, texture and appearance. This fun activity helped develop their food preparation skills and encouraged them to think about how their choices influenced the final product.

YEAR 4

Year 4 adapted a traditional Eton Mess recipe. Beginning the week by sampling lots of fruit as market research. Next, they made traditional Eton Mess, before making notes on how they may change their own recipe, finally making and tasting them and writing an evaluation.

YEAR 6

Year 6 shared their nursery rhyme pop-up books with children in Reception. Reception visited Year 6 during one of the hottest days and enjoyed the air conditioning!

YEAR 5

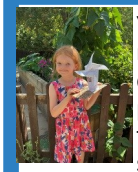
As part of their food technology learning, Year 5 explored traditional Indian cuisine by researching the spices and ingredients commonly used in Indian cooking.

After discussing food hygiene and kitchen safety, they prepared their own vegetable curries, spending the morning chopping, peeling, stirring and cooking. At lunchtime, the children thoroughly enjoyed tasting their creations together, with many proudly finishing every last bite

YEAR 3

Year 3 studied the different shapes used to construct some famous towers around the world, like Blackpool Tower and the Eiffel Tower. They imitated these techniques using spaghetti and miniature marshmallows. They constructed a range of different towers using triangles, squares and braces.

YEAR 1



Year 1 thoroughly enjoyed making their windmills as part of their Great Fire of London project. While constructing them, they learned about structures, turbines and axles, developing their understanding of how these components work together to create a moving model.

YEAR 2

To link with their topic of transportation, year 2 made their own moving vehicles. They began by exploring the parts of the car and how wheels and axles allow them to move. In pairs, they created their own cars and tested them out.

INFORMATION FOR 2026

DEADLINES

The deadline for booking school dinners for the first week back is

Monday 31st August

The Menu can be booked until the end of the first Autumn Term.

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

SCHOOL START / FINISH TIMES

Years 1, 2, 3, 6
8.30 am/3 pm

Years R, 4, 5
8.45 am/3.15 pm

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 (Swimming)	Wednesday	Friday

Y6 HISTORY

Year 6 tried their hand at the Ancient Maya game of Pok-ta-Pok, a ball game played on a court where you are trying to score but can only touch the ball with your hips, knees and elbows – very tricky, but a lot of fun!

Y4 SCIENCE

Year 4 finished their Science topic, spending the afternoon reconstructing the digestive system. They ripped a piece of bread and placed some orange juice in a plastic bag, poured the contents of the bag into a pair of tights and squeezed the bottom, removing as much moisture as possible, finally pushing the waste product through a hole in the bottom of the tights onto a paper towel.

Y1 PIRATES

Year 1 had a fun morning pretending to be pirates. After reading the story 'How to find Gold', they set about creating their own treasure maps! Putting on their Pirate hats, they loved giving instructions to a friend as they followed their maps to find the gold!

READING AWARDS

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3 - Anagha	Class 4 - Rose
Class 5 - Adam	Class 6 - Nelly
Class 7 - Arnold	Class 8 - Theo
Class 9 - Henry N	Class 10 - Benji
Class 11 - Fred	Class 12 - Johaan
Class 13 - Charlotte	Class 14 - David

Congratulations to Ethan, Jacob, Ava-Lily, Jessica, Ezra, Olivia T, Seth, Jasper Lucy, and Ryan for obtaining their Millionaire reader certificate, and to Hazel and Amelia for her Double Millionaire award .

ONLINE SAFETY

CONVERSATION GUIDE

Children say parents are their most common source of online safety information. However, only half of surveyed children say they've discussed online safety with a parent in the past month. To make these conversations easier and more effective, explore the Internet Matters conversation guide for parents.

DT Competition

Congratulations to our competition winners who received their prizes this week. What awesome designers we have at Huish!

YR HAM HILL

Reception children had a wonderful time visiting Ham Hill this term to enhance their learning about minibeasts and plants. They met ranger Ed and learned a little about the site and how we keep ourselves and the environment safe when exploring nature. We looked at some natural artefacts – skulls and nests – and used our detective skills to work out which local animal they belonged to. We had great fun making our own natural dyes using foraged plants and created patterns on fabric. The children loved the meadow sweeping activity, using huge nets in the long grass and turning them out to see which minibeasts could be

MUSIC

Children who receive external music tuition through **Somerset Music** took part in the **Huish Music Concert**, where they performed confidently in front of family and friends. The concert showcased a wide range of musical talents, with pupils playing instruments including the **guitar, bass guitar, drums, recorder, clarinet, piano and violin**. The audience enjoyed an amazing and eclectic programme of music, highlighting the hard work, dedication and progress of all the performers.

Music lessons can be booked for next term via the following links:-

Allan Gill - Individual & Small Group Music Lessons for 2026-27

Sarah Scutt Individual and Small Group Music Lessons for 2026-27

Piano and Keyboard lessons can also be booked through Fiona Bennett, please contact the school office for further information

MURAL

Local artist Josie worked with Autumn, Chloe and Merry to enhance our Book Nook area. What an amazing mural they created!

Y2-HAYNES

As part of their Transport topic, Year 2 enjoyed an exciting visit to Haynes Motor Museum. They learnt about the different parts of a car and worked together to build one, explored the museum whilst searching for car mascots, and took part in a guided tour to discover how transport has changed over time.

Y4-ENGLISH

Over the last few comprehension sessions, the children explored *The Legend of the Minotaur* by reading and analysing the playscript. They discussed the characters, answered comprehension questions, and worked in groups to perform the story, helping them to develop their understanding of the text while building confidence in speaking and performance.

ENGINEERS

Many children took part in the annual 'If you were an Engineer' Competition. Everyone received a well done and Jasper in Year 3 was awarded a winning

SPORTS

ATHLETICS

Huish competed in the annual athletics competition hosted at Mudford Rec. This is a traditional athletics meet where students take part in track and field events. The Huish team worked incredibly hard with some amazing individual results. In year 6 Thiago finished first in javelin and Jackson first 2nd in his quad event. Overall, Huish finished in 5th place

HOUSE ATHLETICS

House Sports took place at the beginning of July. This is an impressive event when every child takes part in an event from year 2 to year 6 - all scoring points for their house. The points were very closely contested with 1 point separating 2nd and 3rd place! The final results were: 1st Newton; 2nd Scott; 3rd Caxton; 4th Shakespeare

SWIMMING

Huish took part in the yearly Swimming gala hosted at Goldenstones pool. In year 6, Chloe finished first in her race with Freddie finishing 2nd. Overall, Huish finished in an impressive 5th place.

SWIMMING

A team of Year 5 and 6 cricketers went to Chard for a school cricket tournament. They played 3 games in the afternoon, winning two convincingly and losing one. This was enough to earn qualification into the County Finals, which were sadly cancelled due to the heatwave.

QUADKIDS

Huish took a team to the Quadkids competition at Westfield school. This was an athletics competition where every child had to complete a sprint, a middle distance run, a throw and a jump. Year 3 and 4 worked really hard and finished in an impressive 3rd place with our 5 and 6 team finishing first!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The School Council has had a very busy and successful year, working closely with both **School in a Bag** and **Able2Achieve** to support important causes within our local and wider community.

Throughout Spring Term B, the School Council organised a range of fundraising events, including **cake sales**, a **sunflower-growing competition**, an **art competition**, and the popular **Beat the Opie Penalty Shoot-Out**. Thanks to the enthusiasm and generosity of our pupils, families and staff, these events raised an impressive **£750** for School in a Bag. School in a Bag is a local charity that provides rucksacks filled with stationery, learning resources, eating utensils and hygiene kits to disadvantaged, displaced and disaster-affected children around the world. The school was delighted to provide **30 fully equipped bags** to support this valuable work. We were also pleased to welcome **Luke Simon, CEO of School in a Bag**, who attended alongside staff members to help mark the occasion. Children from Key Stage 2 played an active role in packing the bags, gaining a greater understanding of the positive impact their fundraising efforts would have on children globally.

The School Council has also been working with **Able2Achieve**, a local charity that supports adults with learning disabilities, mental health needs and associated conditions. Through regular visits and collaborative sessions, the children have worked alongside staff and members of the charity to create a series of beautiful mosaics. These wonderful pieces of artwork will be displayed in the windows of the **Winking Frog Café**, showcasing the creativity and teamwork of everyone involved. Once all fundraising totals have been finalised, a donation will be made to support the ongoing work of Able2Achieve. The School Council members have been excellent ambassadors for the school throughout the year, demonstrating kindness, teamwork and a strong commitment to helping others. They should be extremely proud of all they have achieved.

Winners of the Art Competition have been chosen this week. Well done to Freddie, Evelyn and Penny who each won a sketch book set. All the art will be displayed in the Autumn term. Thank you for all the amazing entries, it was a tough decision for our Art Ambassadors and School Council members.

HUISH PTFA