October 2025

Huish Headlines

Ofsted Outstanding Provider

Dear Parents / Carers,

It has been a long half term and our Huish children are all very deserving of a nice break.

This half term has seen our new reception children settle very well. They are all working very hard and making excellent progress. Children in other year groups have all enjoyed a wide variety of activities including a year 4 visit to The Newt, a Bug Man visit for year 3, our annual Fashion Show for year 1 and an author visit for all of KS2. This week, we have enjoyed Art's Week, with all children taking part in looking at the work of various artists and completing art work of their own.

Thank you to everyone for your kind contributions towards The Lord's Larder. This is always very gratefully received. Children were thanked in assembly and spoken to about the good cause that this helps towards.

Our Halloween Disco and BBQ was a really enjoyable evening. We loved seeing the children dressed up in their costumes and having such a good time. Prizes were given out this week to best costumes, and prizes for the pumpkin carving competition were also awarded – well done to all of our winners and to everyone who took part!

Thank you to everyone who was able to attend parents' evenings this week. It is always such a positive experience to be able to share your children's progress and how they have settled so far into a new school year.

As we return after half term, we will be on the run up to Christmas It always comes around so quickly. We will be preparing and looking forward to our annual events such as nativities, carol services and Huish Christmas Dinner!

May I take this opportunity to also thank all of our wonderful staff at Huish. They all work incredibly hard to look after Huish children and to provide an excellent and enjoyable education. I wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable half term break.

We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 4th November.

Best wishes,

Cara Carlock—Head of School

School Dinners

The new menu that runs until April 2026 is now available to book on MCAS. A copy of the menu will be sent to all parents with this Huish Headlines.

Save the Children.

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND SAVE THE CHILDREN CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY WEDNESDAY 3rd DECEMBER

Please book your child's meal via MCAS by Monday 24th November. Cost (£4.10 KS2)
ALL children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper for a donation to this fantastic charity.

Remembrance

Poppies and merchandise will be on sale from **Wednesday 5th November**, please send your child in with a silver or gold coin to purchase a poppy from our house captains.

Merchandise is also available from the school office , a minimum donation of £1 is needed to purchase items.

REMEMBRANCE DAY
Lest We Forget

Dates for your Diary

Friday 24th October
Inset Day

Mon 27th October -Fri 31st October
Half Term

Monday 3rd November
Inset Day

Friday 7th November
Y4 Roman Day

Wednesday 12th November
Year 1 Cinema Visit

Friday 14th November
Last date for ordering school photos (proofs available after half term)

Thursday 20th November
Year 6 World War II Day
Year 3 Cinema Trip

Tuesday 25th November
Year 6 Cinema Visit

Wednesday 26th November
Year 5 Cinema Visit

Wednesday 3rd December
School Christmas Dinner

Friday 5th December
Non Uniform Day—Hamper Squares

Monday 8th December
Year R Nativity 9.15-10 am

Tuesday 9th December
Year 1 Nativity 9-10 am
PTFA Christmas Bingo 5.15 pm

Wednesday 10th December
Year 2 Nativity 9-10 am

Thursday 11th December at 6 pm
Christmas Carol Service @ St Johns

Friday 12th December
Non Uniform Day—Hamper Squares
Family Workshare at 2.30 pm
Hamper Packing at 3 pm

Friday 19th December
Last Day of Term

Mon 22nd December—Fri 2nd January
Christmas Holidays

Monday 5th January
Inset Day

Monday 11th May—Friday 15th May
Year 6 SATS

Monday 11th May—Weds 13th May
Year 5 PGL

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

Year 1 Fashion Show

At last, Year 1's long-awaited Fashion Show Day arrived! Children and staff dressed up from one of the following eras, 1900s (Victorians) 1950s or 1970s. Lots of fun activities and discussions took place throughout the day, including finding adjectives to describe the different clothes from each era, drawing and looking at similarities and differences through the ages. After lunch, the children practised walking up and down the catwalk to music from their chosen era. Finally, parents and grandparents arrived to watch the fashion show. What a fun filled day!

Year 3 Bugman

Year 3 had a really exciting and informative visit from the bug man! He talked to the children about different types of skeletons. They looked at animals with endoskeletons, exoskeletons and hydrostatic skeletons. Next, they talked about how different animals have evolved and the timescales involved. Finally, the children had the opportunity to look very closely and hold different species of stick insects, giant snails, scorpions and tarantulas.

National Poetry Day

To celebrate Poetry Day, Y4 have explored four poems with the theme of 'Play'. In groups, they picked a poem to 'text mark' and they performed their poems to the class. Reading and annotating the poems carefully helped them to consider the three skills of an effective reader – accuracy, pace and expression!

Digital Leaders

Our Digital Leaders have been nominated for this academic year. They have the great responsibility of looking after the technology in our school. They also help other children and Mr Welch with their IT needs.

House Captains

Congratulations to all the Year 6 children who were appointed as House and Vice Captains .

Author Visit

KS2 were very lucky to have Becca Rogers, author of 'The Girl With Gills', visit our school and speak to the children. She captured their attention and inspired creativity through a mixture of story-telling and writing prompts, keeping all of the children excited, enthused and engaged throughout. Becca then took the time to speak individually to all of the children receiving a signed book, which absolutely made their day. An absolutely brilliant morning! The children shared all of their wonderful ideas for writing, inspired by Becca, days later. Thank you to Yeovil Waterstones for arranging the visit.

Year R

Classes 1 and 2 have been enjoying creating some beautiful stain glass leaf pictures. They collected the leaves from their outdoor garden and used glue and paints to complete the pictures.

Year 6—Music

This half term, Year 6 have been learning all about different genres of music. They looked at the history of each genre and then listened to a range of songs and discussed the instrument families.

Year R

Reception children have enjoyed developing their gross motor skills using the bikes and scooters.

Y4—Science

Y4 used a variety of materials to try and create a number of different switches. This allowed them to control the flow of electricity through the circuits. We learnt that in order to make a switch work, it needs to be made out of metal (a conductor). Switches mean a circuit can be either open or closed.

Reading Awards

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Lilliana	Class 4—Elodie
Class 5— Ryan	Class 6—Elian
Class 7— Raya	Class 8—Vedh
Class 9— Phoebe	Class 10– Ethan
Class 11– Daisy	Class 12—Kacey
Class 13—Harrison	Class 14—Robin

Lord's Larder

Thank you to all the parents and staff for their donations for this year's Harvest Festival. Following an assembly with the Lords Larder your donations were given to this fantastic local charity.

Year 3—RE

To enhance their learning of Christianity the children in Year 3 attended St John's Church in Yeovil. They met the Reverend Graham who set them a treasure hunt task. As part of their visit they discussed key features of the church including the font, the altar and the pulpit.

Online Safety

Risks of using AI for mental health

AI chatbots and wellness apps are becoming increasingly popular, which may lead to your child accessing them to support their mental health.

YouTube—YouTube is one of the most popular platforms, available across many different devices- phones, tablets and Smart TVS etc.

What should I be concerned about?- The information/advice given may not always be accurate.- Privacy concerns of how data is collected and used.- Children may use these apps rather than seeking help from an adult. YouTube is intended for users over the age of 13, however, younger children can still access

YouTube with consent from a parent/ guardian. There are different options available to access YouTube, depending on your child's age: 1. *YouTube Kids*–a separate app that includes a smaller selection of videos based on the age category you select: Preschool (ages 4 and under), *Younger* (ages 5–8) or *Older* (ages 9–12).

What can I do?- Chat to your child regularly about what apps and websites they are using and why.- Remind them AI is a tool and not a substitute for qualified professionals who provide tailored advice/support.- Talk to them about how they should fact check information. Check age ratings.

Further information https://stigmafreementalhealth.com/blog/supporting-youth-mental-healthwith-ai-a-guide-for-parents-andcaregivers/

Year 3 History

During History the children have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians and the mummification process. This special ritual could take up to 80 days to complete. They discussed how the bodies would be processed in readiness for the after life and then one lucky child was chosen to be mummified!

Year 2 Health

Year 2 learnt about the impact of exercise on their bodies. The children brainstormed the types of exercise they enjoy and why it is important to exercise. Afterwards they investigated how exercise impacts the body by completing 1 minute activities and discussion how they felt afterwards.

Y2 PSHE

Children in Year 2 learnt about healthy eating and its importance. They started by looking at the 'Eatwell guide' which showed the balance of foods needed to maintain a healthy diet, such as dairy, fruit and vegetables. They then organised foods into their correct food group, before designing a well balanced meal.

Arts Week

This week, all children have enjoyed participating in the first Art Week of the year.

Reception, looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy, Making portraits and hedgehog sculptures using natural materials. They also made beautiful leaf suncatchers inspired by their autumn walks.

Year 1 have been inspired by Kandinsky creating his famous circles art work.

Year 2 have created beautiful winter scenes by exploring colour and how to make tones.

Year 3 have explored the features of Pop Art and looked at Various pieces by Andy Warhol they have started making self portraits.

Year 4 have been looking at Roman Pottery earning about the difference rse and fine ware. They designed and made their own pots.

Year 5 have been learning about Gakonga; a Kenyan artist inspired by the vibrant colours of Africa.

Year 6 learnt about Impressionism and looked at the artists Vincent Van Gogh.

Art Ambassadors

House Sports

This term we have been developing our football and netball skills. This has been a great first term with lots of teamwork, skill development and resilience being shown.

House Sports Captains

Our House Sports Captains have been handed their badges today, they will be working with Mrs Scott-Smith to work with their houses and showcase sport across the School.

Cross Country

Two further races have been held during October where our Cross Country teams have continued to excel.

The first was held at Yeovil Showground where 552 children from 33 schools took part. The runners completed this rugged course with great determination and both the Year 4 and Year 5/6 Boys team finishing in first place overall. Individually, Ayda was 2nd in the Year 2/3 girls; Theo was 8th in the year 2/3 boys; Lucy was 9th in the Year 4 girls; Henry W 4th, Henry N 5th and Arthur was 7th in the Year 4 boys. Poppy finished 1st in the Year 5/ 6 girls and 4 boys finished in the Top 11 for Huish in the Year 5/6 boys. They were Jaxon (1st), T (3rd), Harrison (9th) and Caelen (11th)

The second race was held at Yeovil Town Football Club which is a flat fast course where 468 children from 33 schools took part. Our Year 4 boys and Year 5/6 Boys teams taking the overall team award titles. Special mention to Ayda 2nd (Y2/3 Girls), Lucy 9th (Y 4 girls), Henry W (2nd), Henry N (3rd), Arthur (9th) in the Year 4 Boys and finally Jaxon 1st and T 3rd in the Year 5/6 boys.

Amazing running from all our Club members and they should all be very proud of themselves. The first half of the season is now over and the final 3 races will resume in February.

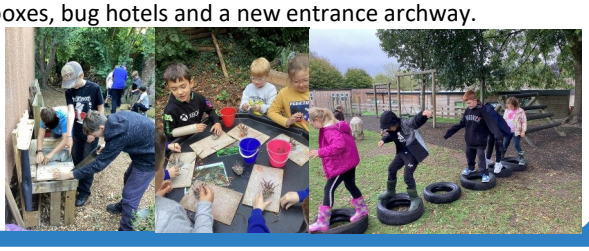
Netball

Year 5 & 6 pupils played their very first netball tournament at Westfield Academy. All of the players are new to netball and have been working hard at netball club and enjoyed practising their new skills against teams from other schools in the area. We won, drew and lost in our group. Great attitude, sportsmanship & teamwork! It was lovely to also see some ex pupils and netballers umpiring and supporting the games - thank you, Westfield.

Forest School

Our year 4 Forest School groups have been busy improving their team work skills, learning about collaboration and resilience. They've learnt about fire safety, toasting their own marshmallows and even making hot chocolate! Our Thursday Group have been learning about hedgehogs and have been creative in our mud kitchen.

With the help of St Andrew's Scout Group, we have continued to maintain and improve our Forest School area, with the Scouts making a new mud kitchen, bird boxes, bug hotels and a new entrance archway.



Netball and Football

Huish hosted a netball and football tournament for years 5 and 6 against Milford Junior School.

The Football was a very closely fought match with lots of action in all areas of the pitch. Huish took the lead early on with a great goal from Dexter. We then continued to hassle hard with the final score a convincing 3-1 win for Huish.

Netball was also a very well matched game. Everyone worked really hard to get some quick goals in the game and this soon saw Huish take a healthy lead. The final score was 7-0 to Huish!

Huish PTFA

A huge thank you to all that helped with the Halloween BBQ on Friday, the weather was kind to us and we had a really good turn out of parents.

A special thank you to the staff and volunteers who tidied up after the event, please remember to put your rubbish in bins provided.

Winners of the fancy dress and pumpkin competition have been announced in school with prizes sent home.

Our next fund raising events will be Hamper Squares, Christmas Decorations and the Christmas Bingo…… together with a new activity 'Penny Wars' - details to follow after half term.

Autumn B Clubs

Club	Day	Time	Starting	Finishing
Year 3-6 Cross Country	Monday	3pm-4pm	10th Nov	24th Nov
Year 4 Art Club	Monday	3.15pm-4.15pm	10th Nov	8th Dec
Year 3 - 6 Keri Hill Dance Club	Tuesday	3.20pm-4.15pm	4th Nov	9th Dec
Year 4-5 Dodgeball Club	Tuesday	3.15pm-4pm	11th Nov	9th Dec
Year 3-6 Choir	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	4th Nov	9th Dec
Year 1-2 Creative Club B	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	11th Nov	9th Dec
Year 5-6 Football Club	Tuesday	3pm-4pm	11th Nov	9th Dec
Year 4-5 Computer Club B	Wednesday	3.15pm-4.15pm	12th Nov	10th Dec
Year 2-3 Dodgeball Club A	Thursday	3pm-3.45pm	13th Nov	11th Dec
Year 5-6 Netball Club	Thursday	3pm-4pm	13th Nov	11th Dec

Please note Creative Clubs and Computing will now be the B groups.

Dodgeball for Years 2/3 will be Group A this half term and Group B after Christmas. Please see text message/slips for further details.

Year 5/6 Football, Cross Country, Choir and Netball will continue, children should attend as last half term.