Huish Headlines

October 2026



Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of our first half term, it has been lovely to reflect on what a good start to the school year we have had. Children have settled in to classes and routines and we have been fortunate to have some continued warm, dry weather. Our reception children have made a lovely start to their school life and are happy in their classes and making new friends.

It was a pleasure to welcome so many parents to our parents' evenings this week. Thank you for taking the time to meet with teachers and to discuss your child's progress so far this term. We hope you enjoyed spending some time looking in their books and seeing some of their work on display.

Thank you to all who attended and supported our PTFA Halloween disco and BBQ. This was an amazing turnout and a wonderful opportunity for our school community to come together. The weather was very kind to us and it was a really lovely evening.

Last week, we chose our year 6 House Captains, I look forward to seeing them take on their roles and responsibilities over the coming months. A massive thank you goes out to our Year 5 School Council representatives who have been supporting with school tours as we open our doors to new, prospective parents. The children have done a wonderful job representing confident, well-mannered and happy children at Huish.

Thank you to everyone - children, families and staff- who have contributed to the success of our first half term. I hope everyone enjoys a well-deserved break.

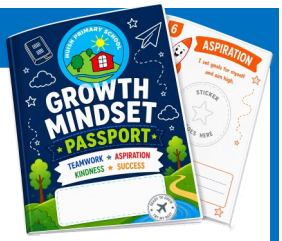
As we return after the holiday, the weather is likely to be much colder, so please make sure that children come to school with a warm, named coat each day.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. I wish you a lovely half term and look forward to welcoming everyone back to the second part of the autumn term.

Best wishes,

Cara Carlock (Head of School)

Growth Mindset



This term, we have been excited to introduce our new Growth Mindset awards celebrating the fantastic attitudes our children show towards learning. Each week, we shine a spotlight on one of six themes: Self-Motivation, Self-Confidence, Perseverance, Resilience, Reflection and Aspiration. Children who demonstrate these qualities receive a special themed sticker to add to their Growth Mindset passport, as well as a scented sticker to take home and share their achievement with their family. We hope the awards will inspire our children to keep challenging themselves, learn from their mistakes, celebrate their progress and remember that with effort, determination and a positive attitude, they can achieve great things.



Dates for your Diary

Mon 26th October -Fri 30th October
Half Term

Monday 2nd November
Back to School

Monday 9th November
No Screen Day

Friday 13th November
Year 4 Roman Day

Tuesday 17th November
Year 3 Cinema Visit

Thursday 19th November
Protect Our Planet Day

Wednesday 25th November
Year 6 Cinema Visit

Friday 27th November
Year 1 Cinema Visit

Tuesday 1st December
PTFA Movie Night –Details to follow

Friday 4th December
Non Uniform Day—Hamper Squares
Family Work Share at 2.30 pm

Tuesday 8th December
Year R Nativity 9.15-10 am

Tuesday 8th December at 6 pm
Christmas Carol Service at St Johns

Wednesday 9th December
Year 1 Nativity 9.-10 am
School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 10th December
Year 2 Nativity 9-10 am
Year 6 World War II Day

Friday 11th December
Non Uniform Day—Hamper Squares

Tuesday 15th December
Christmas Bingo at 5.30 pm

Friday 18th December
Last Day of Term

Mon 21st December—Fri 1st January
Christmas Holidays

Monday 4th January
INSET Day

Monday 10th to Wednesday 12th May
Year 5 PGL

Monday 10th to Thursday 13th May
Year 6 SATs

Year 1 FASHION SHOW

Children and staff travelled back in time for a fun-filled History Fashion Show, dressing up in Victorian, 1950s or 1970s outfits. They explored the fashions of each era through creative activities, discussions and comparisons before practising their catwalk walks to music from their chosen decade. Parents and grandparents joined them to enjoy the fantastic final show!





Year 5 SCIENCE

Year 5 have been exploring materials and their properties in Science, discovering why different objects are made from specific materials through a school treasure hunt. They have now begun investigating which solids are soluble and insoluble.





House Cup Winners



Whole School GUINESS WORLD RECORD

On Thursday 8th October, children and staff took part in a Guinness World Record attempt for the most people reading together online over 12 hours. After enjoying author-led sessions, everyone joined in with ten minutes of reading. We look forward to finding out after half-term if the record was broken!





School Council

Our new School Council members have been proudly elected and are ready to make a difference! They will use their ideas, teamwork and leadership skills to help improve our school, represent their classmates and organise exciting fundraising activities for our school community.



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.



Deadlines

The Autumn/Spring menu is now live, please book dinners by **Monday 26th October**.

Meals can be booked until April 2027

House Captains - Sports Captains

Congratulations to our Year 6 House and Sports Captains. They are very excited to take on their important roles and duties for the year.





Year 3 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Year 3 really enjoyed their visit to St John's Church in Yeovil, where they were warmly welcomed by Rev. Ben Graham. The children took part in an exciting treasure hunt, searching for five coins that spelled out the word 'JESUS'. They discovered lots of fascinating facts about the church, including that it is an incredible 650 years old, helping them to learn more about its history and importance to the local community.





Online Safety



Roblox is a platform consisting of a collection of games.

Players can either create games or play games that other users have created. As a lot of the content is user generated, not all games will be suitable for your child to view/play.

If your child is playing Roblox, it is **important** to monitor what your child is accessing as well as set up appropriate parental controls. PEGI rate Roblox with a Parental Guidance (PG) recommended label, this is because it is a **platform of individual, user generated games.**

Parental Controls

As part of parental controls, you can manage content ratings, communication, screen-time, and spending limits as well as see which games your child is playing on and who their friends are. Roblox are extending these controls to allow you to:

- Block specific individual games (to age 15).
- Manage direct chat settings (to age 15).
- Approve access to specific games.

It is important to regularly monitor what your child is playing on Roblox and who they are interacting with, even if you have parental controls set up. You can find out more about the new accounts and parental controls here:

https://about.roblox.com/newsroom/2026/04/introducing-roblox-kidsand-select-accounts

Year 3 SCIENCE

Year 3 enjoyed an exciting visit from the Bug Man, learning about different types of skeletons and how animals have evolved. The children also had the opportunity to get up close to and handle fascinating creatures, including stick insects, giant snails, scorpions and tarantulas!




Year 6 PSHE

Children in Year 6 took part in a workshop led by the Schools Mental Health Team. It was a fascinating session that led to lots of great discussion about mental health.



Year 5 MUSIC

Year 5 have been learning to play the violin and developing their musical skills. They proudly shared their progress and performed for KS2 in a special assembly, showcasing how much they have learnt!



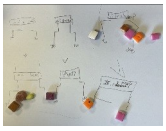
Year 4 HISTORY

Year 4 enjoyed an exciting visit to The Newt Roman Villa, exploring the museum's original foundations and Roman mosaic. They also discovered what life was like for the Romans by exploring a replica villa, including its kitchen, study, dining room and bathhouse.



Year 6 SCIENCE

In year 6 science, children have been learning about classification of living things. They worked scientifically to classify sweets using a dichotomous key.




Whole School LORDS 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



Whole School STAR READERS

Well done to this half term's star readers

Class 3— Shubikha
Class 5— Hannah
Class 7— Molly
Class 9— Tommy
Class 11– Maanav
Class 13—Esther

Class 4—Stirling
Class 6—Rose
Class 8—Teddy
Class 10– Tala
Class 12—Merry
Class 14—Jade



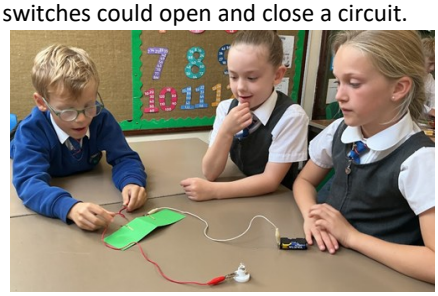
Year 2 GEOGRAPHY

As part of their learning about the seven continents, year 2 children enjoyed a fantastic food-tasting experience! They sampled decaffeinated coffee from South America, figs from Africa, croissants from Europe, naan bread from Asia, blueberries from North America and Vegemite from Australia. They explored different tastes and textures, shared their thoughts and voted for their favourite foods. It was a fun and delicious way to discover more about the world around them!




Year 4 SCIENCE

The children used a variety of materials to create different switches, allowing them to control the flow of electricity through their circuits. They learnt that switches needed to be made using metal, a conductor, to work effectively. They also discovered how switches could open and close a circuit.



Arts Week

Year R

The children created sunflower paintings linked to Harvest, used printing techniques to make their own pumpkin patch and enjoyed an autumn walk. Inspired by artist Andy Goldsworthy, they also created sculptures using natural materials collected outdoors.



Year 1

Year 1 have been inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky and his famous circles artwork. They have been exploring different colours, shapes and patterns to create their own vibrant circle-inspired masterpieces, experimenting with how colours work together.



Year 4

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



Year 3

Year 3 have been exploring Pop Art inspired by Andy Warhol, drawing, sketching and printing everyday objects. They have also begun creating colourful self-portraits in his style!



Year 6

Year 6 explored Impressionism and studied the work of famous artist Vincent van Gogh, looking at his use of colour, brushstrokes and texture.



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about Gakonga, a Kenyan artist inspired by the vibrant colours of Africa, exploring his unique style and techniques.



Year 2

Year 2 have created beautiful winter scenes, exploring colour and learning how to mix different tones to create depth and atmosphere.



Sports

FOOTBALL



A team of year 5/6 boys took on Milford Juniors in an inter-trust friendly match. There were some incredible football skills on show and this led to an amazing amount of goals. Huish took an early lead and were in front for most of the game, however the game ended in a 5-5 draw.

CROSS COUNTRY



Our Cross Country squad has seen great success over the last two races.

The first at Yeovil Showground saw the Year 2/3 boys and the year 4 Boys teams finish in 1st place. Special mention to those finishing in the top 10 across all races Seb 1st (Y3 Boys), Ayda 2nd (Y4 Girls), Oscar 5th and Omar 8th (Y4 Boys), Jaxon 1st (Y6 Boys).

Last Monday saw the children compete at Yeovil Town FC with outstanding results for all 3 boys teams securing 1st place in all categories. Top ten finishers were Y3 Boys—Seb (1), Jax (2), Harry (10); Y4 Boys—Henry O (4), Oscar K (5), Omar (7); Y5/6 Boys Jaxon (1), Henry W (4). In the Y4 girls Ayda (2) and Eloise (9). Well done to all our runners who have taken part this term.

HOUSE SPORTS



This term we have been looking at the skills needed for netball, an invasion game.

Students have learned new skills and tactics and then applied them in a game situation through the House Sports Competition. This term, Shakespeare were the overall winners.

HOCKEY

Students from Huish took part in a hockey training festival. They learnt some of the basic skills needed to play hockey including passing, dribbling and tackling. They finished by playing games against East Coker and Kingfisher Schools.



FOOTBALL



Year 4 children at Huish took part in a recent football tournament. The boys played some fantastic football across the games; their passing and finishing was outstanding. They all worked extremely hard and as a result they won 3 games and drew 2 games.

NETBALL



Year 6 netballers had their first tournament and for some of our players their first game. They played brilliantly as a team and learnt lots from the experience with a win in one of our games, great defending and a few goals scored. Hopefully we'll be back in action again soon.

Huish PTFA



A huge thank you for supporting the PTFA's recent Halloween Disco—a huge amount was raised which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Prizes for the Best Fancy Dress and Pumpkins/Decorations have been announced in assembly today.

We have lots of exciting events leading up to Christmas including a Movie Night, Christmas Bingo and our Hamper Squares. Please check out Dates for your Diary on the front page.

Children have completed their IQ Christmas Card Designs and these will be sent home after half term to order, if you so wish.

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th Novemer at 3.15 pm in the IT Suite.



