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Newsletter Term1 Edition 1

11th September 2026

West Huntspill Primary School



Dear Families,

Wishing you all a very warm welcome to the start of term 1 of our new and shiny academic year!

We are delighted to share with you all that we are now officially part of the Pathway Trust and will continue to build on the strong foundations from the last two year between our twenty schools. For more information about Pathway, please search 'pathwaytrust'.

We are all very proud indeed of all our children this week, all starting a brand new year - especially our very youngest, whom for some starting school is a big step - they have all settled in so well.

A quick reminder to Year 6 parents that secondary applications are open from 14th September.

As always, please get in touch if you would like to talk about anything.

Thank you for your continued support,
Emma Barker
Headteacher



September

14th – Year 4/5/6 – SWIMMING LESSONS start
15th – Flu Vaccines
17th – Aspens Themed Lunch
17th – Year 6 Open evening at TKASA
30th – Year 4, 5 & 6 Trip to Caerleon

October

1st – Aspens Census Themed Lunch
6th – Reception 2027 Tour
8th & 9th – Year 5 Bikeability
23rd End of Term 1

November

3rd - Reception 2027 Tour
19th – Willow Class Trip to Clifton Suspension Bridge

December

3rd – Ash Class Trip to We are Curious?
18th – End of Term 2

NEW ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Somerset Council

IMPORTANT UPDATES - A GUIDE FOR PARENTS & CARERS

NEW! EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY FROM 1 SEPTEMBER 2026

TWO CATEGORIES

TARGETED ELIGIBILITY
Your child qualifies if your household receives **UNIVERSAL CREDIT** AND your annual household net earnings are **£7,400 OR LESS**.
(Also eligible for PUPIL PREMIUM funding for the school).

EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY
Your child qualifies if your household receives **UNIVERSAL CREDIT** AND your annual household net earnings are **MORE THAN £7,400**.
(Excluded to FREE SCHOOL MEALS ONLY).

WHO ELSE IS ELIGIBLE?
Common qualifying benefits are now wider than include:

- Income Support
- Income-based JSA
- Income-related ESA
- Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit
- Support under Part VI of Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Child Tax Credit (if not used for other purposes)

WHAT ABOUT RECEPTION, Y1 & Y2?
ALL children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2 in state schools get Universal Infant Free School Meals, regardless of household income.
BUT, IF YOU GET QUALIFYING BENEFITS, PLEASE APPLY FOR 'BENEFIT-RELATED' FSM TO ENSURE YOUR SCHOOL GETS EXTRA 'PUPIL PREMIUM' FUNDING.

HOW TO APPLY

1. APPLY ONLINE AT: www.somerset.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals
2. OR CONTACT THE ENTITLEMENTS TEAM: fsm@somerset.gov.uk OR CALL 0300 123 2224

INFORMATION CORRECT AS OF 1 SEPTEMBER 2026. FOR THE LATEST UPDATES, VISIT OUR WEBSITE.

Year 5

Bikeability

Please see your Weduc - Messages for information on booking your child into this invaluable life skills workshop
Deadline for booking is the 1st October
There are 12 spaces so it's first come first served!



PE Days 2026 2027

Ash - Tuesday & Thursday
Willow - Thursday & Friday
Hazel - Monday & Wednesday
Rowan - Monday & Wednesday



Years 4/5/6
Please note Swimming will replace Monday PE from the 14th September - 12th October

Hazel & Rowan Class
To please wear their kits into school on those days
Ash & Willow to bring and leave their kit in school for the term.

Discover West Huntspill Primary School

Applications will open on 28th September 2026

We are holding school tours on the below dates for new reception 2027 places:

Tuesday 6th October 2:30-3:00pm
Tuesday 3rd November 3:30-4:00pm

Please contact us on 01278 783842 to book a place

fb: West Huntspill Primary School email: west@thpa.theplt.org.uk web: www.westhuntspillprimary.org.uk

Safeguarding

If you have any Safeguarding concerns or just need to speak to a member of Staff confidentially you can book an appointment with our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Laura Collins, or our Deputy Safeguarding Leads Emma Barker and Amanda Loach.

For Little Learners Samara Johnson is our Designated Safeguarding Lead with Louise Jones as Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224

Email: childrens@somerset.gov.uk

Police: 101 or in an emergency 999



Somerset Saint

FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
From Reception up to and including Year 6

Please refer to your Weduc Messages on the 22nd June for letter with link to consent for your child's vaccine.

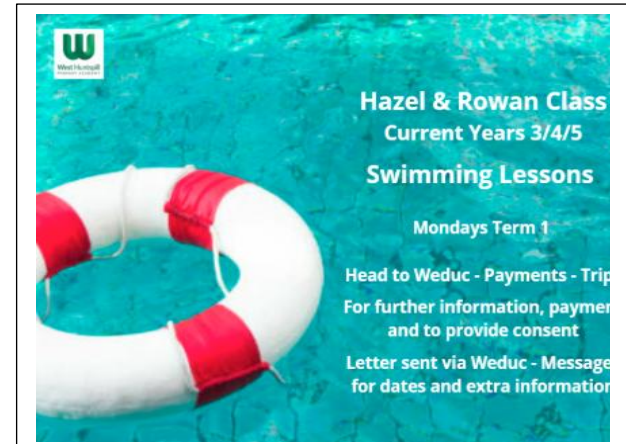
Decision form:

<https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

Unique school code: (West Huntspill Primary Academy)
unique code SM148531

We still have a few gaps for the flu vaccine which is being administered on the 15th.

Please read your letter from Somerset Saints and follow the link to either consent or not to consent.



NO Stopping/Parking

We need your help to keep our children safe during the busy morning and afternoon school runs.

Please remember that the yellow zig-zag lines outside the school gates are a strict No Stopping zone.

These lines are there to give our pupils a clear view of the road so they can cross safely.

Even stopping for just a moment to let your child out puts others at risk by blocking the view for pedestrians and other drivers.

Please park a little further away and enjoy a short walk to the gates instead.

Thank you so much for your support, cooperation, and help in keeping our school community safe!

Ash Class

We have had such a brilliant first week in Ash Class! The children have all been playing, learning and sharing together. We have spent lots of time looking at routines, school spaces and transitions so the children feel safe and knowledgeable about the school day.

What a super week!



Little Learners

Welcome back, Little Learners. It has been lovely to welcome back our returning children and to meet some new friends too!

During this first week, we have been reintroducing our preschool routines, been a good friend to our new children and learning their names. What a busy, busy week!

We look forward to getting to know you all more over the next few weeks.



RECEPTION AND YEAR 1 ARE
GOING ON A TRIP!

WE ARE THE CURIOUS
3RD DECEMBER

NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK
THROUGH THE REACH MORE
PARENTS APP : PAYMENTS



YEARS 4,5 AND 6 ARE GOING ON A TRIP!

**CAERLEON
ROMAN
FORTRESS**
30TH SEPTEMBER

NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK THROUGH THE
REACH MORE PARENTS APP : PAYMENTS



YEARS 2 & 3 ARE GOING ON A TRIP!

CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE
19TH NOVEMBER

NOW AVAILABLE TO BOOK THROUGH THE
REACH MORE PARENTS APP : PAYMENTS





Welcome to Hazel Class!

A very warm welcome to Mr Rosser, our new Year 4/5 teacher for Hazel Class! We are absolutely thrilled to have you join our school team. Your energy, expertise, and passion for teaching will undoubtedly make this a fantastic, inspiring year for our Year 4 and 5 students.

We look forward to working together and wish you a wonderful first term ahead!



Welcome to West Huntspill!

If you see Ms Smithers or Ms McNally in and about the school give them a wave and say hi!

Both have joined us as Learning Support Assistants within the school.

Welcome Reception Class!



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Year 6 Pupils

If you have a child transferring to secondary and upper school in September 2027, the online portal will be open from Monday 14th September 2026 and you will have up until midnight on 31st October 2026 to submit an on-time application.

We recommend you always include your catchment school as one of your preferences. If you don't and it becomes oversubscribed, we can't guarantee your child a place there and if you don't get offered one of the schools you have chosen, your child might be offered a school further away with no travel assistance.

https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/applying-for-school/starting-at-a-secondary-or-upper-school-in-september/?fbclid=IwY2xjawUPlutwZG9mAWV4dG4DYWVtAjExAHNydgMGYXBwX2lkEDlyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR7rl6w2rgeCqroieDTwM9aZQrJbNytAEA7WLLMj_oGgDPylbbhwmMCl9WVtsQ_aem_03t0CWFzPKlrMwfeT7SqRQ

Walking home from school

If you wish your Year 5 or 6 child to walk home from school please ensure you have given consent via

Weduc – Forms

If it's an ad hoc day please make sure you tell the office that they will be walking home on that day



Medical Information

If your child has a medical condition, or their medical condition changes, please inform the office so we can ensure that we can support them in school.

We may request you to complete an Individual Health Care Plan to help detail symptoms to look out for, medical intervention directions etc. In some cases this may require a face to face meeting to clarify expectations and details. This helps us to ascertain any additional training requirements our first aiders may need. Please also ensure any prescribed medications are brought into school and consent for administering form is completed.



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