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Newsletter Term 1 Edition 3

9th October 2026

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West Huntspill Primary School

West Huntspill Primary Academy PTFA

Dear Families,

Well Autumn certainly feels like it has (finally) landed and the socks and boots are back on!

The last two weeks have been great - Phase 3 has had a really successful trip to find out more about the Romans in Caerleon; we have had bikeability for some pupils, where life-long skills have been learnt. A big shout out to Madame Ladd who has been instrumental in making this happen for our young people.

We have got our Learning Review Meetings in all our schools next week. We encourage you to bring your children to these, so they have the opportunity to talk about their learning and how proud they are of it and what they know they need to work on, so please bring them along!

It is the end of term on Friday 23rd and to remind you that the children are due back in for Term 2 on TUESDAY 3rd November.

Thank you for your continued support,
Emma Barker
Headteacher



October

12th - Last 4/5/6 Swimming Session – Bring Tshirt/PJ top!
13th & 15th - Parent Review Meetings – Please book your slot!
16th – Maundril's Farm Y4/5/6
16th – After School Clubs go live
16th Odd socks day for Anti Bullying
19th - Year 6 Catch up Swimming Starts – invite only
23rd - End of Term 1
31st - Closing date for Secondary School Applications

November

6th - Year 6 Kilve Deposit deadline
2nd - Inset Day
3rd - Term 2 starts
3rd - Reception 2027 Tour
19th - Willow Class Trip to Clifton Suspension Bridge

December

2nd – Willow Class Samba Performance & Celebration of Learning
3rd - Ash Class Tip to We are Curious?
8th – Ash Celebration of Learning
9th – Rowan – Celebration Of Learning
10th – Hazel Celebration of Learning
14th/15th – The Twinkly Nativity Little Learners/YR/1/2/3 – Details to follow
16th – Christmas Carols @ Church Y 4/5/6 – Details to follow
18th - End of Term 2

January

4th – Inset Day
5th – Term 3 starts
15th – Closing date for Reception 2027 School Applications

Year 4/5/6 Caerleon Trip!



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 Lead Emma Barker.

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 999



Year 6 Residential 14th-16th July 2027

If you would like to register your child's interest, and reserve a space on the camp, please complete the consent form on Reach More Parents App (Weduc) for your child to attend the camp and pay the **non-returnable £25 deposit by Friday 6th November** through the payments section. If you need assistance in being able to do this through Reach More Parents App please speak to a member of the office staff who will be able to help you.



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.thepit.org.uk web: www.westhuntspillprimary.org.uk

Jewellery Guidance

Please see your Weduc – Messages for full information on the National Safety Guidance regarding jewellery and Physical Education, Sports Clubs and Swimming Lessons.

We kindly ask for your cooperation regarding our school jewellery procedures.

PARENT & FAMILY SUPPORT ADVICE
PFSA

information about what we are and what we can help with
for more information: pfsa@thepit.org.uk

Aim of PFSA:

- Support parents to strengthen their skills
- Help parents feel more involved with their child's school
- Offer guidance to other support networks
- Work alongside schools and families to support children

Our PFSA offers free, impartial, practical advice and support to parents to help with issues such as:

- Routines and boundaries
- Attendance
- Behaviour management strategies
- Understanding and supporting emotional wellbeing

Our PFSA provide support in many different ways:

- Support in the home
- 1:1 and small group work with children/families
- Parenting courses
- Transitions

Want to find out more? Contact pfsa@thepit.org.uk or ask at your school

"Parenting is tough; we all want the best for our children - working together has made us all stronger."

If you would like to speak with our Kelly Daly, (our dedicated PFSA), whether you are navigating challenging times, looking for community resources, or simply need an empathetic, non-judgmental ear to listen, Kelly is here to offer confidential, compassionate guidance.

Mon - Choir Club

Tues - Create Club

Wed - Lego Club

Thurs - Balance Club

Fri - Mindfulness

Term 2 After School Clubs
Weduc - Payments - Parent Pay
Clubs go live 16th Oct 5pm

Aspens



Please book your child's lunch for Term 1 if you haven't already

Parents will be asked to drop off a packed lunch if they are not booked in by 9am on the day

Hazel Class

The last few weeks have been an absolute blast in Hazel Class! As part of our enquiry topic, *"Why do people invade and settle?"*, the children have been diving deep into history and discovering countless fascinating facts about the Romans. A major highlight was our recent trip to Caerleon, where we truly stepped back in time. The children loved examining ancient museum artifacts, standing in the famous amphitheatre where battles once took place, marvelling at the incredible scale of the Roman baths, and walking through the historic soldier barracks.

The excitement has continued back in the classroom with plenty of hands-on learning. The children have loved bringing history to life by trying on Roman armour, training as gladiators, and crafting their very own shields. They've also put their problem-solving skills to the test by using Roman numerals to crack secret codes, and they turned into digital detectives on the computers to research secondary sources and explore famous structures like the Colosseum in Rome. It has been an action-packed few weeks full of curiosity and discovery!



Little Learners

We have been enjoying all things Autumn in Little Learners this week. The children have been exploring the garden, looking at the different shapes and colours of leaves. We have been painting leaves and making hedgehogs with play dough and pegs. We also held our Autumn reading cafe, where we had lots of fun painting with apples and reading lots of Autumn books with our families. Thank you to everyone who came along to join us.



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





DEADLINE for Consent 12th October

Years 4, 5 & 6

Maundrils Farm Trip

16th October 2026

Head over to Weduc - Payments - Parent Pay

To consent for this free trip



YEARS 2 & 3 ARE GOING ON A TRIP!

CLIFTON SUSPENSION BRIDGE

12TH NOVEMBER

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





LEARNING REVIEW MEETINGS

13TH AND 15TH OCTOBER



This is an opportunity to book a time to discuss your child's progress and learning with their class teacher.

Booking now available:

<https://westhuntspill.schoolcloud.co.uk/>



CURRENT VACANCIES

Preschool Practitioner - West Huntspill Primary

Key Stage 2 Teacher - East Huntspill Primary

Learning Support Assistant - West Huntspill Primary

Learning Support Assistant - Pawlett Primary

Visit <https://www.pathwaytrust.uk/Vacancies/>
for more information

Pathway
Trust

Fruit & Veg

We are delighted to share that our school has been selected to take part in the Tesco Fruit & Veg for Schools scheme!

Over the next year, our pupils will enjoy daily portions of fresh fruit and vegetables to keep their minds and bodies fuelled for learning.

From everyday favourites like apples and bananas to exciting new tastes and variety, we can't wait to explore healthy snacking together in class.

A huge thank you to Tesco for supporting our children's health, energy, and well-being!

Let's get tasting! 🍎🥕

#FruitAndVegForSchools #HealthyEating #SchoolSnacks #TescoCommunity #HealthyHabits



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 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=IwY2xjawUPlutwZG9mAWV4dG4DYVWtAjExAHNydGMGYXBwX2lkEDlyMjAzOTE3ODgyMDA4OTIAAR7rl6w2rgeCqroieDTwM9aZQrJbNytAEA7WLLMj_oGgDPylbbhwmMCI9WVtsQ_aem_03t0CWFzPKlrMwfeT7SqRQ

Reception Pupils 2027

When applying for a starting or transferring school place for September 2027, rest assured that applications are NOT dealt with on a first come first served basis!

If a school is full all applications are considered against the over-subscription criteria. The deadline is 15 January 2027 for primary, junior and middle applications so there is plenty of time to look at schools before.

Somerset Admissions will not be sending individual letters to home addresses to advise parents to apply.

All the information you need is on the website so please just apply whenever you are ready and before the deadline of course.

Polite Reminder: School Gates at home time ●

Please help us keep our school secure by leaving the playground promptly after drop-off and collection. We love our community atmosphere, but we must ensure the gates are locked and the site is secure for after-school clubs.

Could we add to this that the space between the gates and the ASH Class entrance be kept as clear as possible for parents collecting and dropping off other pupils in the main school.

Thank you for your support!

Catch up Swimming
Mondays
Year 6

INVITE ONLY

19th October, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th November

Don't forget your kit - costume, towel and goggles in a bag

Please check your Weduc - Messages for more details and head to Parent Pav to consent

Swimming - 12th October

Please can you send your child in with a t-shirt or pyjama top for the last swimming session for them to wear in the water along with their full swim kit, including towel



WILLOW CLASS

You are warmly invited to our upcoming
Celebration of Learning and Samba performance!

Where every achievement shines bright

 Date: Wednesday 2nd December 2026

 Time: 8.50am
 Location: Hall



ASH CLASS

You are warmly invited to our upcoming
Celebration of Learning afternoon!

To give our children roots to grow and wings to fly

 Date: Tuesday 8th December 2026

 Time: 2.45pm
 Location: Ash Class



HAZEL CLASS

You are warmly invited to our upcoming
Celebration of Learning afternoon!

Proud of our work, proud of ourselves

 Date: Thursday 10th December

 Time: 2.45pm
 Location: Hazel Class



ROWAN CLASS

You are warmly invited to our upcoming
Celebration of Learning afternoon!

Looking back with pride, looking forward with hope

 Date: Wednesday 9th December 2026

 Time: 2.45pm
 Location: Rowan Class



Year 5 & 6 Bikeability!

Yesterday and today have been absolutely brilliant, with all the children showing fantastic teamwork and inspiring resilience. Over the course of the two days, they have supported each other brilliantly while tackling new challenges on their bikes, showing great determination even when things got tough. Every single child put in an incredible amount of effort, and it has been wonderful to watch their confidence and skills grow on the road.



ENGAGEMENT
PARTICIPATION



Get creative for our Christmas holiday card!

The Statutory Virtual School want children looked after and care experienced young people aged 2-18 years to show their creative side this holiday season, by creating some seasonal art.

Your artwork could be one of the three lucky pieces that becomes Somerset Council's official Christmas holiday cards.

You can create your artwork in paint, pencil, photography, collage, stencil or any other art equipment that you want to use.

Let us know what:

The season means to you

Winter looks like in Somerset

Your favourite memories of the season

Please include your name, age and contact details with your artwork submission.

Closing date Friday 6 November 2026



Age 6-11
Thursday 5pm-6pm
The King Alfred School

SOMERSET YOUTH THEATRE

Do you love Acting, Drama, Games and all things Theatre?
Would you like to make your very own plays alongside the professionals?
Then come join us at Somerset Youth Theatre: Highbridge!

We believe that ALL young people should have access to our weekly Youth Theatre sessions and offer a Pay What You Choose payment system.

www.somersetyt.com
info@somersetyt.com
07918425923

Book a taster!



NEW ELIGIBILITY FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS



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**.
(Entitled to FREE SCHOOL MEALS ONLY).



WHO ELSE IS ELIGIBLE?

Common qualifying benefits are slow warries that 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 assessed taxable income is less than £10,160 and you don't get Working Tax Credit)



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.



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