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West Huntspill Primary School

**Reporting absences select Absence Line, via
Weduc or speak to the office**



Term 1 Newsletter

5th September 2025



Dear Families,

Welcome back! I am always excited by the start of a new term, let alone a new year!

I sincerely hope you all had a good break over the summer and enjoyed our wonderful weather (for a change!).

As always we start the year as we mean to go on - with learning at the very heart of everything we do. All your support with your child's learning helps - reading with them, listening to them tell you about their learning, asking about their learning, number problems, writing - any writing, ALL of these 'little' things really do make a difference to the outcomes of your children and ultimately their future. If you need or want more ideas of how to help support, please ask!

If you would like to be more involved, or even have an informal chat about being more involved in the development and ongoing improvement of our schools - please let me know, I am genuinely interested in talking to you about our Community Council.

Thank you for your ongoing support, have a super few weeks.

Kind regards,
Emma Barker

September

After School Clubs start 3.15 – 4.15pm daily

5th/12th/19th/26th – Celebration Assembly –

Invite Only

8th – Year 6 SAT's Club – Invite Only

10th Ukulele with Mr Selby starts (Willow)

10th & Every Weds Incredible Year TPLT

Families

15th – Individual School Photos (School & Little Learners)

October

20th – Flu Vaccinations (PM)

Little Learners

A huge WELCOME BACK to all of our Little Learners this week and a very warm WELCOME to our new friends too. It has been lovely to see and meet you all this week after the summer break!

We have been busy settling the children into our preschool routine and doing all the things they know and love like exploring nature, making playdough, climbing, reading and much, much more! It is so lovely to see the children making new connections and bonds with their peers and adults as they settle in.

To help us get to know each other even more, our Little Learners will be sent home with 'All About Me' bags. Please help your child to fill and decorate their bag with family photos, drawings, favourite things or objects for them to share with us and their friends. This will support our discussions around who we are, plus our likes and dislikes, and as we talk about our friends and family.





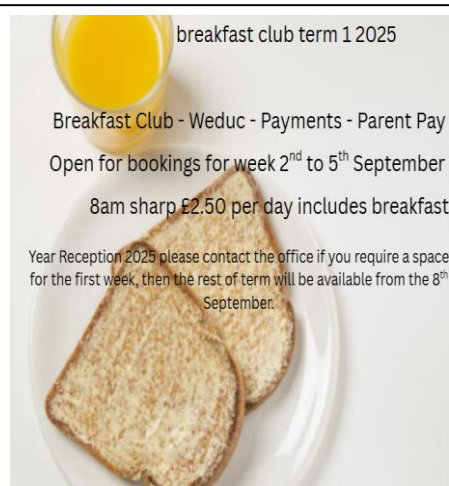
Please welcome Ms Strange to Hazel Class as our new teacher!

Say hello in the playground if you see her!



Label your items
=
Returned items

Please ensure all items of uniform are labelled to make sure they're returned safely to your child



breakfast club term 1 2025

Breakfast Club - Weduc - Payments - Parent Pay
Open for bookings for week 2nd to 5th September
8am sharp £2.50 per day includes breakfast

Year Reception 2025 please contact the office if you require a space for the first week, then the rest of term will be available from the 8th September.

Job opportunities

Would you like to work in a school?

We have a variety of job vacancies now available at our local schools.

Please visit www.theplt.org.uk for more information and join our amazing teams.



PE DAYS 2025 2026

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



Ash & Willow to keep your PE kit in school
Hazel & Rowan to wear your PE on PE Days



READING CAFE IS OPEN!

TERM 1

Monday 8th September

Tuesday 16th September

Wednesday 24th September

Thursday 2nd October

Friday 10th October

Little Learners are invited from 2:45pm

Classes open at 3pm

Share the Love of reading

come along and enjoy a book with your child



Aspens

HEAD TO ASPENS TO BOOK YOUR CHILD'S LUNCH FOR TERM 1

SELECT.ASPENS-SERVICES.COM

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 Cat Riley 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

GIRLS RUGBY IS BACK!

GIRLS-ONLY RUGBY TRAINING

**EVERY SUNDAY 1 10:30 – 12:00
STARTING 6TH SEPTEMBER 2025**

Whether you're brand new to the game or already love rugby, come and be part of something exciting. Our welcoming sessions are packed with fun, fitness, and friendship.

- ✓ OPEN TO GIRLS AGED 10–16 (SCHOOL YEARS 6–11)
- ✓ NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED – JUST ENTHUSIASM
- ✓ LEARN NEW SKILLS IN A SUPPORTIVE, ALL-GIRLS ENVIRONMENT
- ✓ RFU-QUALIFIED COACHES
- ✓ MAKE FRIENDS, BUILD CONFIDENCE, AND HAVE FUN!

CONTACT US BEFORE ATTENDING (IN CASE OF AWAY GAMES):
Anneliese: 07877 897269 | Chris: 07885 874908
barfc.youth@gmail.com

COLLEGE WAY, BATH ROAD, BRIDGWATER, TA6 4TZ



Join Our PTFA – Volunteers Needed!

Our PTFA is looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help us continue supporting our students through fundraising and exciting events.

Who can get involved?
Everyone! Parents, grandparents, carers and friends of the school are warmly invited to join in.

Every little effort makes a big difference.

Volunteering is a great way to connect with other parents.

Your support helps enrich our school community.

Meetings are flexible – join us as much or as little as you like!

To get involved, please contact the school office.

Let's make a difference together!

Individual Photos

15th September 2025



DON'T FORGET YOUR SMILE!



**New Year 6's:
ADVENTURE AWAITS!**

CHARTERHOUSE RESIDENTIAL TRIP 15TH -17TH JULY

Visit payments ; offers on the Reach More Parents App for more information and to reserve your child's place.

Ash Class

Ash Class have had a brilliant first week back! We have been learning lots about our school environment and playing outside with our friends. We are very excited for Week 2!



Free School Meals new eligibility criteria

The change means that from September 2026 all households receiving Universal Credit will qualify. Families will still need to apply to receive the benefit. See if you may qualify under the current criteria now:

Visit <https://service.somerset.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

Your child may also receive extra financial support to attend breakfast club, after school enrichment and school trips.

Don't forget - If your child is moving into year 3 they will no longer qualify for universal free school meals. (unless they receive income-based free school meals).

Please ensure a packed lunch is brought from home or a paid hot meal is ordered through Aspens' Select website.

If you are unsure please contact the school office and we will be happy to assist you

The Secondary School Admissions Guide is now live on Somerset Council's website (somerset.gov.uk)

We strongly encourage you to read this before making your application.

We recommend you always include your catchment school as one of your preferences. If you don't and it becomes oversubscribed, they 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.

The online portal for Secondary and Upper School applications will be open from **15th September 2025** and you will have up until midnight on **31st October 2025** to submit an on-time application.

Please be reminded that any applications received after the deadline of 31st October may not be guaranteed their chosen place and it is imperative that applications are submitted online.

Please head to Weduc for the following:

Forms – Medical/Change of Contact Details/Photo Permissions/Walking Home from School (Year 5/6)

Parent Pay – If you have not signed up, please do ASAP for Trips/After School Clubs & Breakfast Club

Absences & Messages for the Office/School Staff

All School Communications/Notices and School calendar

If you are having trouble signing up to Weduc or Parent Pay please do come to the office for guidance

Academic calendar 2025-2026

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
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October 2025							
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November 2025							
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= inset day
 = bank holiday
 = term time
 = school holiday

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Little Learners Shout out!

Do you have any wooden dolls house furniture that you no longer use/are giving away?

Donations welcome!

Thank you for your support

After School Clubs

We still have a few spaces in our fantastic club provision for the following:

Tuesday – Book Club with Miss Smith

Wednesday – Football Club – Yeovil Town FC

Thursday – Explorers Club with Ms Ladd & Ranger Tim

Friday – Arts & Crafts Club with Ms Ladd





Sustainability Champions

Pupils at West Huntspill Primary Academy Receive Eco-Schools Green Flag Recognition!

This academic year, pupils at West Huntspill have led the way in promoting sustainability and raising environmental awareness among their school community, including peers, staff members, and the wider local community. Their exceptional efforts have been recognised with the prestigious, internationally recognised Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation.

The Eco-Schools programme, established in 1994, has been inspiring young environmentalists for over 30 years. It has grown into a global movement, with Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation awarded to schools in more than 100 countries. In England alone, the programme reaches over 1 million young people each year, empowering them to make a positive impact on our planet.

At West Huntspill, a pupil-led Eco-Committee, supported by Ms Ladd have embraced Eco-Schools' trusted seven-step framework to champion positive environmental behaviours and further their school's sustainability journey. The Eco-Committee kicked things off by reviewing their school environment and curriculum from an environmental perspective. They then worked together to create a detailed and impactful year-long action plan to drive meaningful change.

Eco-Schools England Manager, Adam Flint, expressed: "Every year, we are amazed by the incredible efforts of young people working together to create a better future for all. Their collective impact is truly remarkable. If everyone approached the climate crisis with the same level of passion and determination, we could resolve it much faster and make it a problem of the past. At Keep Britain Tidy, we are delighted to recognise their achievements with the Eco-Schools Green Flag."

To learn more about the Eco-Schools programme and accreditation, head to:

www.eco-schools.org.uk



Maundrills Farm Trip

Years 4/5/6

9th October 2025

Head to Weduc - Parent Pay to consent for your child to attend

Deadline for consent 3rd October 2025

West Year 6 Parents' SATs Meeting

We will be holding a meeting to explain key information about the upcoming SATs, including important dates, timings, expectations, and how you can best support your child.

 Date: Tuesday 23rd September

 Time: 3:20 PM

 Location: Rowan Classroom

We look forward to seeing you there!

SATS CLUB

If your Year 6 Child has been invited to SAT's Club for Term 1

Please make a note of these dates

The sessions will be on a Monday from 3:15 - 4:15 :

8th September
15th September
22nd September
29th September
6th October
13th October
20th October



Well done to our Hot Chocolate and Learning Chams for our 1st week back to school!

Somerset Saint Flu Vaccination Scheme

FLU VACCINATION FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11) are due on the 20th October (PM)

Decision form: <https://www.somersetsaint.co.uk/Forms/Flu> Unique school code:

(West Huntspill Primary Academy) unique code SM148531

This vaccination is part of the NHS routine immunisation programme for which your child is now due.

Please see Weduc – Messages for full details including letter and link.

Further information can be found at the NHS website www.nhs.uk/child-flu. This information includes details about children for whom the nasal spray is not appropriate.