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West Huntspill Primary School

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



Term 1 Newsletter

19th September 2025



Dear Families,

I feel an enormous sense of pride when I walk around our school. I know it sounds a bit twee, but I honestly feel like we are a big family, where everyone belongs. I spoke to a child this week about our school uniform and they said to me "I love that we have our school jumper, it makes me feel like I am part of a team". This is exactly how I would like our children to feel - all are welcome and all belong.

I am holding a Coffee with the Head session very soon, Chloe Steventon, our PFSA is coming as is our SENDCo and our learning mentors, come and have a chat with any of us - look out of Weduc and facebook for more details.

Thank you for your continued support, have a great few weeks.

Kind regards,
Emma Barker

September

Wednesdays Incredible Year TPLT Families
Secondary School Applications OPEN
23rd Y6 SAT's Parents information evening
23rd – Tuning Into Kids Starts
26th – Charterhouse deposit Deadline

October

1st – Reception 2026 School Tour
9th – Maundrill's Farm Trip 4/5/6
14th – Coffee with the Head
15th – Y6 catch up Swimming starts
20th – Flu Vaccinations
31st – Secondary School Application Deadline

November

9th Reception 2026 School Tour
13th – Carymoor – Willow Class Trip
14th – Children In Need – Non Uniform

Little Learners

We have loved getting to know our Little Learners more during these two weeks as they brought in their 'All About Me' bags. They've shared family photos, pictures they've drawn and favourite toys...even some goggles! The children have smiled and chatted away as they have shared their special things with the group.

Don't forget our special 'Reading Cafe' we are holding next week with a special craft to do too! Look out on your EYParent app for more information.

Do you have any spare clothing that your little one has outgrown? We are on the lookout for girls and boys underwear, socks and trousers if you think you can help.





Community Councillor

PARENTS of our schools - we invite you to be part of our Community Council.

Your views and ideas matter; we need you to be part of our important school improvement work - we can't do this without you!

COME AND HAVE A CHAT!
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO KNOW MORE, COME AND HAVE A VERY INFORMAL, NO OBLIGATION CHAT WITH EMMA BARKER (HEADTEACHER).

get in touch: west@thpa.thepit.org.uk

Calling all parents of 3-6 year olds!
We need you on Wednesday's at 1.15pm



The Incredible Years
An Empower Community Care Organisation

Would you like support in building a stronger, more positive relationship with your child? Join us on the 'Incredible Years' programme. Supportive sessions designed to help parents manage navigate the early years and overcome challenges they face along the way.

Free to attend and refreshments provided
Meet other local parents
Sessions start in September

Sessions held at West Huntspill School but ALL local families are welcome to join! Transport available!

To sign up or find out more, contact;
northsedge@westmendipHV@somerset.gov.uk
or ask school/preschool to sign you up




Label your items
=
Returned items

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



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.thepit.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



Follow us on our new Facebook Page



West Huntspill Primary School

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

WILLOW CLASS SCHOOL TRIP

CARYMOOR STONE AGE VILLAGE

13TH NOVEMBER

VISIT WEDUC - PAYMENTS TO GIVE
CONSENT AND PAYMENT FOR YOUR
CHILD TO ATTEND



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!

NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER



Voluntary donations of £1 or a food item for
Highbridge foodbank

A poster for a residential trip. At the top are logos for 'Bridgwater Primary Church Academy', 'West Huntspill Primary School', 'E', and 'Red Cross'. The main text reads 'New Year 6's: ADVENTURE AWAITS!' in a stylized font. Below this is a photograph of a mountain landscape with a waterfall. At the bottom, it says 'CHARTERHOUSE RESIDENTIAL TRIP 15TH -17TH JULY' and 'Visit payments ; offers' on the Reach More Parents App for more information and to reserve your child's place.'

Willow Class

Willow Class have been exploring *prehistoric art*. We began by looking at examples of cave drawings, discussing the animals and patterns we could see. Together, we thought about the tools Stone Age people might have used to create these drawings and how they could have added colour.

Next, we studied pictures of native British animals such as deer, foxes, badgers, and owls, paying close attention to the shapes, lines, and patterns in their bodies. Using pencils, the children sketched these animals in their sketchbooks. In our following lesson, each child chose one animal to scale up. They used charcoal to create bold outlines and add detail, producing some striking artwork!

Willow Class have also started their *ukulele lessons* with Mr Selby. We began by learning the names of the different parts of the ukulele and how they work. The children then started to practise using the strings and even learned a fun song, "My Dog Has Fleas."





Discover West Huntspill Primary School Academy



Do you have a child starting school in September 2026?

Applications for school places open 29th September.

We would like to offer you the opportunity to come and tour our beautiful primary school set in the historic village of West Huntspill.

Our next tours are being held on :

Wednesday 1st October at 3:30pm
Monday 9th November at 1:30pm

Please contact us on 01278 783842 to book a place

fb: West Huntspill Primary School email: west@thpa.thepit.org.uk www.huntspillfederation.co.uk twitter: @TheHuntspills

Secondary School Applications

The Secondary School Admissions Guide is now live on Somerset Council's website ([somerset.gov.uk](https://www.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 see Weduc – Notices for you child's Class Letter, Tell me about sheet and Class Overview

Academic calendar 2025-2026

September 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
36	1	2	3	4	5	6
37	8	9	10	11	12	13
38	15	16	17	18	19	20
39	22	23	24	25	26	27
40	29	30				

October 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
40			1	2	3	4
41	6	7	8	9	10	11
42	13	14	15	16	17	18
43	20	21	22	23	24	25
44	27	28	29	30	31	

November 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
44					1	2
45	3	4	5	6	7	8
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47	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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1	29	30	31			

January 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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4	19	20	21	22	23	24
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February 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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March 2026						
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April 2026						
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May 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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22	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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25	15	16	17	18	19	20
26	22	23	24	25	26	27
27	29	30				

July 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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28	6	7	8	9	10	11
29	13	14	15	16	17	18
30	20	21	22	23	24	25
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August 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31						1
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34	17	18	19	20	21	22
35	24	25	26	27	28	29

 = inset day
 = bank holiday
 = term time
 = school holiday

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Coffee with the Head

You are all invited to join me for a coffee (or tea) and a chat

Term 1 14th Oct

Term 2 10th Feb

Term 3 19th May

from 8:30am

W learn, W achieve, W flourish

Schools and health guidance recommend that children stay home with a fever or after experiencing diarrhoea or vomiting until they have been symptom-free for at least 48 hours to prevent the spread of infection

UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONS - WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Tuning in to Kids

Being a parent can be one of the toughest jobs in the world. We know this and we are here to help you, help them. Come along for an informal drop in session to find out more about our impactful Tuning into Kids course. Everyone is welcome!

It can help with:

- ✓ UNDERSTANDING EMOTIONS
- ✓ BETTER CONNECTION BETWEEN YOU AND YOUR CHILD
- ✓ IMPROVED REGULATION
- ✓ PLUS MUCH, MUCH MORE...

DROP IN SESSION → **TUESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER FROM 1PM** → **WEST HUNTSPILL PRIMARY ACADEMY**

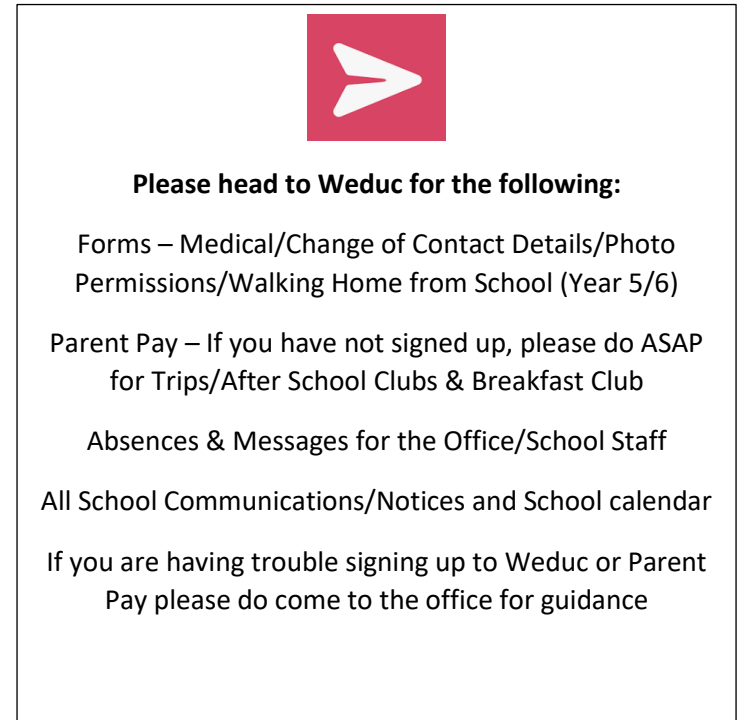
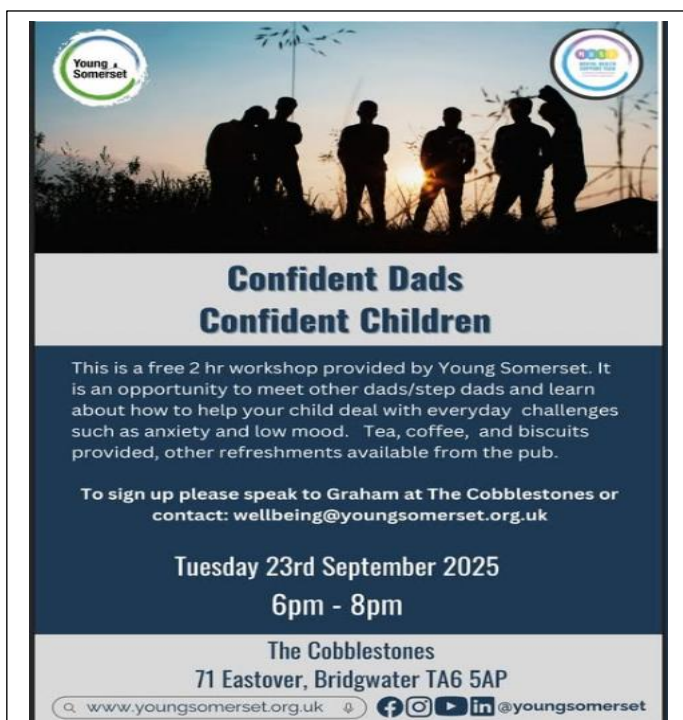
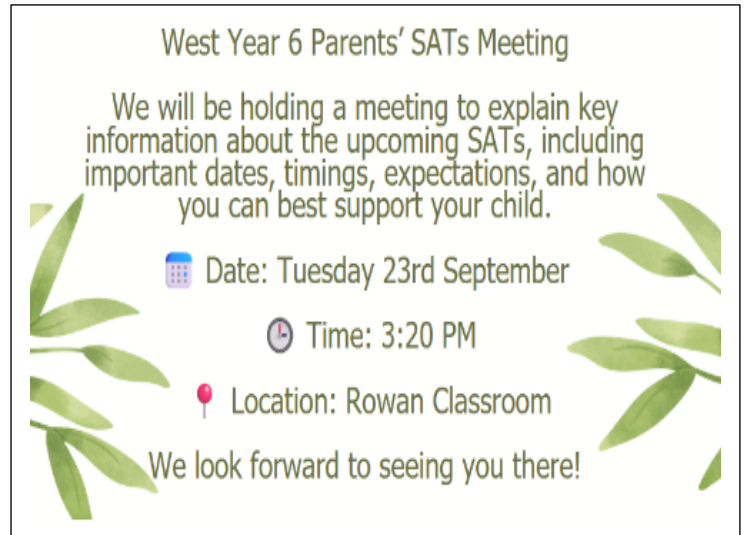
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Family Wellbeing Support and Advice

At our school's (West Huntspill, East Huntspill & Pawlett Primary) we know how important it is to work closely with our families. This Padlet contains useful information that we have collated to support your child and families wellbeing and mental health.

<https://padlet.com/TheHuntspillPrimaryAcademy/family-wellbeing-support-and-advice-caz1yvoarxz7lick>



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.