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West Huntspill Primary School

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



Term 1 Newsletter

3rd October 2025



Dear Families,

And just like that we are in October with just three short weeks left of term 1...woah!

As you will have seen, attendance letters have started to go out - these are based on factual information and we do appreciate that sometimes there are valid reasons for some absences.

In short the more children are in school, the more progress they make = increased opportunities for their futures.

Coffee with the head is before the end of term - this is a chance for us to literally catch up over a coffee and find out from you what is going well and what ways things can improve.

I do hope you can make it on the 16th of October.

Have a fabulous fortnight and thank you for your continued support.

Emma Barker
Headteacher

October

5th LSA vacancy Deadline
5th Messy Church
6th Tulip Deadline for Discount
9th Maundril Farm 4/5/6
10th Wear Yellow – Little Learners
15th Catch up Swimming Y6
16th Coffee with the Head
21st Parent Meetings
23rd Parent Meetings
31st Secondary School Application Deadline
20th – Flu Vaccinations (PM)
24th Little Learners “What we have been up to”

November

9th Reception 2026 School Tour
13th Carymoor 2/3
14th – Children In Need

Little Learners

What a busy and exciting two weeks we've had at Little Learners!

We've been out in the garden on a scavenger hunt, looking closely at all the changes Autumn brings. The children searched for leaves, bugs, twigs, and so much more — and it was lovely to see them supporting each other to find the items on their checklists.

As part of our topic on *Ourselves and Where We Live*, the children have also been busy making their own houses. The conversations as they worked were wonderful to hear, with children describing what their houses are made from, as well as the different shapes and colours they could see.





Learning Support Assistant

Fixed term until 31st August 2026, subject to external funding linked to your allocated student
Term Time Only
Part time - 30 Hours per week

TPLTSS3 £17,742 - £18,023 (actual salary)



WE learn, WE achieve, WE flourish

www.tplt.org.uk

Deadline 05/10/25

Absences and Holiday Requests

Please ensure that all term-time absences are reported and recorded correctly with the school office:

- **Illness** – Report using the Weduc Absence Form, leave a voice message, call the office, or send an email.
- **Medical Appointments** – Provide a copy of the appointment letter/card to the office.
- **Holidays** – A Term-Time Leave of Absence form must be requested and completed before going away.

This helps us make sure that every absence is recorded accurately on our system.

Thank you for your cooperation.



Don't forget to order your school photos!

If you order before **Monday the 6th October** then not only do you receive a discount, but the school will also receive commission, benefiting all pupils.



Please adhere to 48 hours for vomiting and sickness to avoid bugs spreading.

We have a sickness and diarrhoea bug in school at present.

If your child comes back to school before the 48 clear period has elapsed then we will unfortunately have to ask for them to be collected.



Lunchbox Reminder – Nut-Free School

Please remember that we are a **nut-free school** to help keep all of our children safe. Items that may contain nuts include:

Peanut butter or Nutella sandwiches
 Packs of nuts
 Cereal or granola bars
 Many baked goods and chocolates

Nuts can sometimes be hidden in less obvious foods such as breads, crackers, sauces, and even marinades.

Please always check ingredient labels carefully.

Additionally, sesame seeds can also be problematic for some children with nut allergies, so please avoid including these in lunchboxes too.



ParentPay is the school's payment provider.

You can activate your account by going on the payments section on Weduc and selecting the ParentPay option.

Follow the instructions that conclude to be able to have access to your child's profile in order to make payments for visits and club bookings.

If you require further help with setting up your account, please click

https://parenthelp.parentpaygroup.com/csp?id=ppg_emp_taxonomy_topic_customer&topic_id=2da9b5961b1b5a10dffc2f04b24bcb10&in_context=true

Please do not pay with one click payment as this does not leave your bank account immediately.

This does not secure payments until funds are cleared which could take up to 10 days.

We advise that you remove any saved bank details and enter them each time you make a payment.

This will ensure payment is immediately for trips to secure places.

Please click here if you are having problems with the Weduc app.

<https://www.reachmoreparents.com/parent-support>

A Heartfelt Thank You

We are delighted to share that we have been donated an electric keyboard from the estate of Kay Lloyd, a much-loved lady from West Huntspill village. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to her family for this thoughtful and generous gift.

The keyboard will be well loved and enjoyed by our pupils, and it will be put to great use within school for many years to come.

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

Learning Review Meetings

Please book a time with your child's class teacher through

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

Check your weduc inbox for more information, or visit the school office for further assistance

THE PRIORY LEARNING TRUST

Sunday 5th Oct - Come and explore the faith we share!

Sunday @ 3

All Age Worship
+ a little **Messy Church**

Every 1st Sunday of the month
West Huntspill starts at 3pm.
Cakes and drinks, songs and activities.

All Families Welcome

For more details, contact - Rev Chris - 781147 or email c.judson@btinternet.com

NON UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 14th NOVEMBER

BBC Children in Need

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

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

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

Hazel Class

Over the past month, Hazel Class have settled in brilliantly to a new school year.

In geography, we have enjoyed learning all about South America, exploring the physical features and the different exports from each country. I wonder if you could find anything in your home that comes from South America! In art, the children have been developing their creativity by producing beautiful poem portraits. They used descriptive words about themselves to create thoughtful self-portraits.

We have also had our first TT Rockstars battle within the class. The winners enjoyed extra time on the trim trail as their reward. Our next battle will begin soon - please encourage your child to take part at home if they can.



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

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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.

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
46	10	11	12	13	14	15
47	17	18	19	20	21	22
48	24	25	26	27	28	29

December 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
49	1	2	3	4	5	6
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52	22	23	24	25	26	27
1	29	30	31			

January 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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February 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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9	23	24	25	26	27	28

March 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
9						1
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14	30	31				

April 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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16	13	14	15	16	17	18
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18	27	28	29	30		

May 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
18					1	2
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22	25	26	27	28	29	30

June 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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24	8	9	10	11	12	13
25	15	16	17	18	19	20
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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
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August 2026						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
31						1
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33	10	11	12	13	14	15
34	17	18	19	20	21	22
35	24	25	26	27	28	29
36	31					

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

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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.

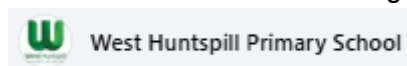


Family Wellbeing Support and Advice

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>

Follow us on our new Facebook Page



YEARS 4,5 AND 6 ARE GOING ON A TRIP!
MAUNDRILL'S FARM
9TH OCTOBER

PLEASE VISIT WEDUC TO PROVIDE YOUR
CONSENT FOR THIS FREE TRIP

**WILLOW CLASS
SCHOOL TRIP**
CARYMOOR STONE AGE VILLAGE
13TH NOVEMBER

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

**YEAR 6'S
CHARTERHOUSE
RESIDENTIAL TRIP**
2026



Trip balance now available to pay in
installments on Weduc

**YEAR 6'S ADDITIONAL
SWIMMING LESSONS**

STARTING
15TH
OCTOBER

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOONS
SELECTED PUPILS WILL RECEIVE A NOTIFICATION
THROUGH WEDUC FOR FURTHER INFORMATION &
PROVIDE CONSENT

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.