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West Huntspill Primary Academy

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Weduc or speak to the office



Term 2 Newsletter

21st November 2025



Dear Families,

I hope you have had a good couple of weeks since our last newsletter.

There has been a lot in the news lately about the importance of reading and how it is the key to unlocking everything else, not only education but in society as a whole.

Now this is not new news, but it does bring to the forefront again just how crucial any additional reading that can be done at home can help make a difference to the future of your child.

If you need any support or ideas of how to get your child more engaged in reading at home, please reach out, we are more than happy to help.

Please see our new section on our school's values and how we are celebrating these every term.

Until next time, stay warm!

Kind regards,
Emma Barker

December

1st Christmas Card Box OPEN in Reception
1st TKASA Christmas Light Turn on 4.30pm
1st Nativity Costume Deadline
2nd Christmas Jumper Donation Deadline
3rd Ukulele & Celebration of Learning WILLOW
4th Preloved Christmas Jumper Sale 3.15 HALL
4th Reception School Tour 3.30pm
5th PTFA Disco See Poster
8th Celebration of Learning ASH
11th Celebration of Learning HAZEL
15th Celebration of Learning ROWAN
16th Family Christmas Crafts Classrooms
17th Church Christmas Carol Service Year 4/5/6 4pm
18th Nativity Little Learners & Year R/1/2 2.10pm
18th Cake Bake Sale – Reception after Nativity, bring your donations in on the morning!
19th Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
19th TERM 2 ENDS

January

5th INSET DAY
6th TERM 3 STARTS
8th January School Tour

Little Learners

During these two weeks, we have been looking at who is in our community and the people that help us. We have been playing hairdressers, firemen and crossing patrol people and much more. We even had a visit from Nigel, our lollipop man, who came to talk about what he does to help us safely cross the road to preschool.

Do you have a job that helps people in our community and could come and show our children what you do and wear? We'd love to meet you...whether that's a shopkeeper, dentist, doctor, please get in touch!

Don't forget to come along to our next 'Reading Cafe Special' on Thursday 27th November at 2.45pm based around one of our favourite stories 'The Three Little Pigs.'



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

IN LITTLE LEARNERS THIS NOVEMBER

NOV 10

SCHOOL TOUR

COME AND LOOK AROUND
OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL
1.30PM

NOV 11

REMEMBERANCE DAY

POPPY ACTIVITIES.

NOV 14

CHILDREN IN NEED

Wear spots or Pudgsey
clothes.

NOV 27

READING CAFE SPECIAL

THE THREE LITTLE
PIGS. 2.45PM



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



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!

We have many items in reception that need collecting



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.




Whole School Christmas Craft afternoon

Tuesday 16th December
2.30pm - 3.15pm
Come and join us in our classrooms
Parents, Carers & Siblings Welcome



PTFA Bake Sale

18th December - 3.15pm
In reception
Donations to the office in the morning of the 18th

Bake Sale!



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Christmas Card Post Box will be available in Reception from the 1st December!



Discover West Huntspill Primary School Academy

Applications for school places close on 15th January

Additional school tour dates added due to popular demand:

4th December 3:30pm
8th January 1:30pm

Please contact us on 01278 783842 to book a place

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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



"To maintain a safe environment for all students, our school is completely nut-free. Please do not send any food containing nuts or nut products, including Nutella and items processed with nuts. Thank you for helping keep our students safe."



Willow Class

Willow Class had a fun filled day visiting Carymoor Environmental Centre yesterday for a Stone Age experience day. The children had lots of fun studying ancient artefacts, building stone age dens, completing a scavenger hunt across the site for different animal footprints and the children even learnt how to safely light their own fires using ferrocium rods. One of the children quoted 'this was the best day ever, I wish every school day could be like this!'.



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>



Christmas Jumper sale

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
3:15PM SCHOOL HALL

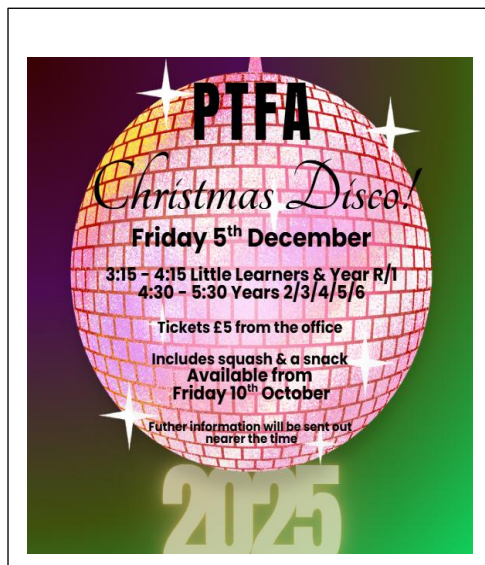
Please bring in any donations for our pre-loved jumper sale to the school office by Tuesday 2nd December

The poster features six colorful Christmas jumpers: a red one with a snowflake, a green one with a penguin, a red one with a snowman, a red one with a snowman, a green one with a gingerbread man, and a green one with a Santa Claus.



Save the Date!

- 4th December - Preloved christmas jumper sale**
3:15pm school hall
- 5th December - PTFA school disco**
3:15pm - Little Learners & Ash class
4:30pm- Willow, Hazel and Rowan class
- 16th December - Family christmas crafts**
2:30pm all classes incl Little Learners
- 17th December - Church Christmas Carol Service**
4:00pm Hazel and Rowan class
- 18th December - Nativity play**
2:10pm Little Learners, Ash & Willow
- 19th December - Christmas Dinner and Jumpers - All**



PTFA Christmas Disco!

Friday 5th December

3:15 - 4:15 Little Learners & Year R/1
4:30 - 5:30 Years 2/3/4/5/6

Tickets £5 from the office

Includes squash & a snack

Available from Friday 10th October

Further information will be sent out nearer the time

The poster features a large, colorful disco ball with the year '2025' at the bottom.



West Huntspill Primary Academy

PTA

West Huntspill Primary Academy PTFA

Follow our NEW Facebook Pages!



PTFA

We are planning a raffle for Christmas Hampers towards the end of Term 2

All donations will be extremely grateful and any baskets and wrappings too!

Please bring to the office in plenty of time

The poster features a large, woven basket filled with various items, including a large bow and a small gift.



School Admissions Clinic

Is your child starting school in September 2026?

Would you like some help with the Somerset schools admissions process?

Come and visit our 'School Admissions Clinic' at Burnham Library on the dates below.

We are happy to help you apply for your child's school place and arrange tours for you to visit your local primary schools. With help from The Priory Learning Trust, you can apply for your child's school place with ease and reassurance.

Wednesday 15th October 10am-11.30am
Thursday 6th November 11am-12.30pm
Monday 1st December 1.30pm -3pm

The poster features logos for The Priory Learning Trust, Burnham on Sea, Berrow Primary Church Academy, Pawlett Primary School Academy, West Huntspill Primary Academy, and East Huntspill Primary Academy.



READING CAFE IS OPEN!

TERM 2

- Monday 10th November
- Tuesday 18th November
- Wednesday 26th November
- Thursday 4th December

Classes open at 3pm

Little Learners are invited from 2:45pm

Share the love of reading - come along and enjoy a book with your child

The poster features a stack of books with the text 'READING CAFE IS OPEN!' and 'TERM 2' on top.

Celebration of Learning

Ash Class

8th December 2.45 - 3.15

Join us for our Celebration of Learning and see all the amazing work your child has achieved this year so far!

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing their fantastic progress and hard work. 🌟



Ukulele Performance
&
Celebration of Learning

Willow Class

3rd December 9 - 10am

Join us for our Ukulele Performance and Celebration of Learning and see all the fantastic achievements your child has made so far this year!

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing their progress, effort, and hard work.



Celebration of Learning

Rowan Class

15th December 2.45 - 3.15

Learning Celebration is our special event where pupils, parents, and teachers come together to celebrate the children's learning and achievements.

It's a positive, community-focused occasion designed to showcase progress, effort, and creativity rather than just academic results.



Celebration of Learning

Hazel Class

11th December 2.45 - 3.15

Join us for our Celebration of Learning and see all the fantastic achievements your child has made so far this year!

We look forward to welcoming you and sharing their progress, effort, and hard work.



FOOD FESTIVAL

FESTIVE FUN

19th December

Roast Turkey & Stuffing
Or
Roasted Vegetable, Cranberry & Cheese Puff Pastry Wreath
With
Roasties, Sticky Chipolata, Christmas Vegetable Medley and Gravy

Rudolph's Nose Cookie





Christmas Lunch

Lunch is on the PTFA!

19th December

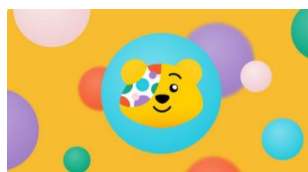
Wear your Christmas Jumper to School!

Please book your lunch:

<https://forms.gle/PRF5RbEe1kaWiy6z7>

Please submit by the 1st December

Children In Need



West raised £47 and received lots of donations for the food bank, thank you all!

TERM 1 - CURIOSITY

TERM 2 - RESPECT

TERM 3 - CREATIVITY

TERM 4 - HOPE

TERM 5 - RESILIENCE

TERM 6 - COURAGE

Our School Values

School values are the guiding principles and character traits that a school aims to instil in its pupils. They shape how children learn, behave, and interact with others, helping to create a positive, supportive, and respectful school culture.

These values are taught explicitly and are reinforced through daily routines, assemblies, and classroom practice to support pupils' decision-making, personal development, and long-term success.

Common examples of school values include respect, resilience, honesty, kindness, and determination.

Many schools also promote wider civic values such as democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect, and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.

Together, these values help children grow into confident, responsible, and compassionate members of both the school and the wider community.

Here are our school value for this year

Nativity
Little Learners Year R/1/2/3

18th December 2025
2.10pm School Hall

Tickets have been sent home, for each family, two family members per ticket

ST PETER AND ALL HALLOWS CHURCH
WEST HUNTSPILL

Wednesday 17th December @ 4pm

Year 4 / 5 / 6 - Carol Service
Please collect your child as normal @ 3.15pm and make your way to the church

PLEASE ACCEPT THE INVITATION ON WEDUC IF YOU ARE ABLE TO JOIN US



Ash Class had a visit from Secret World!

Our visitor, George, talked lots about the fantastic work they do, rescuing and rehabilitating different animals.

The children learnt some new vocabulary including 'migration' and 'hibernation', and what different animals do throughout the year. All the children listened so beautifully and asked some really thoughtful questions, well done everyone!



Ash Class listened to an assembly about the importance of road safety, and how we can all be road safety heroes! We practised crossing safely on different types of crossings, and remembering the Stop, Look, Listen approach.



Academic calendar 2025-2026

September 2025						
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa Su
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October 2025						
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November 2025						
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July 2026						
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August 2026						
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= inset day
 = bank holiday
 = term time
 = school holiday

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