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West Huntspill Primary Academy

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



Term 3 Newsletter

16th January 2026



Dear Families,

Happy New Year to you all and welcome to term 3! I am sure you feel that our festive break feels like a while ago now, but I sincerely hope you all had a restful and enjoyable time.

I am delighted that our attendance in schools is getting better. I cannot stress how important it is to children to maintain high attendance not only for their attainment and outcomes - but for their emotional and social development - let alone building resilience in our young people. We will be relentlessly working on getting our figures even higher, but did want to say thank you for all you are doing. (Letters will be going out again next week.)

There are loads of things on our newsletter this time - please take time to have a read through, so you know what is going on and when.

Have a good few weeks, if there is anything you want to talk to us about, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Barker

Headteacher

January

Mondays – SATs & MTC Club

20th, 28th – Reading Cafe

February

5th – Reading Cafe

6th Coin Challenge/Number Day

12th - Aspens Theme Day - Lunar

Chinese New Year

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



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LEARNING TRUST

Family Wellbeing Support and Advice

At our school 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>

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.

TERM 1 - CURIOSITY

TERM 2 - RESPECT

TERM 3 - CREATIVITY

TERM 4 - HOPE

TERM 5 - RESILIENCE

TERM 6 - COURAGE



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

Ash Class

Ash Class valued 'Curiosity' today, by exploring puddles! We had lots of fun splashing around and talking about the weather.



Area Athletics Bridgwater

Well done to our team from East and West Huntspill and Pawlett Primary schools for entering our athletic team on Thursday!



Little Learners

What a lovely start to the year we have had, welcoming back our children and meeting some new friends too. We have started having our lunch in the hall which has been very successful and the children have adjusted well.

We have been busy looking at a variety of materials and talking about what they are made of - plastic, cardboard, paper. We have then used these materials to print with and made fantastic models too.



Choir Club

Term 3

Tuesdays

5 sessions from the 20th January - 10th February

3.15 - 4.15pm

Weduc - Parent Pay - Clubs

£2 per session

Singing clubs help students build confidence, teamwork, and musical understanding in a fun and supportive environment.

PTFA Unwanted gifts

If you have any unwanted Christmas Gifts at home that are looking for a new home, please bring them to school for safekeeping until our next raffle!



PTFA - Numbers Day COIN COMPETITION

"NUMBERS DAY 2026: CAN WE REACH THE GATE IN COINS?"

Friday 6th February 2026

We are collaborating a PTFA fund raiser with "Numbers day 2026" and thought it would be a great idea to ask our pupils to bring in pennies, coppers and spare change, whatever you have.

We will then see how far each class can line up their pennies in the playground to win a prize provided by the school.

"Check the sofa! Empty the jars! Help us reach our goal!"

Every penny (and pound!) adds length to your class line.

Let's see how many numbers we can make!

Please start bringing in any change in time for our event to pop in our class boxes.

This is a two fold event, raising further funds for our PTFA!

Thank you for being generous and for your support.

Donations please!

Has your child outgrown their school shoes and/or coat recently?

If so, we are kindly seeking donations at school
Please bring to the office





WEBSITE LAUNCH

We are pleased to announce our brand new website is now LIVE!! Please visit the below link to view:

www.westhuntspillprimary.org.uk

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Did you know we have a new website? Please take a look at all the latest news and events, along with a host of useful information, including term dates, job vacancies and class pages.

Attendance

Under the Education Act 1996, it is a parent or carer's responsibility to ensure their child's regular attendance at school. This means that children must be in attendance every time school is open, unless they are prevented from doing so by reason of illness or any unavoidable cause.

As a school we monitor attendance throughout the year and we regularly contact families of children with low attendance. If your child has an attendance of 90% they miss out on 4 1/2 weeks of schooling each year.

We know that low attendance leads to low outcomes and we are committed to working with families to improve attendance and outcomes for all of our pupils. If you are worried about your child's attendance, or you have recently received an attendance letter, please contact us to arrange a meeting and discuss support that we can help put in place. You will find a link to the TPLT

Attendance Policy on our website if you require further information.

Academic calendar 2025-2026

September 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
36	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
37	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
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October 2025							
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November 2025							
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December 2025							
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February 2026							
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March 2026							
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April 2026							
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June 2026							
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July 2026							
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August 2026							
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36	31						

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

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READING CAFE IS OPEN!



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



YEOVIL TOWN FC AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

WEDNESDAYS - TERM 3

DOES YOUR CHILD LOVE FOOTBALL?

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO
RECEIVE COACHING FROM A
PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALLER. COME
ALONG AND TRY A FREE TASTER SESSION
21ST JANUARY
BOOK VIA THE SCHOOL OFFICE



Rotary Club Art

Here is a collection of some of the drawings that the children produced in after school club last term for the Rotary Competition!

We met with the Rotary Club this week for judging to be put forward to the Regional Competition.

Well done all, some lovely pieces by all pupils who attended our club. The Rotary Club were overwhelmed by the entries and took a long time to come up with our winner, and it made for interesting conversation!

Little Learners @ West Huntspill

Spaces available in September 2026

Full and part time preschool places for
2, 3 and 4 year olds

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01278 783842





New Year New You?

Want to make a difference and be part of a team which is developing the next generation?
Why not consider training to be a teacher!

Priory Learning Trust offer school based training - primary and secondary - in our great local schools

FOR MORE INFORMATION, OR TO CONTACT US
SEE THE LINKS BELOW



TPLT Teacher Training



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TeacherTraining@theplt.org.uk

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk>

FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS & CARERS



SUPPORTING YOUR NEURODIVERSE CHILD

Would you like to know ideas on how to support your child with their mental health & wellbeing as they grow?

IN THIS 1 HOUR WORKSHOP HOSTED BY SOMERSET'S MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM, WE WILL EXPLORE...

- HOW TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD OR TEEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING IN ANEUTYPICAL WORLD.
- UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD/TEEN'S NEURODIVERGENT EXPERIENCE
- WHERE TO GET FURTHER SUPPORT



WHEN?

22TH JANUARY 2026

1:30-2:30PM



REGISTER HERE!

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/WEBINARSNC2026](https://bit.ly/webinarsnc2026)

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- HOW TO IDENTIFY THE EARLY WARNING SIGNS OF POOR MENTAL HEALTH
- A RANGE OF STRATEGIES TO SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EMOTIONAL AND MENTAL WELLBEING
- WHERE AND HOW TO GET MORE SUPPORT IF NEEDED



WHEN?

20TH JANUARY 2026

10-11AM



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