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West Huntspill Primary Academy

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



Term 3 Newsletter

30th January 2026



Dear Families,

It is a funny old time of the year - Christmas seems a long time ago, it feels like January has lasted for at least 3 months, the clocks don't change for another couple of months etc...However, what is fabulous about this time of year though is for that 'head down, keep going-type' practice that builds our resilience and it helps build resilience in our children too.

All of us every now and again need a reassuring hug to let us know it is going to be ok and as a school we try to do that for our children every day - but us who work in our schools need that too. We too are carers, parents and like you we have hectic busy lives. We all need to be mindful of what we all need and sometimes just stop and think about how we react and if it is sometimes, just a little too quick without stopping and thinking.

We pride ourselves in being fully inclusive schools - it is not only our moral but our legal duty to educate all children. We all need to remain kind, calm and consistent and we really, really do appreciate your support with this - it makes everything easier for everyone.

Thank you for your continued support.

Emma Barker

Headteacher

February

2nd – PTFA Movie Tickets available in the Office

5th – Reading Cafe

6th – PTFA Coin Challenge/Number Day

10th – Coffee & Cake 8.30am

12th – Aspens Theme Day

13th – Little Learners Reading Café Special with Family Crafting 2.45pm

13th – Term 3 ENDS

24th – Term 4 STARTS

March

Monday's SAT's & MTC Club 3.15-4.15pm

5th – World Book Day

13th – PTFA Bake Sale

27th – PTFA Movie Night

LOCAL JOB VACANCIES

WE HAVE A NUMBER OF PART TIME VACANCIES ACROSS OUR LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS. PLEASE POP INTO A SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION OR VISIT WWW.THEPLT.ORG.UK/CAREERS

LUNCHTIME ASSISTANT 11.25 HRS A WEEK
- WEST HUNTSPILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR 5 HOURS A WEEK
- EAST HUNTSPILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESCHOOL ASSISTANT 13 HOURS A WEEK
- WEST HUNTSPILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT 15 HOURS A WEEK
- PAWLETT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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>

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.

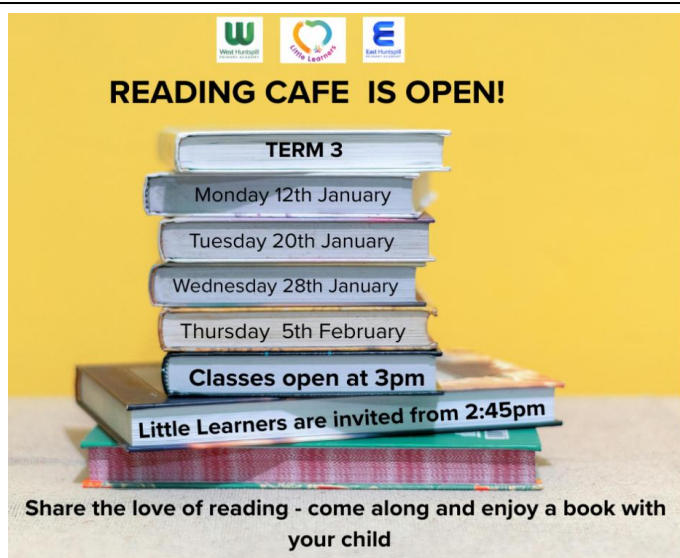
These values are taught explicitly and are reinforced through daily routines, assemblies, and classroom practice to support pupils' decision-making, personal development, and long-term success.

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



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

This week in Art Willow have been valuing creativity and resilience. We have been developing our observation skills. We learnt we need to look closely at details such as shape, texture and shadows. We needed to ensure we didn't look at our picture only once and kept looking as we were drawing. We drew from a range of items from seeds, bulbs and fruit. Everyone focused hard and the finished drawings were amazing.



Little Learners

During these two weeks, we have been exploring natural materials in a variety of ways. We have been creating various things using sticks, stones and shells and enjoyed exploring the garden. We had a great time using mud in different ways to make footprints, paint with sticks and handprints too.

Please can you ensure that your children's items are named, especially drinks bottles and jumpers, so that we can prevent any mix ups.

Don't forget to bring in your pennies and small change for our PTFA fundraiser for 'Number Day.' Will we be the winner?!





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.



We are thrilled to introduce Miss Randall and Miss Spikings, our new staff members at West Huntspill, who have joined us during the last few weeks. They bring experience and a passion for supporting our pupils' growth.

Please give them a big smile or wave if you see them on the playground at drop-off!



"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."

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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Aspens



PLEASE HELP FILL IN THIS SURVEY FROM ASPENS

THE MORE RESPONSES WE GET THE BETTER, THIS GIVES ASPENS THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET FIRST HAND FEEDBACK, TO STREAMLINE THE SERVICES THEY PROVIDE AND FUNDAMENTALLY LEARN EXACTLY WHAT THEIR CUSTOMERS WANT, WHAT THEY DO WELL AND MOST IMPORTANTLY WHAT THEY COULD IMPROVE ON.

<https://forms.gle/3Ve4kzyjQ18U5icj6>

SCHOOL HAZARD LINES



- **No Stopping or Parking:** Motorists are prohibited from stopping, waiting, or parking on these lines. **This rule applies to picking up or dropping off children.**
- **Purpose:** The markings **ensure clear visibility** for children and pedestrians crossing the road. They keep you, and your children safe.
- **Legal Consequences:** Parking or stopping on yellow zigzag lines is illegal and can lead to a **penalty charge notice, fine, or penalty points** on a driver's license.
- **Safety Advice:** Parents and guardians are advised to allow plenty of time, avoid parking opposite these lines, and refrain from parking on them, as doing so can **endanger children** by blocking their view.

ROAD SAFETY WARNING



PTFA MOVIE NIGHT!

Friday, 27th March 2026

Get ready for a cozy afternoon of cinema fun!
We are hosting a special movie night to celebrate the end of the week.

- 🎬 **Movies Start: 3:30 PM**
- 🕒 **Collection: 5:00 PM Sharp**
- 🍿 **Refreshments: A snack and a drink are included!**
- 🎟 **£5 per ticket**

The "Pyjama" Policy: To make it extra cozy, children are invited to bring their PJs into school in a labelled bag on the morning of the 27th. They will change before the movie starts!

🗳 **Choose Your Film:** We will be showing two different films simultaneously. Keep an eye out for our upcoming poll where you and your child can vote for your favorite!

PTFA

13th February

Please bring your donations to the office in the morning of the 13th

Support your School!



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.



YMCA DAYCAMPS

FOR CHILDREN IN
RECEPTION TO YEAR 6
YEW TREES FARM, BS26 2SA

ATTENTION PARENTS...

Need something to keep the children entertained during the holidays?

Our action-packed Daycamps gives your little ones the chance to enjoy crafts, caving, boating, climbing, axe throwing and a whole lot more — all while making new friends, learning new skills and building confidence in the great outdoors!

Book by the day for the half term holidays.

BOOK NOW:
07395 797843
ymca-dg.org

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAYS BURNHAM AND HIGHBRIDGE

16TH FEBRUARY-20TH FEBRUARY 2023
PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS



FEBRUARY HT HOLIDAYS BURNHAM/HIGHBRIDGE

MONDAY 16TH	TUESDAY 17TH	WEDNESDAY 18TH	THURSDAY 19TH	FRIDAY 20TH
Tennis Extreme Tennis Camp Age: 4-8 Cost: £18 per day Time: 10:00am-12:00pm Venue: Tennis club, TAG SPA To book	Tennis Extreme Tennis Camp Age: 4-8 Cost: £18 per day Time: 10:00am-12:00pm Venue: Tennis club, TAG SPA To book	Burnham Library/REPCA Activity Craft Age: 5-15 Approx Cost: Free Time: 2pm-4pm Venue: Burnham Library, TAG SPA Drop-in, no booking required		SASP Girl's activity day Age: Year 7-11 Cost: Free Time: 11am-2pm At King Alfred's school, TAG SEE

February Half-Term Camps

Northgate, Bridgwater
Woolavington Primary
The Blue School, Wells

Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

9.00am-3.00pm (early and late available at Northgate)

Multisports & Football Champions League Camps

For children aged 4-12 who have started school

£20 per day

Whole week and sibling discount available

To book scan the QR code below or visit <https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com>

07494175299
Hello@inspiredschools.co.uk

SCAN ME



Dropping children off in the morning

To ensure the safety and security of all our pupils, we kindly ask that all children are dropped off in the main playground at the start of the day

While we understand it may seem convenient to use the rear classroom doors, having a single point of entry in the playground allows our staff to supervise the children effectively and ensures that all external gates can be secured promptly

Teachers are busy preparing the classrooms for the day's first lesson, so please say your goodbyes in the playground. If you have an urgent message for a teacher, please pass it to the staff member on duty or contact the school office

Breakfast Club Update: A friendly reminder to all parents that drop-off is at 8:00 AM promptly. This ensures all children have enough time to sit down and enjoy their breakfast before the morning sessions start

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our site safe

BURNHAM-ON-SEA
**SWIM & SPORTS
ACADEMY**

February Half Term

Intensive Swimming Lessons with Jenny

Mon 16 - Fri 20 Feb
Stage 1 - 10:30
Stage 2 - 11:00
Stage 3/4 - 11:30

**Diving for stages 5+ with Nic and Lewis -
Friday 20 Feb 10:00**

Private lessons available on request

LeisureCentre.com




TERM DATES 2025 - 2026 / 2026 - 2027

Term 1	Start Monday 1 st September 2025 (INSET DAY) End Friday 24 th October 2025
Term 2	Start Monday 3 rd November 2025 (INSET DAY) End Friday 19 th December 2025
Term 3	Start Monday 5 th January 2026 (INSET DAY) End Friday 13 th February 2026
Term 4	Start Monday 23 rd February 2026 (INSET DAY) End Thursday 2 nd April 2026
Term 5	Start Monday 20 th April 2026 End Friday 22 nd May 2026
Term 6	Start Monday 1 st June 2026 (INSET DAY) End Tuesday 21 st July 2026

Term 1	Start Monday 7 th September 2026 (Thurs 3 rd & Friday 4 th September 2026 INSET DAYS) End Friday 23 rd October 2026
Term 2	Start Monday 2 nd November 2026 End Friday 18 th December 2026
Term 3	Start Monday 4 th January 2027 End Friday 12 th February 2027
Term 4	Start Monday 22 nd February 2027 End Thursday 25 th March 2027
Term 5	Start Monday 12 th April 2027 End Friday 28 th May 2027
Term 6	Start Monday 7 th June 2027 End Friday 23 rd July 2027
More information on INSET DAYS will follow	

Little Learners Special Reading Café!

