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Summer Term

Newsletter 3

9th May 2025

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

VE80 Day – Thursday 8th May - SUCCESS

Our children enjoyed the day yesterday, despite being chilly in the morning, but it warmed up! We enjoyed a whole school picnic lunch on the field, and lots of fun activities in the afternoon. It was an opportunity to celebrate our British Values as well as our relentless hope for peace in all countries around the world. Please ensure your children have sight of the celebrations on TV as it is a historic time.

Staffing News

Sadly, Mrs Ingram is now off work on compassionate leave due to a family bereavement. If you need any information regarding SEND, which you would usually ask Mrs Ingram, please email the office. We all send our condolences, thoughts and best wishes to Mrs Ingram and family.

Next Week – Year 6 SATs week – WE ARE ALSO FULLY OPEN

Our Year 6 take their SATs next week as they continue to prepare for life in Secondary School. It is also a great opportunity to test themselves. They have worked hard, and we all hope they achieve what they deserve. All children want to succeed, and our Year 6 now believe in themselves they can really do it! Please ensure Year 6 parents have read all the information sent out – they must have calm evenings and mornings and then treat them next Thursday! (They told me to say that!)

It has been brought to our attention some parents think next week is another holiday! This is not the case. The school calendar we sent out highlighted SATs week, as explained at the bottom of the calendar page. Sorry to those who are confused.

Earlier starters for specific needs.

A reminder, for those who have been given permission to come in slightly earlier to help settle your child, please arrive **no earlier than 8.30** as staff will not be ready to supervise your child.

Friday 23rd May – SCHOOL & NURSERY CLOSED.

The INSET day on Friday 23rd May will align with all Huish primaries to focus on staff well-being and the importance of mental, emotional, and physical health in maintaining a positive and productive work environment. This dedicated day will allow staff to engage in activities to support their overall wellbeing. The other schools have chosen different days, ours is 23rd May.



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WE ARE NOW FULL IN ALL YEAR GROUPS.

I wrote recently about our new Reception intake being full. We are now **full, with waiting lists, in ALL year groups!** This is pleasing, but frustrating for parents wishing to join our great school. It is news like this which confirms our good reputation. Proud!

Online Safety Act 2025

To remind, following the recent publication of a revised Online Safety Act 2025, you have received a letter which explained the context. We must do all we can to protect our own children online. Thank you for your support on this serious matter. As parents, we must protect proactively by checking their phones. We have spoken with all children in KS2 about this as they must take responsibility for their online safety too. Furthermore, children are not allowed to use their phones whilst on the premises; before dropping their phones off in the morning, or picking them up at 3.15, until they are off the premises.

Please don't smoke or vape anywhere near our school.

In the interests of everyone else's health and well-being, please refrain from smoking anywhere near our school; it is unfair on those who choose not to smoke. Thank you.

Attendance Reminder – Holiday request forms...

**Term Time Leave Requests will not be authorised in ALMOST ALL CASES.
It is NOT THE DECISION OF THE SCHOOL, but clear directives from Government.**

As a school, we inform the LA of unauthorised absences, and if 10 unauthorised absences over a 10-week period is breached, the LA may then issue a fine.

Fines do not come to our school budget, but to the Local Authority.

Attendance

**Our current whole school attendance is 94.7%. (National Average is 94.8%)
31 children have an attendance below 90% (classes as Persistent Absence).
19/31 are between 85% and 89.9%.... we must try to get these to 90%+**

Well done boys – way ahead of the girls now!

THIS IS ANOTHER IMPROVEMENT – IT WAS 23 CHILDREN LAST WEEK! THANK YOU!



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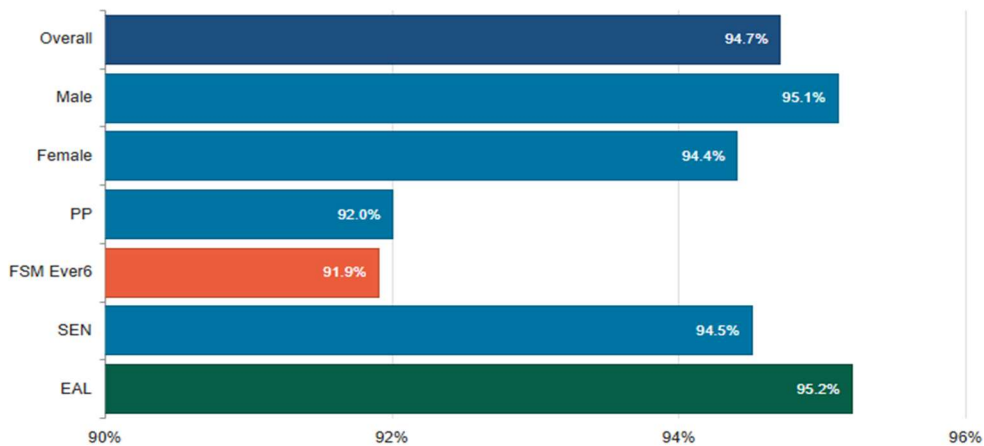
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If you wish to know your child's individual percentage, please ask in the office.

Latest Data

Groups



Nut Allergy. We are a NO NUT school.
This includes Nutella, Snickers and even some chocolate spreads!

HELP WANTED! OLD SHIRTS / T-SHIRTS for painting...

If you have an adult plain t-shirt (or long-sleeved shirt) surplus to requirements, please donate it so we can protect children's clothing when painting. We need around 40 more, please.

Thank you for your support

Have a lovely weekend.

Nick Arnold