

Huish Episcopi Academy Parent Newsletter



House Update

The house competition remains tight as we move towards the end of term.

The current standings for the houses are as follows:

Merchant
13306

Lambrook
12198

Bailbrook
12379

Pennard
11617

Chelston
12028

An Update From Mrs Boyes

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final days of term, it is wonderful to reflect on the fantastic events that have taken place across the school this week. From our students singing in the stunning setting of Wells Cathedral to the incredible performances at the Christmas Concert, the talent and dedication on display have been truly inspiring.

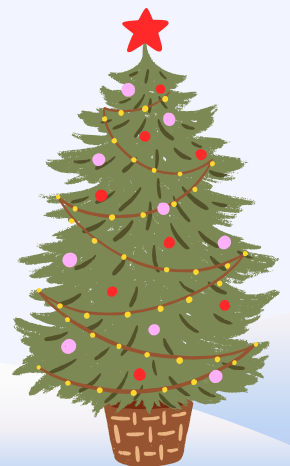
We have also celebrated student achievements with the ice skating rewards trips, a great way to recognise hard work and success this term.

A special highlight from this week was last night's Reindeer Run, where over 100 students took part to raise money for St Margaret's Hospice. It was fantastic to see so many families and staff supporting the herd of reindeer! We are still waiting for the final total, but we believe we have raised around £2,000, an amazing achievement that reflects the generosity and community spirit of our school.

Looking ahead to next week, we have our Christmas Lunch on Wednesday, and we warmly invite all families to join us for the Carol Service at St Mary's Church next Thursday – a wonderful way to celebrate the festive season together.

Warm regards,

Mrs Boyes
Principal






Year 11 Update

We are almost at the end of a busy term for our Year 11s, who have shown hard work, resilience, and determination throughout a demanding mock examination window. Their efforts have been truly commendable. Alongside this, their commitment to every lesson, every day, has set a fantastic standard for the months ahead.

A particular highlight this term was the success of the recent Winter Formal. It was a wonderful evening filled with laughter and celebration. The pizzas from The White Hart in Somerton were exceptionally well-received, surpassed only by the outstanding DJ skills of Mr Clarke, who kept the dancefloor alive all night!

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 11s for a fantastic term. Thank you for your continued supporting in helping them achieve their very best.



Parent and Carer Workshop:

Talking to Your Children and Teens About Their Bodies, Feelings and Relationships

A relaxed and informative session facilitated by Public Health Training Somerset for parents and carers of SEND children of all ages, with an additional focus on the teenage years.

This 2-hour session covers talking about bodies, boundaries, feelings and relationships.

Dates:

In-Person Session

26th February 2026, 1 - 2:45 pm
Albemarle Centre, Taunton, TA1 1BA

Online Session (Live Only)

11th February 2026, 7 - 9 pm

Book your place here: [Booking Link](#)

Character Education

Autumn 2 Focus: Respect

We are proud to reflect on the fantastic engagement and achievements of our students this term. This term's Character Education focus has been **respect**, and students have been exploring this value through assemblies, tutor time activities, and every day school life.

We have been delighted to catch so many students demonstrating respect in a variety of ways, awarding them with Respect House Points in recognition of their efforts. As a result, a large number of students qualified for our rewards trip.

To provide opportunities to actively show respect, students have taken part in a wide range of events and projects, including the House Christmas Card Competition, food bank donations, Christmas Jumper Day in support of Save the Children, the Christmas Concert, and the Reindeer Run in support of St Margaret's Hospice Care.

Highlights

Christmas Card Competition Winners

This week, we have been distributing the top 10 cards from each year group to members of our local community.

Year 7 visited Huish Episcopi Primary School to hand over their cards, while Year 8 presented their cards to the homeless charity ARC. Year 9 delivered cards to the charity Thrive. Finally, Year 10 Health and Social Care students dropped cards designed by Years 10 and 11 off at care homes in Langport.



Rewards Trip

Our Ice Skating Rewards Trip saw the largest turnout yet, with nearly 600 students enjoying a fantastic day out at Planet Ice! Despite a few bumps along the way, students showed great enthusiasm and energy. Their behaviour was impeccable, clearly demonstrating our key values.

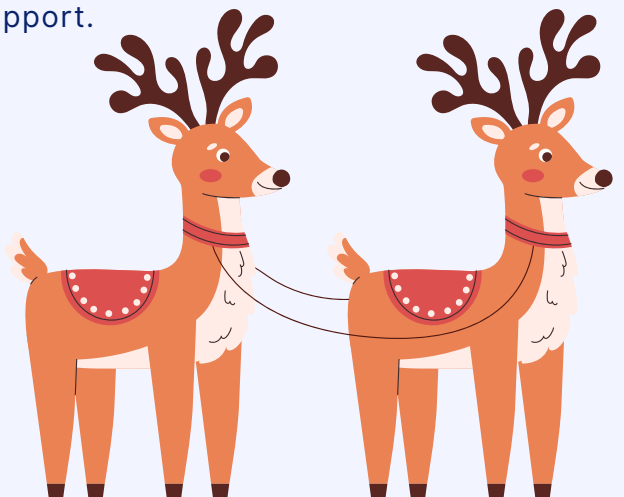


Charity Events

Thank you to every student and family who took part in our charity events and community projects. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to:

- Donate a significant amount of food to local food banks.
- Raise funds for Save the Children through Christmas Jumper Day.
- Support St Margaret's Hospice Care with our Reindeer Run.

These contributions highlight the outstanding commitment our students show both in school and within the wider community. Thank you for all of your support.



CHRISTMAS



*Carol
Service*

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

7PM

ST MARY'S CHURCH
LANGPORT

Join us for an evening of carols at St. Mary's Church in Langport. No tickets required - everyone is welcome. However, a donation to our chosen charity, **St. Margaret's Hospice Care**, would be greatly appreciated.

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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☆ FEAST YOUR WAY TO CHRISTMAS CHEER ☆

Roast Turkey

or

Oven Baked Vegan Vegetable Wellington

or

Quorn Grill/Sausage

Served With

Roast Potatoes, Yorkshire Pudding,

Sage & Onion Stuffing,

Brussel Sprouts, Carrots, Peas & Gravy

Dessert

Yuletide Chocolate Mousse

Festive Christmas Iced Cake

Red Cherry Cheesecake

£2.65
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Attendance Matters

As we reach the end of term, we want to thank you for your continued support in promoting positive attendance. Positive attendance is essential not only for excellent academic progress but also for helping your child feel settled, confident and fully connected with school life.

At this time of year, we often see an increase in seasonal illnesses. While we recognise that some absences are unavoidable, working together can help reduce the spread of illness, keep children well, and maintain positive attendance habits.

To support you in making informed decisions, please find below some helpful guidance and resources:

Managing Seasonal Illnesses

- **Education Hub Blog**: Reducing the spread of illness this winter: Seven steps to healthier schools and higher school attendance
- **NHS Guidance for Parents**: Is my child too ill for school?
- **Preventing and Controlling Infections Guidance** : advice on vaccination, ventilation, and good respiratory hygiene.
- **A-Z of Managing Infectious Diseases** : Practical guidance on managing specific illnesses.

By following these steps and making use of the available guidance, we can work together to reduce disruption to your child's learning journey and keep our whole school community healthy.

Thank you again for your support this term.



Last Day of Term Plans

The final day of term is fast approaching!

On Friday 19th December, school finishes at **12:30 pm** and all students will depart, with buses leaving site by 1 pm.

We look forward to welcoming students back to school on Tuesday 6th January 2026. A reminder that we return on a Week B.



Forest School Update

Forest School has had a fantastic start to the year! Our students have embraced the great outdoors with enthusiasm, energy, and smiles all around.

From muddy adventures to creative challenges, here is what they have been up to:

- Toasting marshmallows over the fire pit like true outdoor chefs.
- Building amazing dens and shelters using teamwork and imagination.
- Tackling problem-solving tasks and learning practical life skills.
- Exploring nature and discovering wildlife in their own grounds.

Every child has shown brilliant behaviour, a positive attitude, and a willingness to try new things. Their teamwork, resilience, and curiosity have been inspiring and we could not be prouder of their efforts.



Donations: Can You Help?

To keep these sessions exciting and well-resourced, we would really appreciate your help.

If you have any of the following items at home, please consider donating:

- Old tarps, ropes, screws, buckets, tools
- Off-cuts of wood, spades for digging
- Crafting materials like beads, sequins, wool, cotton

Please leave donations at school reception for Miss Green. They will make a huge difference to our Forest School adventures!

Thank you for supporting our children's outdoor learning journey.





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Year 7 Hockey Match Report

The Year 7 girls hockey team have had a phenomenal year of hockey, being undefeated in their pool! Their incredible track record meant that they attended the hockey Semi-Finals and Finals at Millfield. They started off strong, winning their Semi-Final. After a fierce match, with amazing teamwork and a dazzling showcase of skills, the girls have ended the year with coming second overall in the championship. A huge well done this year, girls!



Sporting Fixture Round-Ups: Hockey

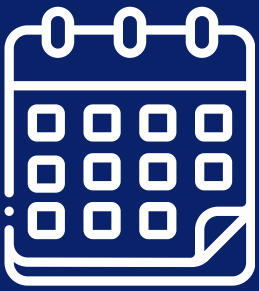
Year 8 Hockey Match Report

The Year 8 girls hockey team have also had a brilliant year. They have had some hard games, as well as a lot of successes, earning a place in the Semi-Finals and Finals at Millfield. Their first game was tough, ending in a draw and extra time. The extra time then culminated in a draw, leading to penalties. With a great effort from their goalkeeper, the girls won penalties and moved on to the Finals to fight for that top spot. The girls gave it their all, pushing hard all the way until the last whistle. They achieved second place overall in the championship, which is an amazing achievement. The team should all be incredibly proud of themselves and their hard work. Well done, girls!

Year 7 and 8 Hockey Club

This year, we have had an outstanding number of both boys and girls at Year 7 and 8 hockey club week in and out, which has been great to see. This has enabled many students to progress their skill and enjoy hockey afterschool with their friends. This has now finished for the year and will restart next September - well done to everyone who came, and thank you!





Dates for your diary for this term

- **12th - 19th December** – Year 11 - 13 Ski Trip
- **15th December** – Year 7 Trip: Pantomime, Westlands
- **16th December** – Year 12 EPQ Trip: University of Exeter
- **18th December** – Music: Christmas Carol Service
- **19th December** – **School finishes at 12:30 pm, with all students to be off site by 1 pm**



Respect
Ambition
Resilience

FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENT AND
CARERS

M H S T

SUPPORTING EXAM WELLBEING



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

- What might get in the way of wellbeing during exams
- How our brain and body might respond to stress and overwhelm
- Ideas of how to support our children (and ourselves) before, during and after exams.



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20th January 2026

17:30-18:30

Please email Suzie England to
confirm a space

suzieengland@hea.ac.uk



Where?

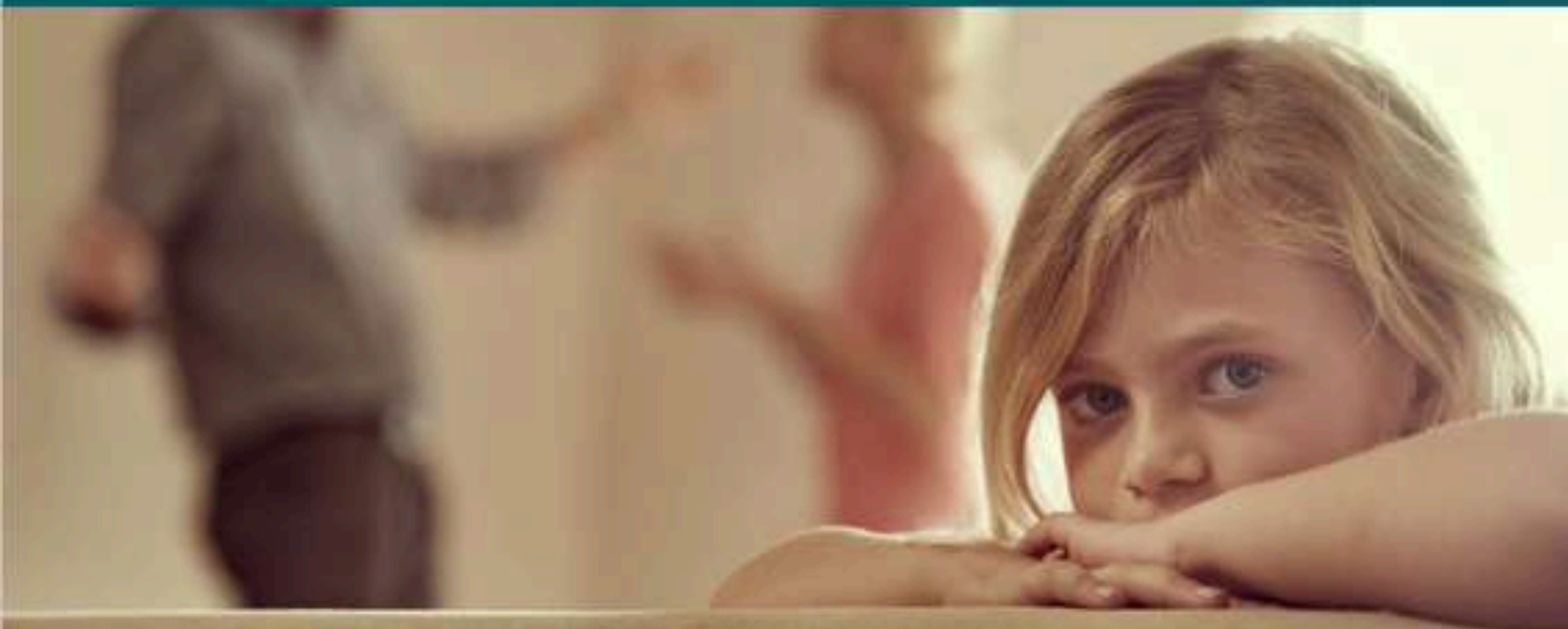
H1 Auditorium at Huish
Episcopi Academy

FREE COURSE FOR SEPARATED PARENTS

Reducing the impact of separation on everyone

Two 5 week online courses start in January'26

To book scan codes below



Helping parents navigate separation, putting the well-being of their children at the centre.

'Really feel my relationship with my ex has improved since being on this course.' said mum after course

Course A starts Jan 14th

7 PM-8:30 PM



Course B starts Jan 15th

9:30 AM-11 AM



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CALLING ALL YOUNG CARERS!

DO YOU WANT TO HAVE
YOUR VOICE HEARD?

WE WANT TO HEAR

FROM YOU!

NHS ENGLAND, THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ARE WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE THE LIVES OF YOUNG CARERS.

LED BY YOUNG CARERS!



WE ARE HOSTING A SERIES OF WORKSHOPS TO HEAR YOUNG CARER VOICES ON THESE DATES:

16TH DECEMBER 4-5PM & 6-7PM

17TH DECEMBER 6-7PM

6TH JANUARY 4-5PM & 6-7PM



THE INFORMATION WE HEAR WILL HELP MAKE REAL CHANGES TO THE LIVES OF YOUNG CARERS ACROSS ENGLAND.



WE CAN ONLY MAKE CHANGES BY HEARING FROM YOU ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCES OF BEING A YOUNG CARER, AND RIGHT NOW WE DON'T KNOW WHO ALL OF THE YOUNG CARERS IN ENGLAND ARE, AND SO NOT EVERYONE IS BEING SUPPORTED.

GET INVOLVED,

AND BOOK YOUR SPACE IN A WORKSHOP

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