

Our vision

Valued – Inspired – Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent – Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers – Confident communicators

Resilient learners

Another busy week at Westhaven; I am delighted to be able to report that our amazing 6th form had a fabulous time on their residential trip to Kilve Court this week. Activities included archery, grass sledging, a disco, a quiz and much more! A huge thank you to the staff team that gave up their time to support them. The second of four planned strike action days occurred yesterday, the children in school all coped really well and continued with their learning.

I have been out of school a couple of times this week and last, and also have further visits to other schools in my diary. It is such a valuable experience to see other schools in action and bring back new ideas to Westhaven. In addition, I have had the pleasure of doing a number of school tours with prospective parents and also Local Authority officials. Everyone comments on what a wonderful school with such polite and hardworking learners we have at Westhaven, it makes me so proud to be the headteacher!

And finally, we need your help! As part of our Pathway to Employment curriculum, we are looking for people who work in the following sectors to come into school to talk to our learners:

- Shop work
- Engineering
- IT
- Leisure (garden centre / gyms / restaurants / cafes / hotels)
- Care (childcare/care homes)
- Public services (police/ fire / ambulance / library / transport)
- Manual (mechanic / factory work / builder / refuse collection)

If you, or anyone you know, would be able support us with this, please contact Mr Burgess at: darren.burgess@westhavenschool.org.uk

Thank you and have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Around the school

If you get a chance, visit this useful website for supporting your child's wellbeing.

[Parenting Smart](#)

Lower School

The children in Lower School have been busy designing eggs as we have been asked to take part in the Sovereign Centre hunt again this year. Keep your eyes peeled for the winning design hidden in the shops in April.



We have also been working hard on being 'confident communicators' in our communication café and helicopter story sessions. As part of this, we have been increasing our bank of dressing up items. If you have any costumes at home that no longer fit or you no longer use, we would love to make use of them at school and so would be very grateful for any donations.

Thank you.

Middle School

We have a number of students in middle school whose uniform has slipped and this is having an effect on behaviour in class and at breaktime. Your child's teacher will be discussing this with them during their tutor sessions next week and will be sharing good examples of uniform.

Whilst we recognise that some students have difficulties wearing uniform we are starting to notice that lots of students are making adaptations to the uniform that are not for sensory needs. Whilst we recognise a shirt, tie and blazer is too much for some students I would request that they are substituted with polo shirt or white t-shirt, black or blue jogging bottoms and a black or blue jumper (the school PE one is fine) with either the school logo or no logo. For PE it is the house colour t-shirt or polo shirt, blue PE jumper and black or blue PE bottoms.

We will also be giving Dojo points for those in the correct uniform every day to recognise how many of our students do wear their uniform with pride. We will also award those who are in correct uniform which has been adapted for sensory needs. If you would like support to encourage your child to wear a more suitable uniform or have any questions please get in touch with your child's tutor.

You may have also heard that we are trialling opening up forest school for middle school students at lunch and break. We have grouped the students into areas we think they will enjoy, we have mixed classes to allow for social interaction and have thought carefully about where students would like to be. We have invited them to discuss this with us if they would like to be somewhere else. At lunch and break students will use their designated area with their friends. We will start this on Monday and will review it periodically.

Upper School

We've had a busy time in Upper School this week! On Wednesday, Nottingham Class enjoyed a visit to the Life Skills Centre in Bristol where they learnt about basic first aid, safety in the home and safety in the community. W6 have had a brilliant time on their residential at Kilve Court where they took part in archery, circus skills, a Quantock walk, grass sledging and a disco.

For our Year 11 leavers, leavers' week will be week commencing 3rd July, which will include the leavers' assembly, driving lessons on the playground and the prom on Friday 7th July.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr E Gal

Favourite Book Quote	Who controls the past controls the future. Who controls the present controls the past.
Favourite Quote about Reading	Reading is an intelligent way of not having to think.
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, The BFG
Favourite Childhood Book	Two Years' Vacation, My Family and Other Animals, The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn... and many more

Can you guess the children's book?

Last week's book was 'The Rainbow Fish'.



Can you guess this week's?

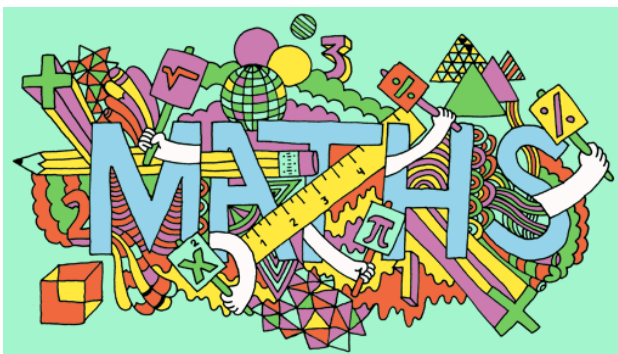


Word of this Week: Congratulate

Sign of this Week: Salad



Maths Matters:



Mathematics knows no races or geographic boundaries; for mathematics, the cultural world is one country.

David Hilbert
German mathematician

Sports Desk:

Lower School this week have continued their dance sessions with Georgia; the smiles and engagement have been amazing to see. This week in Middle and Upper School we've had our first taste of hockey and our learners have loved getting to know a new sport. Some really good skills on show across all Middle and Upper School learners.

Trophy winners last week in Lower school were Bath class.

Other News:



NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT**
PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING
for Parents of children who attend Ravenswood Special School
at
The Firs, Drove Rd, BS23 3NX
Tuesday 7th March: 10am-12pm

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
Parent Carer Coffee Morning
at
St. Peter's Primary School
Wednesday 8th March: 9.30-11am

For parents & carers of children with any emerging need, additional need and/or disabilities - no diagnosis needed

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
Parent Carer Coffee Morning
Worle Village Primary School
Thursday 9th March: 9:30am - 11am

For Parents & Carers of children with any additional needs, emerging needs and/or disabilities

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
Parent Carer Coffee Morning
Golden Valley Primary School
Tuesday 21st March 9.15-10.45am

For Parents & Carers of children with any additional

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
Parent Carer Coffee Morning
at
St Mary's C of E Primary School
Thursday 23rd March 2023
9 - 10.30am

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING
At Birdwell School
Tuesday 28th March
10am-11.30am

For Parent Carers of children with additional needs and/or disabilities

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT**
General Coffee with Pancakes
at
The Firs, Drove Rd, BS23 3NX
Tues 21st February: 9am - 11am

For parents & carers of children with any emerging need, additional need and/or disabilities. No diagnosis needed.

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
Special School Placement Coffee
With North Somerset Council SEND Team
at
The Firs, Drove Rd, BS23 3NX
Tuesday 21st February 11am-2pm

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
ASD and ADHD Support Group
at
Oldmixon Family Centre, Weston, BS24 9DA
Thursday 23rd February
6pm - 8pm

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
Coffee and Catch Up
for
Parents of SGO, Foster Carers, Adoptive Parents & Kinship Carers
Tues 28th February: 10am-12noon
at
The Firs, Drove Rd, BS23 3NX

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
ASD and ADHD Support Group
at
North Weston Village Hall, 26 Clevedon Rd, Portishead, BS20 6TB
Wednesday 1st March
9.30-11.30am


NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
ASD and ADHD Support Group
at
The Firs, Drove Rd, BS23 3NX
Tuesday 14th March
9.30-11.30am

NORTH SOMERSET **PS** **WT** **SAY** SENDIAS
ASD and ADHD Support Group
at
The Oldmixon Family Centre, WsM, BS24 9DA
Thursday 30th March
6pm - 8pm

Whats Next After The Autism Diagnosis?

With Catrina Lowri

FULLY FUNDED!



Tuesday 28th February: 10am-12.30pm:


Nailsea Baptist Church, BS48 2DS

NSPCWT Would like to invite parent carers to training on:

Autism: Behaviour & Dysregulation

With Catrina Lowri.

FREE




Thursday 9th March : 7pm-9.30pm: ZOOM

NSPCWT Would like to invite parent carers to training on

PDA & Sleep

With Nickie Sutton

Pathological Demand Avoidance




Tuesday 21st March: 7pm-9pm: Zoom

FULLY FUNDED!

NSPCWT Would like to invite parent carers and professionals to training on:

Autism: Gender & Puberty

FULLY FUNDED! With Catrina Lowri



Wednesday 29th March: 10am-12.30pm:

Fully Funded Training created in collaboration with Bristol and South Glos parent carer forums for parents & carers of children/young people waiting for their Autism diagnosis

Working together for SEND families
Bristol, North Somerset and South Glos Parent Carer Forums

Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Anxiety

ONLINE

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Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Communication

ONLINE

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Understanding and Supporting Sensory Differences

ONLINE

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Introduction to Understanding and Supporting Behaviour

ONLINE

More topics are available - head to: nspcwt.org/training to book now

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 10 March 1.30 pm	Parents meeting for Wells and Bath parents and carers
Friday 17 March 1.30 pm	Parents meeting for Hull and Chester parents and carers
Friday 24 March 1.30 pm	Parents meeting for Oxbridge parents and carers
Friday 24 March	World Book Day (for Lower School, Middle School and Manchester)
Tuesday 21 March	World Down Syndrome Day - With Us Not For Us Wear odd socks to school
Wednesday 22 March (9.30 am - 2.30 pm)	NSPCWT Event - Social Communication and Autism Fayre (SCAF) at the Tropicana
Friday 24 March	M&M Production of Alice in Wonderland (for Lower School, Middle School and Manchester).

North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

Term 4	20 February - 31 March 2023
Term 5	17 April - 26 May 2023
Term 6	5 June - 21 July 2023

Bank Holidays (school closed to all pupils) - 2022/2023:

May Day Bank Holiday	1 May 2023
Bank holiday in honour of the coronation of HM King Charles III	8 May 2023

Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all pupils) - 2022/23:

- Friday 26 May 2023
- Monday 5 June 2023

Next Academic Year

North Somerset Term Dates – 2023/2024:

Term 1	04 September 23 – 20 October 23
Term 2	30 October 23 – 20 December 23
Term 3	04 January 24 – 09 February 24
Term 4	19 February 24 – 28 March 24
Term 5	15 April 24 – 24 May 24
Term 6	03 June – 23 July 24

Bank Holidays (school closed to all pupils) – 2023/2024:

May Day Bank Holiday	6 May 2024
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Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all pupils) – 2023/24:

- Monday 4th September 2023
- Tuesday 5th September 2023
- Monday 30th October 2023
- Thursday 4th January 2024
- Monday 22nd July 2024
- Tuesday 23rd July 2024