

Friday 19 May 2023

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Good Afternoon, I hope you have all had a lovely week and been able to enjoy the better weather we have been experiencing. The school always looks and feels so much nicer when the sun shines.

Exam season is upon us and we also have a number of staff currently absent from school, which means SLT, Admin, IT and my Business Managers have been covering breaktimes. I would really appreciate your continued support and understanding during this time, the staff team are working so hard and will respond to calls, notes in planners and emails as soon as they possibly can.

Can I take this opportunity to remind you that we have two inset days looming. The first is next Friday 26th May, therefore the end of term assemblies will take place on Thursday next week (1.00 pm for Lower School and 1.30 pm for Middle and Upper School) and school is closed to learners on the Friday. The second (and final) one this academic year is Monday 5th June, therefore school reopens to your children on Tuesday 6th June.

If you haven't already done so, please complete the very short form regarding the new House names by clicking the link below;

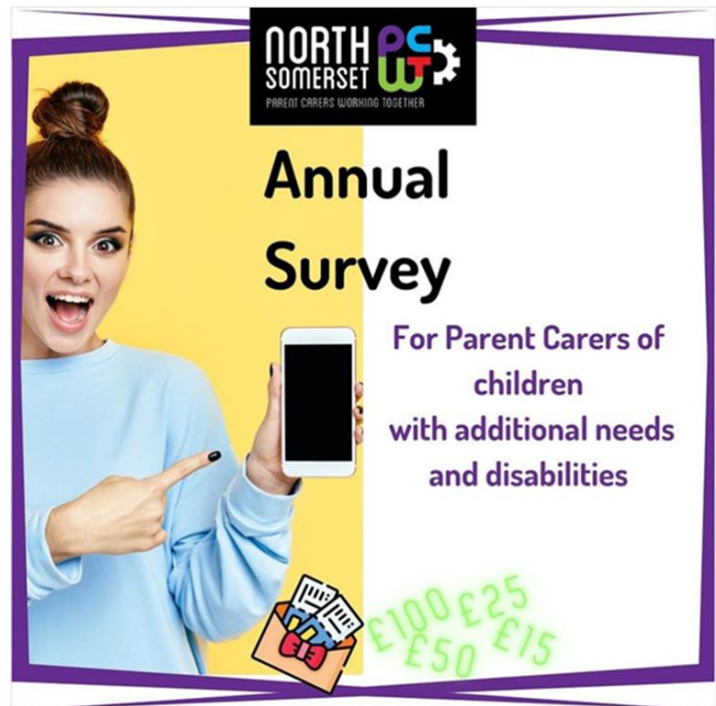
[House Names](#)

I hope you enjoy reading and seeing what's been going on this week in this newsletter. Have another lovely weekend.



Jamie Peacock

Headteacher



NSPCWT would like your views on education, health and social care services in North Somerset - please click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WFBHX3C>

Lower School

Playtimes have been wonderful this week in the sunshine.

We also ended the week on a high with Hull and Wells joining together for their class assembly linked to their learning on the Romans in History and plants in Science.

In June, the SaLT team would like to invite you to an event; we hope you can all make it.

Speech and Language Therapy
Lower school parent/carer coffee morning!

Date: Wednesday 14th June

Time: 9am - 11am

Location: Westhaven

Parent/carer drop-in for communication advice & recommendations for your child. All welcome!

Michelle Hamill & Amy Ridgway
Speech & Language Therapists

Middle School

What a lovely week it has been in Middle School!

With the sun shining, we have been able to utilise our outdoor spaces to support the learning that has taken place this week. We have had lots going on, with visits to the local cafe and even children trying new foods, like cucumber, for the first time. With mixed reviews, it may also be the last time for some!

Upper School

It's been a busy week for exams for our Upper School learners, but they have risen to the challenge and we are all very proud of their efforts so far. Some of our Year 11 learners who will be studying at Weston College Knightstone Campus in September started their college link transition programme this week, which really marks the beginning of the end of their time at Westhaven.

Year 10 and Year 12 parents - myself and Mr Peacock met with Weston College staff this week to discuss an opportunity for Westhaven parents to tour the SEN department in June. We are awaiting further information and will forward this as soon as we receive it

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr James Orchard

Favourite Book Quote	"You step onto the road and if you don't keep your feet, there's no knowing where you might be swept off to." - JRR Tolkien
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Favourite Quote about Reading	“A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies. The man who never reads lives only one”.
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory - Roald Dahl
Favourite Childhood Book	Swallows and Amazons - Arthur Ransome

Can you guess the children’s book?

Last week’s book was ‘The Secret Seven’ series

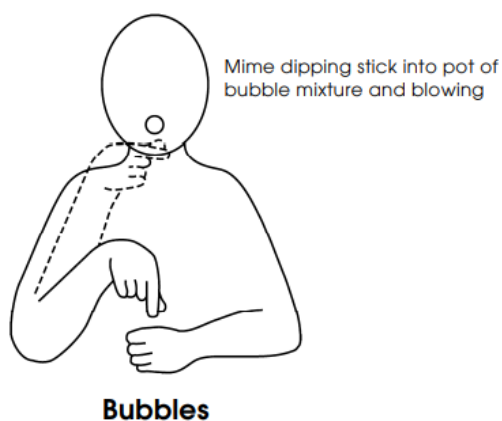


Can you guess this week’s?



Word of this Week: Decepit

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters:



With a legacy of more than 60 years, which brought hundreds of hours of live television and over 1,500 songs from some 50 countries, the Eurovision Song Contest is a great source of historic facts and mind-blowing figures.

In 2015, the Eurovision Song Contest was recognised by the Guinness Book of World Records as the Longest Running Annual TV Music Competition. If you have a Guinness Book of Records at home have a look through it together and enjoy learning some number facts.

Sports Desk:

A fantastic week in the sun this week finishing off our cricket and football topic. The learners have been brilliant and I would say cricket has been our most successful sport so far. The skill and ability is amazing to see. Hopefully we will see a big turn out in Term 6 for our 'Staff v Learners Cricket Match'.

Last week's trophy winners were- LS- Wells class. US- Bristol and London for absolutely smashing their PE moderation. They were AMAZING!! Well done to all classes!

Headteacher Awards:

I was delighted to award Harry and Mia from Cardiff class a badge, sticker and pencil each for their wonderful Maths work. Also, to Billjo from Cardiff class for his excellent performance in his PE lesson.

I was equally delighted to present an award to Lillie-Anne from York for her beautiful singing in assembly this morning.



Please can you help Strawberry Line Cycles help win £31,120

**Strawberry Line Cycles - The People's Projects
(thepeoplesprojects.org.uk)**



"We have been selected from many applications and are in the final 5 projects for the HTV region. ITV's Richard Payne and a film crew visited us earlier in the year and have created a short film about our project, this will be shown on the ITV regional news on Thursday 18th May. This can also be seen on their website.

<https://www.thepeoplesprojects.org.uk/projects/view/strawberry-line-cycles>

We are seeking funding through the People's Project to cover the cost of Cycle Project Support Workers and Ride Leaders. As you will know, our project works with a great many people from our local community, offering a range of Cycling based activities; Cycle Adventure days for young people, Cycle Minded Rides for those looking to improve their

well-being, Cycle Fitness, Upcycling bikes for asylum seekers, Vocational training for people with learning disabilities, Supported Cycling for those with enduring health conditions, Cycle Confidence sessions, After school cycling for young people with additional needs, Inclusive Cycling for people with disabilities, work placements for young people with learning disabilities, Cycle maintenance sessions...the list goes on. Being successful with this appeal, really will help secure the future of our project and what we can offer our community.

We really need your help and ask if you could please take a couple of minutes to vote for us -using the link above - (making sure to verify the email that will be sent to you). Voting closes on May 26th".

The Strawberry Line Cycle Project Team

Dates for your Diary:

14th June 9am - 11am	SALT coffee morning for Lower School parents and carers
3rd July	Sports Day
4th - 6th July	Year 11 leavers fun week
6th July (evening)	Year 11 and Year 13 prom at Westhaven
7th July	Year 11 and Year 13 leavers' assembly. Last day in school for Year 11 and Year 13 (except Year 11 learners who will be attending W6 at Westhaven in September)
11th July	Whole school move up day, including 'Meet the Team' after school

North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

Term 5	17 April - 26 May 2023
Term 6	5 June - 21 July 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 24 - 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