

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

The penultimate week of term has been incredibly busy and hugely successful as always. On Monday we welcomed a team of 3 Local Authority representatives, plus Mr Bowen-Roberts, the Headteacher of Baytree as our School Improvement Partner, to undertake a review into our progress towards our next visit from Ofsted, which should be within the next 12-18 months.

I am delighted to inform you that the review went extremely positively, the Local Authority looked closely at our English, early reading and phonics, Maths, overall curriculum offer as well as leadership structure and systems. They reported that they are confident with the progress made.

On Tuesday we welcomed our new learners and their parents and carers to the Westhaven family as they joined your children for their move up day. I know that there were lots of excited and nervous people before the day and it was wonderful to see them all happy and smiling throughout the day, as their new class teams ensured they had an enjoyable experience.

As we prepare for the final week of term next week, I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Around the School:

Please can all school reading books be returned by next Wednesday 19th July at the latest.

Here is a link to some of the books online if you would like to access them over the holidays <https://www.ransom.co.uk/browse>

We also have our virtual library on our website for you to access <https://www.westhavenschool.org.uk/virtual-library/>

Lower School:

Our learners had a very successful transition day on Tuesday. I was so proud of how well they adapted to the changes, which for some meant a new classroom and a new teacher. Thank you to everyone who was able to come along after school and meet your new teaching team for September. It was lovely to see you.

The highlight for the week in Lower School has to be Oxbridge Class being able to visit the new Castle Batch play area. Miss Chaplin was part of the design process and therefore was able to gain special VIP access ahead of the grand opening this weekend. Thank you Miss Chaplin for organising such a fun-filled excursion.

Sadly, next week will be Mr Orchard's last week in Lower School as next year he will become a Middle School teacher. Mr Orchard has been a fabulous asset to the LS team and we know he will be great in his new role. Thank you Mr Orchard.

Middle School:

On Monday we had some visitors in from the local authority to observe reading, phonics, and maths. It was a highlight for me to join in and observe learners' phonics lessons and see how far they have come. Middle school learners were especially confident to talk to observers and read with them. I also joined some learners talking about their learning with the local authority visitors and watching them problem solve in Maths and answer confidently about their learning was a delight.

We've also had move up day this week and welcomed 18 new learners to Middle School. We had a wonderful day and learners did really well to transition to their new classes. We hope you also enjoyed having a chance to meet the team and get to know the staff who will be with your learner.

Upper School:

Our Year 10 GCSE learners had a fantastic time on a field trip to Ashfield reservoir, near Cannington. They were able to learn about the process of water treatment of river water in order to make it into drinking water. The students found the information very interesting. We were then able to carry out some field work in the streams, looking for organisms and measuring the speed of the water flow. One learner said, the best part of the trip was seeing the use of some elements from the periodic table in real life.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr T Sully

Favourite Book Quote	"Common sense is a flower that doesn't grow in everyone's garden".
Favourite Quote about Reading	"Just saw a person reading my favourite book. It's like a book recommending a person".
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Each Peach Pear Plum' by Allan and Janet Ahlberg
Favourite Childhood Book	'The Silver Sword' by Ian Serrailier

Word of this Week: Doubtful

Sign of this Week: Hot



Maths Matters:

AUGUST						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	1

Getting to know and understand the calendar is important for our learners. Please try to introduce the days of the week and the months of the year into everyday conversation as much as possible. Birthdays are a fun way to begin this learning journey!

Sports Desk:

This week we have finished off our last part of the PE curriculum – we have been learning about the two jumping events. Our learners have really impressed me with their quick learning, resilience and bravery in both the long and high jump. Next week our learners will enjoy their final reward sessions of the year. Last week's trophy winners

were Lower School- Wells, Middle and Upper School- York and Leeds. Well done to all the winners!

Headteacher Awards:

- Anthony, Lucy G and Kaylum from Leeds class all brought me their ‘features of a biography’ writing in English. Well done all of you, excellent work!
- Miley and Oliver from Hull also came to show their fantastic writing, well done you two!


FREE EVENTS THIS SUMMER AT THE SOVEREIGN

9th & 30th August **26th July & 23rd August** **2nd & 16th August**

DINO MADNESS Party time & magic from the award-winning **Action Pussycat** **MEET Bumblebee**

High Street.WsM. BS23 1HL

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 21st July 3.00 pm	End of this academic year.
Summer holidays	 <p>The summer reading challenge is coming soon! https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/</p>
Thursday 24th August	<p>Exam Results Day</p> <p>Your results will be ready for collection from Westhaven School between 9:00 am and 11:00 am. If for any reason you are not</p>

	able to come and collect your results or you haven't collected them by 11:00 am they will be posted to you via Royal Mail 1st class post service.
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North Somerset Term Dates - 2022/2023:

Term 6	5 June - 21 July 2023
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Next Academic Year

North Somerset Term Dates - 2023/2024:

Term 1	06 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