

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

With the term now in full swing I am delighted that the School House System, led by Mrs Sewell, has captured the imagination and interest of the learners and the staff. Many have decided to wear the hoodies, which look really smart.

There have been house assemblies and the competitions are up and running. In assembly this afternoon we have all celebrated the individual and overall weekly winners.

I am also so pleased that the School Council representatives have been elected and the results have been announced in this afternoon's assembly. The voting took place in my office on Wednesday for Key Stages 3 and 4.

Although we are experiencing fairly mild weather conditions at the moment, please ensure that you send your child to school with suitable clothing - a coat is vital for the inevitable rain showers, but also a hat, scarf and gloves for when the temperature drops.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely

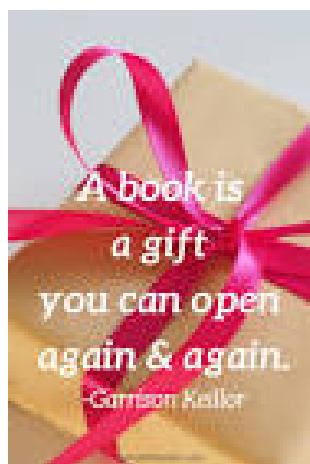


Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Lower School:

Ahead of the book fair arriving, Mr Peacock opened our week with a wonderful story in assembly. The learners were all captivated by 'Gingy' the gingerbread man. They all enjoyed taking part in the repetitive phrases of the book. I'm not sure who had more fun - the learners or Mr Peacock!

Don't forget, books are available to buy next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, so please send your child in with some money to spend. If we are able to raise enough money through the sales, the school will receive free books, so please support us if you can.



Roles and Responsibilities in Lower School

Head Learner	Olivia	Ibrahim
School Council - Oxford	Damon	Reuben
School Council - Wells	Misty-Mai	Noah
School Council - Hull	Oliver	Michael-Lee
School Council - Bath	Maggie	Eva
School Council - Chester	Logan	Rhianna

House Captain	Louie	Miley	James	Kyle
Playground Friend	Jantzen	Alex	Jayden	Reece
Reading Buddy	Maya	Susanna	Noa	Brooke

Teachers

Mrs Plume	Miss Sweetman Miss Doran	Mrs Crawley	Mrs Danvers
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Middle School:

On Monday our School Council representative candidates presented their vision to their year group in assembly and on Wednesday votes were held formally. Today in assembly we have announced the winners for each year. School council will be held in phases each Monday on a rotation.

We have also announced our head learners in assembly. This was a really difficult decision as so many learners were keen to do it and submitted wonderful applications.

Head Learners	Juliette- Newcastle Class	Jacob - Leeds Class
School Council Year 7	Goddy	Chase
School Council Year 8	Riley	Alex
School Council Year 9	Ruby	Liam

Upper School:

It was wonderful to read all the expressions of interest for Head Learners. Learners have been invited to interviews on Tuesday 10th October, so they have an opportunity to explain why they are a suitable candidate for the role. I have a feeling it is going to be a very difficult decision.

I was immensely proud of all learners who stood for Student Council. For a number of learners it was a nerve-racking experience standing up in front of a crowd for the first time public speaking - results were announced this afternoon in assembly!

Post 16 - Weston College has an open evening on 11th October 2023.

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/october-open-evening-school-leavers-and-adults>

People First have organised free weekend walks for 16-25 year olds with a learning disability and / or autism. See information poster below for further details:

Weekend Walks

peoplefirst 

A free and friendly group for young people aged 16-25 with a learning disability and/or autism

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start point</u>
Saturday 14.10.2023	Weston-super-Mare Pier to Pier	In front of The Grand Pier
Sunday 29.10.2023	Clevedon Poet's Walk	Salthouse field 'train station'
Saturday 11.11.2023	Weston-super-Mare Worlebury woods	Worlebury Woods car park
Sunday 26.11.2023	Portishead Docks and coast	Parish Wharf Leisure Centre
Saturday 09.12.2023	Weston Sand Bay	Sand Bay car park & bus stop
Sunday 16.12.2023	Clevedon 'Coleridge' walk	Clevedon sea front bandstand
Saturday 06.01.2024	Weston-super-Mare Uphill	Uphill Boatyard entrance
Sunday 21.01.2024	Nailsea Ty Sculpture Trail	Sculpture Trail car park



to



Come and meet people and keep fit. Please arrive at the start point ready for 10:00am. We hope to see you there.



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Enabling choices.



School Council Year 10	Lewis	Abigail
School Council Year 11	Ed	Ella Mae
School Council W6	Thomas	

Staff in the Spotlight: Miss M Fox

Favourite Book Quote	"You're mad, bonkers, completely off your head. But I'll tell you a secret. All the best people are". Alice in Wonderland, Lewis Carroll
Favourite Quote about Reading	"I can feel infinitely alive curled up on the sofa reading a book." — Benedict Cumberbatch
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Most Roald Dahl or David Walliams
Favourite Childhood Book	The Noddy Series by Enid Blyton. I had the whole set and always chose it for my bedtime story because they were by far the longest books on my shelf!

Assembly Focus on Monday:

Lower School	LS and MS - Twinned city reading
Middle School	
Upper School	Confident Communicator

Word of this Week:

KS1	sneak
KS2	covert
KS3, 4 & 5	surreptitious

Sign of this Week: cow



Maths Matters: here are some number facts about dogs -



- There are more than 900 million dogs across the world
- Almost 85% of dogs in the world are free-range.

When you are talking to your child try to sometimes include percentages, 100% or 50%, so that they get a sense of what these values mean.

Sports Desk:

This week we have been able to enjoy the mild weather and there have been plenty of outdoor PE lessons this week. We have visited the beach on a number of occasions with the majority of classes having done their cross country run on the beach. During our lower school lessons the learners are looking more and more confident in their different ways of moving around the room. And, finally, the standard of netball on show has been fantastic – a definite improvement on last year's netball lessons. Last week's trophy winners were Lower School – Wells, Middle and Upper School – York and Plymouth. Well done to all classes.

Coffee Morning in W6:

Last week W6 held our first coffee morning for Macmillan cancer support. We baked cakes, made teas, chatted to parents and took donations. It was a fun charity event and was a great success.

Special thanks go to 'Revo Kitchen' for the generous donation of our 'showstopper' cake. Thank you also to all the staff and parents who made donations and brought in cakes.

We made an impressive £140.03 for Macmillan. We hope to make this an annual event and continue to raise funds for this fantastic cause.



Headteacher Awards:

- Daniel in Truro class for his excellent work in English and Maths this week.
- Ned from Nottingham class for his World War 1 writing in English.
- Isaac in Manchester class, also for his English work.
- Abigail in London class for superb work in Spanish.

Change of Menu:



We have some learners in our school who have nut allergies. *Anaphylaxis (allergic reaction)* can occur as a result of digestion, inhalation or any other contact with nut-based products.

For their safety, please can we request that you do not send your child into school with any nut-based products for packed lunches, break time snacks or for any other occasion. This includes products that may contain traces of nuts.

With very many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.



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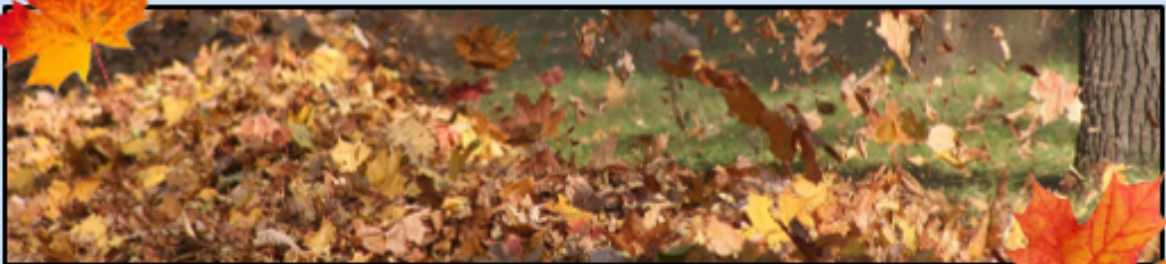
Autumn Arts Competition

Term 1 2023/24 House Event



From Monday 18th September until 12th October.

Entries to your head students or Mrs Sewell.



Lower School:

Create a piece of art (drawing/collage/3D piece of art) that represents the word 'Autumn'.



Create some

Middle School & Upper school:

Write an Autumn themed poem.

This can be in the form of an Acrostic or short verse.



Autumn inspired art



Write an

1st in phase: 100 house points.

2nd in phase: 75 house points.

3rd in phase: 50 house points.



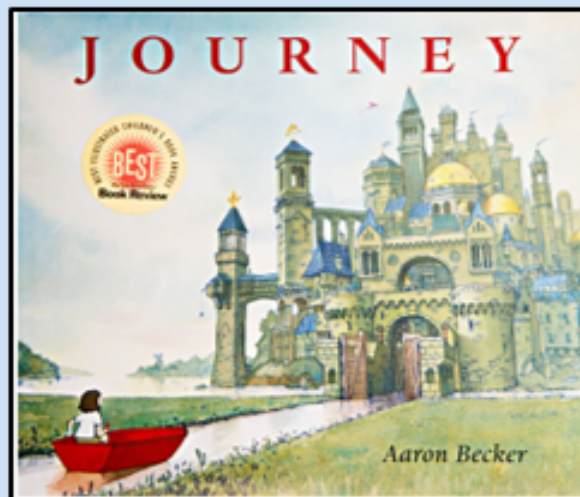
Autumn Poem



Westhaven School

Book of the term- Term 1

Journey by Aaron Becker



Whole school house challenge:

Read through 'Journey' by Aaron Becker

Choose one of the following tasks:

1. Design an airship/aircraft on A4 card/paper.
2. Model an airship/aircraft using household craft items.



Design

an



aircraft



Model

an



aircraft

From Monday 18th September until 12th October.

A link to a virtual copy of the book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AoIA9DebV70>

A Day of SEND:



A Day of SEND

18th October 2023

9am - 9pm

@ Priory Community School



This is the official Event Programme
for parents, carers, family members
& professionals for
A Day of SEND



Please click on the link below to access the Event Programme:

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5f8d9660767c18699c812569/t/65033bdf15579347d636eb78/1694710766746/A+Day+of+SEND+Programme+%287%29.pdf>

NSPCC

FREE NSPCC Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers



The NSPCC is running a series of free **Online Safety Workshops for Parents & Carers** in Term 1 on Zoom.

The workshops are 1 hour and will help parents and carers to find out about:

- What children and young people are doing online
- Parental concerns
- What the risks are for young people in terms of what they see, do, and who they meet online
- How to manage these risks as a parent/carer
- Sources of help and support

Each workshop will also focus on a combination of the following topics:

- Gaming
- Social Media
- Online Bullying
- Parental controls
- Mental health and well being
- Modelling good behaviour
- Online challenges, hoaxes and scams
- Persuasive design and screen time vs screen use

We would encourage that a lead professional from your setting is present on the training, so that you are aware of any concerns and can follow up appropriately. You will also benefit from hearing the same key messages as your parent/carer community. However, this isn't mandatory.

For more information and to request joining details please email parentworkshops@nspcc.org.uk

DATE	TIME	WORKSHOP CONTENT
13 th Sept	6-7pm	Core content + Online Bullying + Online Friendships + Parental controls
19 th Sept	7-8pm	Core Content + Grooming + Modelling good behaviour + Mental health and wellbeing
28 th Sept	5-6pm	Core content + Gaming + Pornography + Parental controls
4 th Oct	7-8pm	Core content + Social Media + Online bullying + Parental Controls
12 th Oct	6-7pm	Core content + live streaming + Persuasive design + Screen time vs screen use + Modelling good behaviours
17 th Oct	5-6pm	Core content + Gaming + Parental controls + Challenges, hoaxes and scams
23 rd Oct	6-7pm	Core content + Social media + Parental controls + Online bullying

Diary Dates:

Thursday 5th - Thursday 12th October	School Book Fair
Thursday 12th October	'First Aid Friends' workshops with the Lower School learners
Thursday 19th October	Halloween Disco 1.30 pm - 2 pm Lower School 2 pm - 2.30 pm Middle School and Upper School
Monday 6th November	SALT Family Workshop 9.15am - 10.15am
Friday 17 November 2023	Children-in-Need
Friday 1 December 2023	Westhaven Christmas Fayre
Friday 22 March	M&M Production of Oliver Twist

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

North Somerset Term Dates - 2024/2025:

Term 1	Monday 02 September 2024 to Friday 25 October 2024
Term 2	Monday 04 November 2024 to Friday 20 December 2024
Term 3	Monday 06 January 2025 to Friday 14 February 2025
Term 4	Monday 24 February 2025 to Friday 04 April 2025
Term 5	Tuesday 22 April 2025 to Friday 23 May 2025
Term 6	Monday 02 June 2025 to Tuesday 22 July 2025

Bank Holidays (school closed to all pupils) - 2024/2025:

May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 05 May 2025
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