

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

I can't quite believe how quickly the term seems to have gone, with now only one week until we break up for half term.

It has been another incredibly busy and successful week at Westhaven as you will be able to read and see from this newsletter. I do hope you are continuing to enjoy receiving it and keeping up with what has been going on.

The weather is beginning to change for the worse so please ensure your child attends school with suitable clothing. A coat is a must, but consider hat, scarf and gloves too!

Next Friday being the end of term, I will be emailing all of you with your child's attendance percentage for term 1. This is something I will do every term, as you will remember a couple of weeks ago I informed you that it is a Department for Education (DfE) national focus.

The national expectation for attendance is 95% or above. If your child's attendance falls below 90% schools have a responsibility to draw your attention to this, but if it is below 80%, this is considered a serious concern and additional steps will need to be taken.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Lower School:

On Monday, we had a visit from Noak's Ark. The learners in Oxford, Wells and Bath had a fascinating time learning all about the different animals and how to care for them.



On Wednesday, our former learner, James, visited us with his tractor to link with our English studies of the book, 'A Year on Adam's Farm'.



On Thursday, First Aid Friends visited us and carried out workshops in the hall.

The learners had a great time finding out about first aid and how to keep safe in an emergency situation.

Spare clothing required: If you have any spare underwear, socks or school uniform that you no longer need at home, we would be most grateful for the donations. Thank you.

Middle School

I visited our classes in Middle School during the 'twinned reading event' and the learners enjoyed hearing stories from staff other than their teachers. What a wonderful way to safely experience something new.

Middle and Upper School had their first School Council meeting this week; we discussed the role of the School Council and how it is their role to be the voice for their peers. Mr Innes also discussed the importance of the School Council looking outwards to the community as well. Our head learners have been busy collecting entries for our house competitions - thank you for your support if these have been done at home.

Upper School:

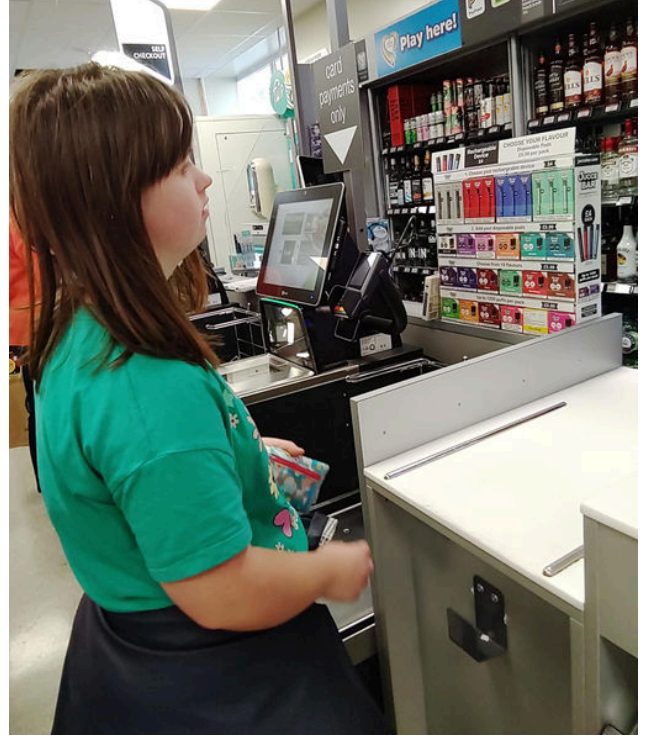
Upper School learner council representatives enjoyed their first council meeting and came back enthused with the conversations they had about the role. We look forward to the vital contribution they will make.

Upper School head learner interviews occurred. All to a very high standard with wonderful preparation evident. Well done to all applicants. I can confirm that our head learners for this academic year are:

Head Learners	Korrigan	Ethan
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Picture Gallery:







Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs K Corfield

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"Where should I go ?" - "Alice That depends where you want to end up" - The Cheshire Cat Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Caroll</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body" Joseph Addison</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Bumpus Jumpus Dinosaurumpus' by Tony Mitton
Favourite Childhood Book	'How the Whale Became' by Ted Hughes

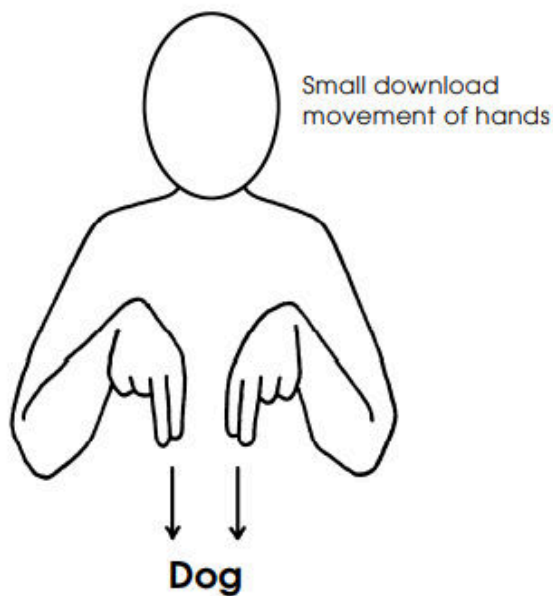
Assembly Focus on Monday:

Lower School	Diwali : the Hindu festival of lights
Middle School	Diwal : the Hindu festival of lights
Upper School	

Word of this Week:

KS1	creep
KS2	eerie
KS3, 4 and 5	preternatural

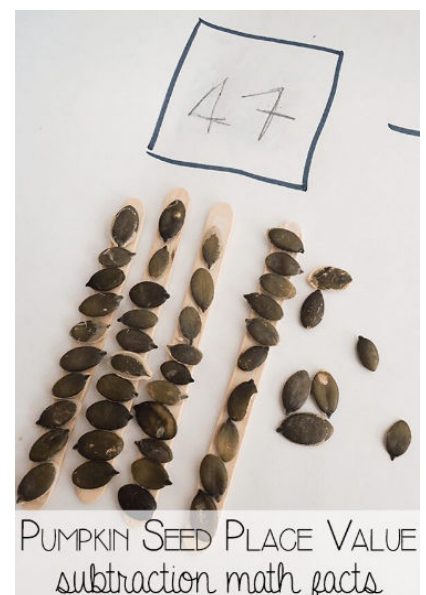
Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters:



If you carve a pumpkin don't throw out the seeds! Practise adding and subtracting using the seeds as manipulatives...



Sports Desk:

As always a fabulous week of PE at Westhaven – Lower School were finishing their movements and coordination focus, whilst Middle and Upper School classes were finishing off their netball and cross country focus. We've had some fantastic netball matches this week, with some really high level netball being played. Last week's trophy winners were Lower School- Bath and Middle and Upper School – London and Bristol. Well done to all classes!

Headteacher Awards:

- The whole of Hull class, Oliver, Michael, Miley and Susanna for their lovely work in English
- Anthony, Liam and Daniel from Leeds class for their work in English about Charles Dickens
- Ruby, also from Leeds, for her Science work about how muscles work

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.

Weekend Walks



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

Date	Location	Start point
Saturday 14.10.2023	Weston-super-Mare Pier to Pier	In front of The Grand Pier
Sunday 29.10.2023	Clevedon Poet's Walk	Salhouse 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


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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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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

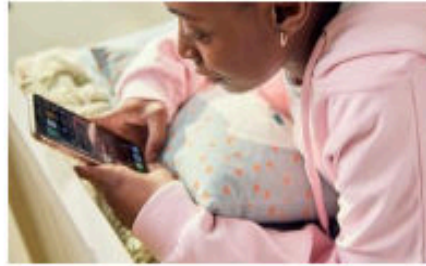


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NSPCC

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/carers
- 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/carers 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 19 October	Halloween Disco (during school time)
Monday 6th November	SALT Family Workshop 9.15am - 10.15am
Friday 17 November 2023	Children-in-Need
Friday 1 December 2023	Sleeping Beauty Touring Pantomime in
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

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May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 05 May 2025
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