

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

A hugely successful first full week back with so much to celebrate. All of the new learners that joined us at the beginning of term have settled well and have made new friendships. The rest of the school community have welcomed them and shown them the 'Westhaven Way'.

Photograph day went smoothly on Wednesday and we await the images of both the individual and class photos. I was very impressed with how smart the learners (and staff) looked in their uniforms, with many sporting the new hoodies.

I attended a meeting with the local community groups on Monday, with representatives from the Uphill Society, Weston Hospicecare and the local residents group. It was a very positive meeting and we are all committed to working together to keep everyone safe. I promised at the meeting that I would remind all of our parents and carers that drop off and collect their children to continue to park legally and considerately when doing so. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

A few little reminders:

Please can we take this opportunity to remind you that all correspondence to teachers and leadership must go through the main office (reception@westhavenschool.org.uk) and not directly to teachers/leaders via email or Class Dojo. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration for their well-being.

Can we also remind you that registration/arrival time is from 8:30–8:45, with lessons commencing promptly at 8:45. We understand that at times the roads are busy, but it can be unsettling for learners if they or others are late into lessons.

Can you also please ensure that all items of school uniform are named, particularly the new school hoodies? We can then ensure that all lost property is returned to its rightful owner.

Many thanks for your support and understanding.

A Note from our SENCOs:

Some of you may be wondering about interventions. Our intervention teachers are using their first weeks to support in classes with new learners and those they knew already. This supports transition into new classes or schools and helps all our learners settle.

Parent/Carer Evening - 'Meet the Tutor' - 3.10 pm- 6.10 pm

This will take place on Tuesday 26 September 2023 - please click on the link below to book:

<https://www.westhavenschool.org.uk/booking/>

Lower School:

It has been a very successful week for most of our learners and many are now in full swing with their new class teams and timetables. The sun has continued to shine and we have once again been able to make great use of our lovely new outdoor spaces.

We had our school photographs taken on Wednesday and all managed the process very well.

As with Middle School, we will be looking to appoint new roles of responsibility within Lower School. These positions will include 2 head learners, school council representatives and house captains. The teachers will be helping to support the learners interested in these positions with their 'application'.

Middle School:

Middle school had their first Middle School Assembly in the hall on Monday and I could not have been more pleased with them. We still had a few technology difficulties but despite this they came in so quietly and waited patiently. Their learning behaviour during assembly was exceptional. In our assembly we talked about new beginnings and starting anew. Some learners and staff shared things they want to do better or differently this year and we discussed how a new school year can be a good time to make a positive change.

In assembly I also mentioned our head learners. Middle School are looking for two head learners who will have some responsibility within Middle School. Duties last year included supporting new learners, helping on interviews for staff, delivering Christmas cards and this year we plan to also ask head learners to help with inter-house competitions (more on that later) I have said they will need to write (or draw or record a video) to myself (Mrs Cantello) and Mr Orchard to say why they think they would be good at this. I have not set a deadline for this yet.

Upper School:

Learners in Upper School have enjoyed their first full week, all having partaken in their 'option' lessons. It has been wonderful to hear the enthusiasm from Year 10 learners who are undertaking a 'new' subject, for example Hair and Beauty, Duke of Edinburgh or Photography, as well as the Year 11 learners returning with confidence and commitment to their qualifications.

Upper School had their first phase assembly this week, in which we spoke about the journey we are on in Upper School and likened it to a rollercoaster ride. We acknowledged that there may be hurdles and challenges along the way and each person was at a different point, but we were all on the journey together.

Upper School is looking to appoint 2 new Head Students for this academic year. Duties will include being a role model, assisting with school tours, staff interviews and parental events. Learners are invited to apply by expressing their interest in writing to Ms Wells by the end of September. Successful candidates will be invited to an interview. Candidates will be notified of the interview and will be given the questions in which they will be asked in advance, thus allowing them time to prepare.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr R McArthur

Favourite Book Quote	"I am just a child who has never grown up. I still keep asking these 'how' and 'why' questions. Occasionally, I find an answer." — 'A Brief History of Time' by Stephen Hawking
Favourite Quote about Reading	"To learn to read is to light a fire; every syllable that is spelled is a spark".

Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King
Favourite Childhood Book	'Stone Soup' by Ann McGovern (younger shared reading) 'War of the Worlds' by H.G. Wells (as a free reader)

Word of this Week:

KS1	learn
KS2	memorise
KS3, 4 & 5	imbibe

Sign of this Week: to catch



Maths Matters:



This is a great time of year to go blackberry picking. Did you know that 1 cup of blackberries provides you with 150% of your recommended daily amount of Vitamin C.

Sports Desk:

A fantastic first week and a half back in school; the learners have come back to school with the same amazing attitude shown last year.

There have been some amazing moments already and so many great PE lessons. Well done everyone.

Headteacher Awards:

- Jacob in Leeds class for his place value work in Maths.
- Stanley in Newcastle class for his English writing.

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>

**Family
workshop**

Term 1



**Westhaven
School**

A big thank you to the families that came to the first Westhaven family workshop. It was wonderful to meet you all! I would be very grateful if you could take five minutes to complete this short evaluation:

<https://forms.gle/EJpkBSAGepm2HcxC6>



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Diary Dates:

Tuesday 26th September (3.10 - 6.10)	'Meet the Tutor'
Thursday 12th October	'First Aid Friends' workshops with the Lower School learners
Thursday 19th October	Halloween Disco 1.30pm - 2pm Lower School 2pm - 2.30pm Middle School and Upper School
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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