

Friday 22 September 2023

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Monday saw the launch of our new School House System; assemblies for all learners were held and the names, banners, mascots, songs and termly competitions were all shared with them. There was much excitement amongst the children and the staff. Please do click on the link below to see for yourselves:

<https://www.westhavenschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/House-Launch.pdf>

Last Friday we were treated to a visit from a former colleague, Mr Jordan Lovatt, who now works for Bristol Bears Rugby. He will be working with W6 every Friday afternoon throughout the term and possibly beyond with some other learners. I am hoping this may lead to a potential visit to the stadium and even match tickets (even though I am a Bath Rugby supporter).

On Monday we are having a visit from the Foodbank into our morning assemblies. This is part of our SMSC (Social Moral Spiritual Cultural) programme and links to our focus for the week on Harvest. We would love to be able to give them a thank you in the form of a donation. If you are able to send your child in with a small contribution then this would be greatly appreciated. Currently the Foodbank's list of urgently needed items is:

TINNED SPAGHETTI/RAVIOLI

TINNED MEAT

HONEY/JAM

LONG LIFE MILK

CUSTARD/RICE PUDDING

TINNED TOMATOES

INSTANT COFFEE

SHOWER GEL/SHAMPOO/DEODORANT

WASHING POWDER/TABS

WASHING UP LIQUID

NAPPIES SIZE 5 AND MORE

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible next Tuesday for the 'Meet the Tutor' evening, please see the link below:

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

If you have an appointment at 3.10 pm your child may stay at school and wait for you to arrive. If your first appointment is after 3.10 pm your child will need to go home on their usual school transport, as we are unable to facilitate keeping learners at school.

Should you wish to change to an online appointment please click on the link in the confirmation email you will have received to cancel the existing appointment and you will then be able to make an alternative one. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Lower School:

We have not let the wet and windy weather dampen our spirits in Lower School this week. We have still been able to head outside and enjoy our sound walks in phonics and explore the grounds in our Forest School sessions. Thank you to everyone who has been able to send in wellies and a named waterproof coat to facilitate this.

I have received some wonderful letters and personal speeches from our upper key stage two learners outlining why they would love to become our next Head Learner.

I am delighted to announce that our vacancies have now been filled by Ibrahim and Olivia.

We are still looking to recruit for our school council, playground friends, house captains and reading buddies so watch this space!

Middle School:

This week my learning walks have been throughout Middle School. The learning behaviours and attitudes of the learners have been exemplary; I am very proud of them all.

We are looking for new Head Learners for Middle School. These learners have important roles to play, as well as being a wonderful role model to others they help us with tasks around the school. Last year our Head Learners helped with line ups, playground games and even interviews of new staff! If your learner thinks they would like to be a head learner for Middle School please ask them to submit an application to Mrs Cantello in

whichever form suits their needs - it could be a letter, a video, or even a comic! The deadline will be the 29th September.

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Deadline 29 September.

Sadly the weather has turned chilly and wet again - please can I remind you to send your learner with a named coat, although there are indoor options for break and lunch we do try to keep learners outside as much as possible.

Upper School:

It has been exciting to receive Head Learner letters of interest! Reminder that there is still time for learners to express their interest – deadline Thursday 28th September.

Tutors are looking forward to meeting you online / in person for parents evening on Tuesday 26th September. Jodie Silmon, our careers advisor, is also available to discuss post 16 options and work experience. If you wish to book an appointment with her please do using the link above..

Weston College have an open evening on Wednesday 27th September. Please see the link for further details:

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/whatnext?fbclid=IwAR2KjlmJ2XWbmk0ZkkjKeWBX32tseCE8sWN9G9tk7JAjgnAHVzZxYLdCbGA>

The weather has turned and whilst the Upper School learners are still enjoying eating and socialising in their area, which is partially covered and has a wonderful weeping willow for shelter, I would advise learners to bring named coats to wear.

Staff in the Spotlight: Miss A Brown

Favourite Book Quote	"You're off to great places! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting, so... get on your way!"
Favourite Quote about Reading	"A book is a gift you can open again and again".
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Fantastic Mr Fox' by Roald Dahl
Favourite Childhood Book	'Rainbow Magic Series' by Daisy Meadows

Word of this Week:

KS1	Examine
KS2	Ponder
KS3, 4 & 5	Contemplate

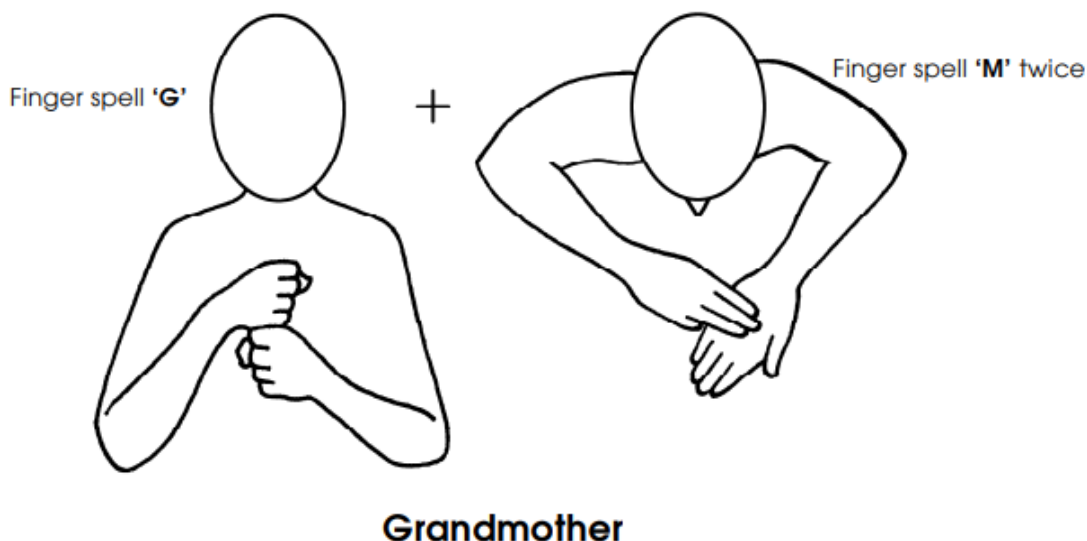
Helicopter Stories:

We are more than delighted to be able to share with you the video that was recorded last year as part of our Helicopter Stories programme.

We think you will agree, it is absolutely wonderful.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BP4jQJfjQsA>

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters:

Here is a Harvest Festival Number Fact:

Harvest festivals are traditionally held on or near the Sunday of the Harvest Moon. This is the full Moon that occurs closest to the autumn equinox (about Sept. 23). In two years out of three, the Harvest Moon comes in September, but in some years it occurs in October.

Sports Desk:

A very wet and windy week has meant most PE lessons have been inside this week in the hall. We have started our curriculum based lessons, KS1 and LKS2 have been working on floor movements and coordination, whilst KS2, 3, 4 and 5 have been working on netball and cross country. There have been so many fantastic lessons, all our new learners have come in and adapted to PE at Westhaven so well; I have been amazed in the first couple of weeks.

Last week's trophy winners were: LS winner - Chester class and M and US winners - Manchester and W6 class. Well done to all.

Headteacher Awards:

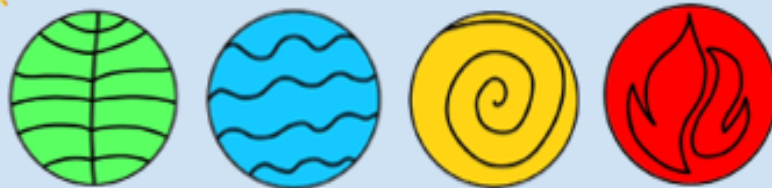
- Bethne, Velizar, Wills and Alex, all from Plymouth Class, for superb English work.
- Lana-Rae and Kida from Cardiff for fantastic Maths work.
- Ruby and Oliver from Leeds for brilliant English work.



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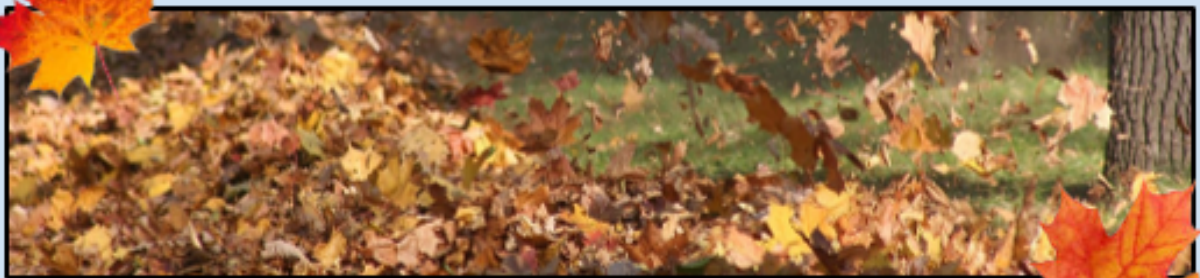
Autumn Arts Competition

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'.



Middle School & Upper school:

Write an Autumn themed poem.

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



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1st in phase: 100 house points.

2nd in phase: 75 house points.

3rd in phase: 50 house points.

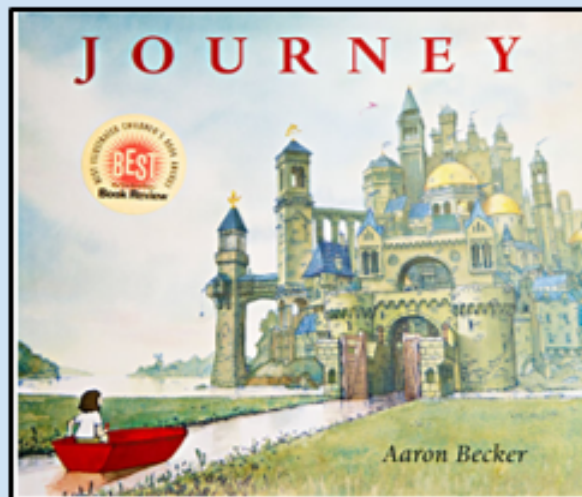




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Book of the term- Term 1

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/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

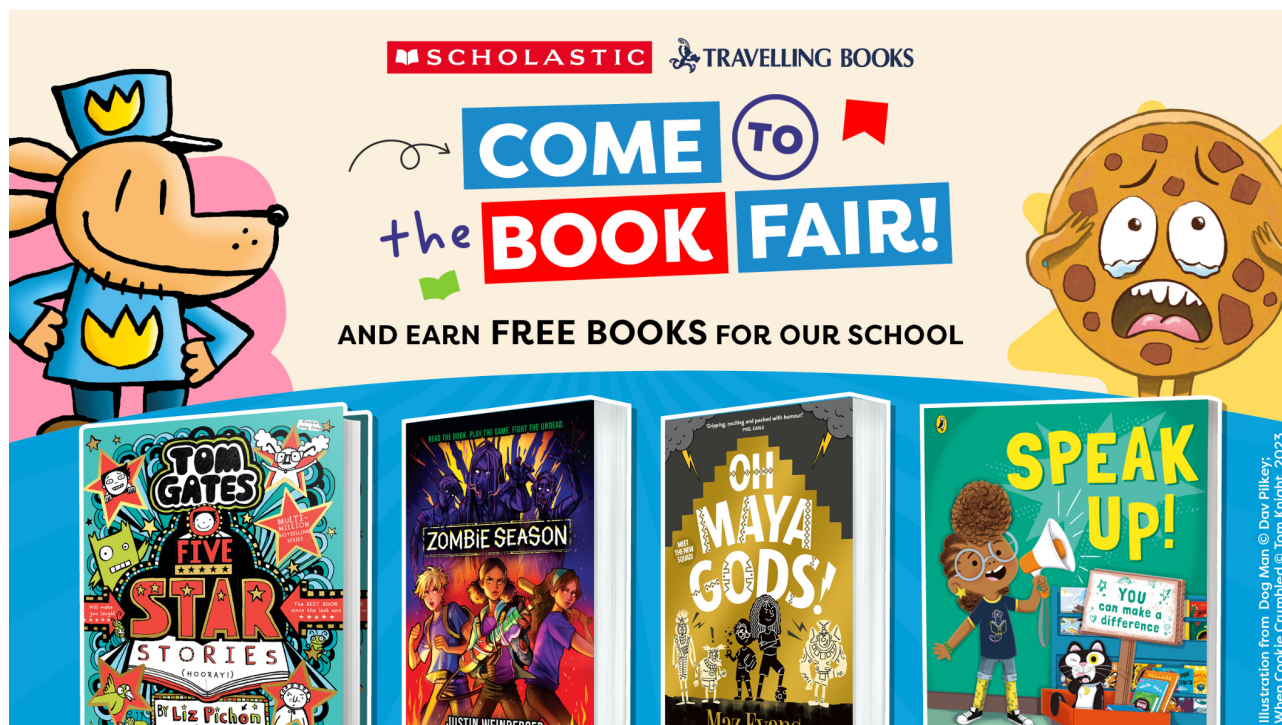
DATE	TIME	WORKSHOP CONTENT
13 th Sept	6-7pm	Core content + Online Bullying + Online Friendships + Parental controls
19 th Sept	7-8pm	Core Content + Grooming + Modelling good behaviour + Mental health and wellbeing
28 th Sept	5-6pm	Core content + Gaming + Pornography + Parental controls
4 th Oct	7-8pm	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



Nominate a young adult to win a book token

Win one of five £250/€250 National Book Tokens for a young adult aged 16-24!

Diary Dates:



Tuesday 26th September (3.10 - 6.10)	'Meet the Tutor'
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
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

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May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 05 May 2025
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