

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Another incredibly busy and productive week at Westhaven, it was so lovely to see many of you in person on Tuesday for 'meet the teams' evening. I know lots more joined online and had the opportunity to discuss your child with the teachers. I hope you found the evening beneficial as this is the first time we have tried doing this event at this early stage of the year. The turnout was higher than previous parent/carer evenings so that is really positive.

You may be aware that the Department for Education (DfE) are focussing on levels of attendance in schools nationally. The government is concerned about learners missing education, especially post pandemic since attendance levels have fallen. The expectation is that children attend for at least 95% of the time. Schools will continue to report attendance rates, as we always have had to, but now there will be even greater scrutiny. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we will write to you to alert you of this. If it drops below 80% you will be required to attend a meeting with me to discuss how we can put in place strategies to improve attendance.

Could I also remind you that lessons begin promptly at 8:45, therefore if you bring your child to school please try to arrive by 8:40 which will enable them sufficient time to register.

Enjoy reading and seeing all that has been going on this week at school and have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Lower School:

We are delighted to be able to announce the learners who will be filling our roles and responsibilities in Lower School this year. They are:

Head Learner	Olivia		Ibrahim	
School Council -Oxford	Damon		Reuben	
School Council -Wells	Misty-Mai		Noah	
School Council -Hull	Oliver W		Michael-Lee	
School Council -Bath	Maggie		Eva	
School Council -Chester	Logan		Rhianna	
House Captain	Louie	Miley	James	Kyle
Playground Friend	Jantzen	Alex	Jayden S	Reece
Reading Buddy	Maya	Susanna	Noa	Brooke

Middle School:

The smells emanating from the food room this week after Middle School lessons have had me salivating! You will have had a letter about contributing to the cost of these this week and hopefully you will agree that it's a small contribution considering the skills being learnt and the delightful food being brought home (if it's not eaten on the bus!).

I have had some wonderful and thoughtful submissions for Head Learners this week. Mr Orchard and I will announce our Head Learners on Monday in assembly time.

Upper School:

It has been wonderful to receive expressions of interest for the role of Head Learner. We will now sit down and read all letters, prior to inviting learners for an interview so they can explain in person why they are suitable. Unfortunately, there are only two positions, but students will have other opportunities to demonstrate their Westhaven Ways and lead in student council and house roles.

Our careers advisor Jodie Silmon was delighted to be so busy chatting to learners and parents / carers about all things 'Post 16' and 'WEX' on parents' evening.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs S Danvers

Favourite Book Quote	"The whole world opened to me when I learned to read." - Mary McLeod Bethune
Favourite Quote about Reading	"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." - Dr. Seuss
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'The Day the Crayons Quit' - Drew Daywalt
Favourite Childhood Book	'Running Wild' - Michael Morpurgo

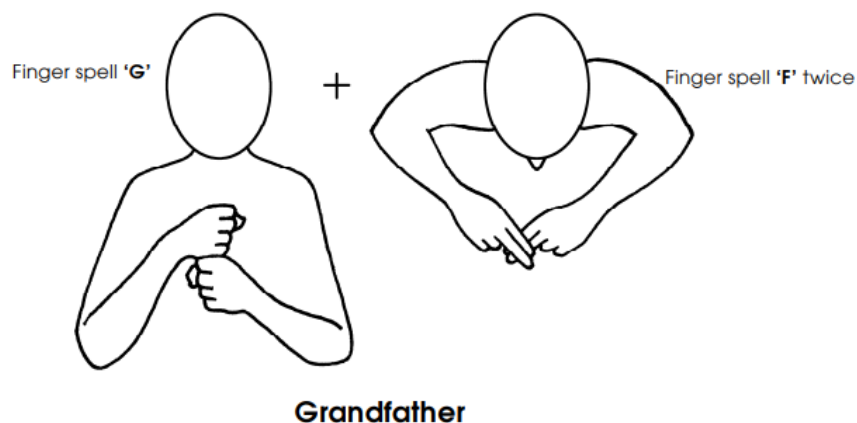
Assembly Focus on Monday:

Lower School	Phase Assembly. School Council: Candidates share their vision with their class, ready for voting on Wednesday.
Middle School and Upper School	Phase Assembly. School Council: Candidates share their vision with their year group, ready for voting on Wednesday.

Word of this Week:

KS1	collect
KS2	yield
KS3, 4 & 5	garner

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters:

If you have a pet at home you can incorporate maths into your home setting. Ask your child to help measure your animals' food or count their treats. Animals are a great motivator to practise our maths. If you don't have a pet maybe you can role play with their teddies!



Sports Desk:

My favourite part of this week has been watching our amazing learners pushing boundaries and surprising themselves more than anyone with their fantastic cross country running. As we haven't been able to go down to the beach because of the set up and pack away from the Bike Race we have had to settle for laps of the playground. The learners have been so resilient throughout and really pushed themselves to be the best they can be when running a longer distance.

Last week's trophy winners were- Lower School - Oxford Class, Middle and Upper School - Exeter and Cardiff Class. Well done to all three classes!



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.

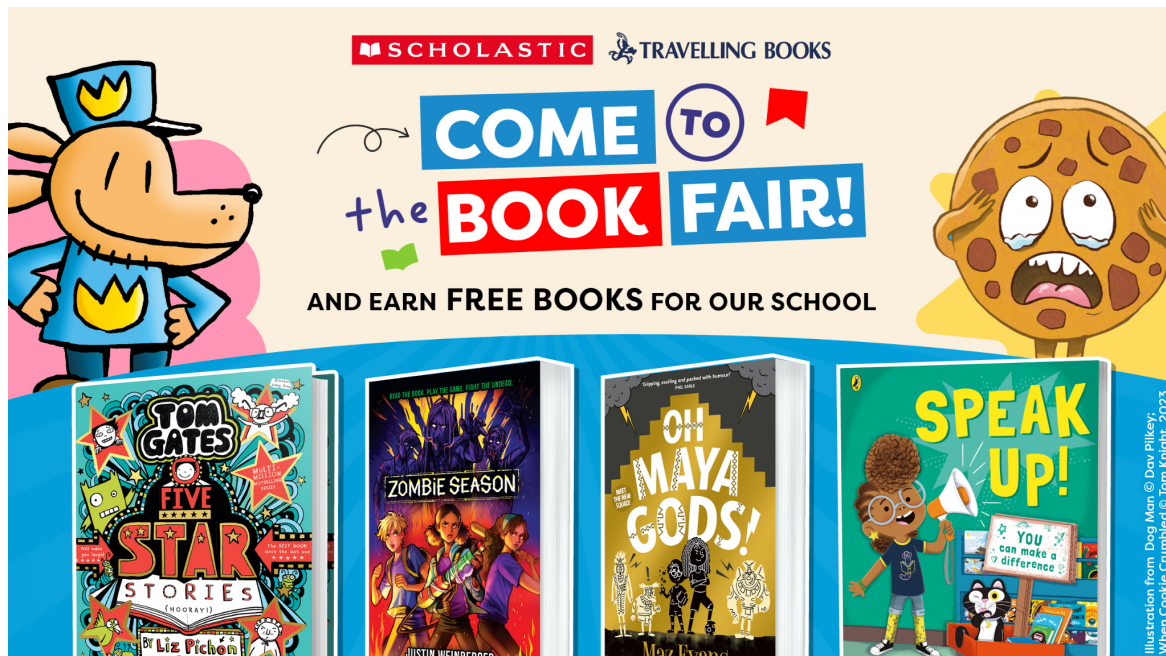
For their safety, please can we request that you do not send your child into school with any nut-based products for packed lunches, break time snacks or for any other occasion. This includes products that may contain traces of nuts.

With very many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.

Book Fayre:

Arriving at school on Thursday 5th October until 12th October!

Pupils will be able to purchase books at breaktime and we will also be open after school for parents.



Headteacher Awards:

- Oliver in Hull for excellent English work.
- Alex and Wills in Plymouth for superb work in Geography.



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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:

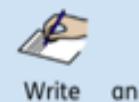
Create a piece of art (drawing/collage/3D piece of art) that represents the word 'Autumn'.



Middle School & Upper school:

Write an Autumn themed poem.

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



1st in phase: 100 house points.

2nd in phase: 75 house points.

3rd in phase: 50 house points.

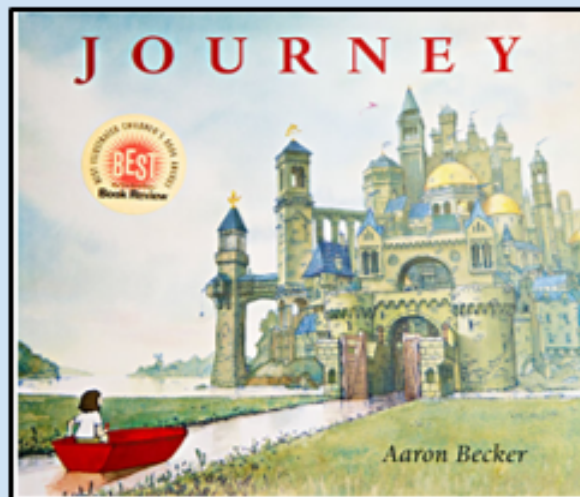




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Book of the term- Term 1

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

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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