

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Greetings everyone, I hope you all managed to have a wonderful summer break. It has been a pleasure to welcome back all the learners, especially the 29 new members of the Westhaven family. Everyone has settled really well, exploring their new classrooms, play areas, getting to know their staff teams and making new friendships.

It certainly has been an exciting first few days of the new academic year, with lots of fantastic work going on across the school despite the challenge of no internet and the familiar return to school heat-wave!

It will come as no surprise for you to hear that the learners have been brilliant, displaying characteristics of all the schools core values, but in particular this week their resilience shone through, well done to everyone.

Have a lovely weekend, I hope the good weather continues for the next couple of days but then cools a little next week so it is more comfortable in school.

Don't forget that it is school photograph day on Wednesday, so please make sure that you are looking smart!

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Absence Procedure:

If your child is due to be absent from school please ring on 01934 632171 or email reception@westhavenschool.org.uk. Many thanks.

Just a Reminder:

On PE days learners can come into school wearing their PE kit.

Lower School:

It has been a warm, but wonderful, start back to the new term. Everyone has come back ready to learn and have been very responsive to their new classrooms and teaching teams. Our new starters have been superstars and it is like they have always been part of our Westhaven family.

We have also very much enjoyed exploring our new playground equipment and we have seen lots of respectful citizens sharing and taking turns with their friends.

Hopefully, you will all have your new home-school diary in place for sharing messages with the class teams. Celebrations will also be shared via Class Dojo, so please let the office team know if you have not yet received your email link to the class page. Reading books will also start to be issued. If you could aim to listen to your child read at home at least three times a week that would be fantastic.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Middle School:

It has been delightful to welcome our new learners in Middle school and also welcome back any who were with us last year. The new uniforms are looking really smart and the learners are sporting new haircuts and have all seemed to have grown too! We are settling quickly into classes and routines and when visiting classrooms I have seen happy faces and wonderful ready to learn behaviour.

Please remember to sign up to Class Dojo as this is where we will share more class based information and some photos of what the learners have been up to. If you haven't had a link via your email please make a note in the diary and the class team will sort this out.

Upper School:

It has been a joy to welcome Upper school learners back this week. Everyone has returned cheerful, positive and ready to learn. Students who have joined upper school in year 10 and year 12, have embraced changes in their new classrooms and timetables. They have demonstrated resilience and independence navigating their new routines. We have particularly enjoyed exciting conversations about learners' option subjects.

I am privileged to have taken over the role of Head of Upper School and am looking forward to the journey with each learner and their families. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or queries.

Emma Wells
Head of Upper School

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr Simon Freeman

Favourite Book Quote	"You miss 100 percent of the shots you never take." – Oiler Wayne Gretzky
Favourite Quote about Reading	"Think before you speak. Read before you think."
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'The Twits' – Roald Dahl
Favourite Childhood Book	'Cat in the Hat' – Dr Seuss

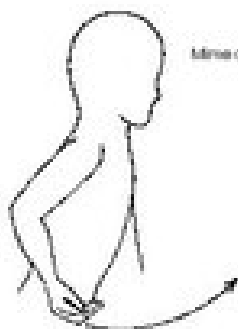
Word of this Week:

KS1	scared
KS2	nervous
KS3, 4 & 5	apprehensive

Sign of this Week: To throw



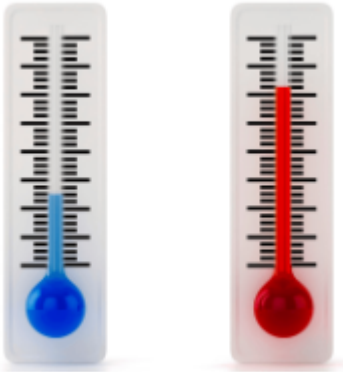
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Maths Matters:



This hot weather is a great opportunity to introduce your children to the concept of temperature and the numbers that relate to it.

Interesting temperature facts include the highest temperature ever recorded in the USA is 56.7 °C in Death Valley, California and the coldest temperature ever recorded on Earth is -89.2 °C recorded at Vostok Station, Antarctica on July 21, 1983.

Headteacher Awards:

The first batch of Headteacher awards were presented to Jacob, Ashanti, Lillie-Ann and Naomi from York class for their amazing phonics screening results.



**Family
workshop**

Term 1



**Westhaven
School**

Welcome to Westhaven

Led by Miss Chaplin - Primary SENCo

Where: Westhaven School meeting room

When: Wednesday 13th September {9.15-10.15}

What to expect: - History of the school - Who we are - What we do - School structure - Year groups- Class numbers - Support teams- Therapy team - Key staff to know - Parent support - Contact details - Q&A session



We offer a range of Cycling Activities, both group and individual sessions:

E-bike confidence sessions
Cycle Fitness
Cycle Minded Well-being rides
Inclusive Cycling
Trike lessons
Return to Cycling
Bike maintenance lessons
Road Cycling Confidence.

These activities are FREE of charge, available and accessible to everyone, designed to develop cycling skills, confidence and wellbeing.

Please email strawberrylinesprojects@gmail.com to arrange a session or for further information.



Diary Dates:

Wednesday 13th September (9.15 - 10.15)	Family Workshop
Wednesday 13th September	School Photographer In
Tuesday 26th September (3.10 - 6.10)	'Meet the Tutor'
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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