

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

So, December is finally here and let the festivities begin! I hope you have all opened the first day of your advent calendar this morning? A reminder that it is the PTA Christmas Fayre this afternoon, I do hope to see as many of you as possible there enjoying yourselves.

This morning we had a Pantomime company in for a performance of Sleeping Beauty, which was enjoyed by many of the learners from across the whole school.

Please see later in the newsletter for further details regarding dates for Christmas Lunch and jumper day, and also timings for the end of term celebration assemblies.

Have a wonderful weekend and keep warm!

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Around the School:

We had an absolutely brilliant time watching the pantomime of Sleeping Beauty this morning. Thank you very much to the PTA for subsidising the cost.



On the Christmas theme, ahead of the Christmas celebrations in school, if you have any Christmas jumpers that your family have outgrown we would love the donations so that we can give them to learners who maybe don't have one to wear. Thank you.

Sirona have recently updated their website. They now have a wealth of information and free resources which you can access to support many of their offered services. Please find the link here:

<https://sirona-cic.org.uk/children-services/parent-guardian-sort/>

Search here...

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Lower School:

We have been enjoying using our new playground markings this week. We have been using them as part of our sensory circuits and also at break times to help increase our fitness (and to help us keep warm!).



Middle School:

Middle School has had a calm week enjoying the icier mornings and are slowly getting into a festive mood. We have been starting some Christmas activities linked to the curriculum. In Computing we have looked at budgets for Christmas presents and we have worked on Christmas themed animations.

We are looking forward to our house meeting on Monday where we will create decorations for our house Christmas trees!

Upper School:

Upper school have felt the cold weather creeping in this week, but despite the temperature the Year 11 outdoor skills group warmed up during their run.

The Hair and Beauty learners enjoyed a trip to SallyBeauty - a Hair and Beauty Supplier in Weston for the afternoon. They were given a tour of the site, able to review a range of products in the industry as well as a question-and-answer session with staff. Learners enjoyed the trip and goodie bag of samples which they were given.

Oh yes it is! The pantomime on Friday morning brought smiles and cheer to Upper School learners - a lovely treat to the end of the week and start of December.

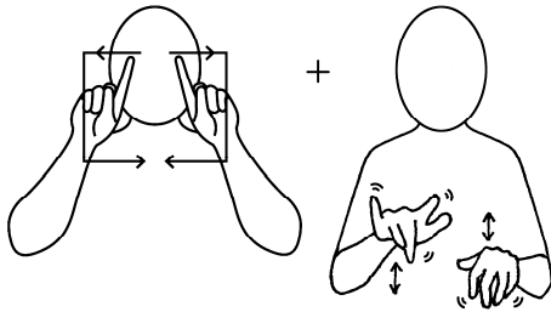
Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs K Plume

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall". - The Great Gatsby</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"I am too fond of reading books to care to write them." - Oscar Wilde</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Room on the Broom' by Julia Donaldson
Favourite Childhood Book	'Winnie the Pooh' by A.A Milne and EH Shepard

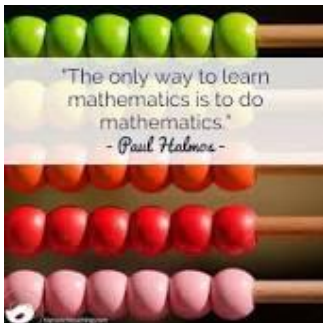
Word of this Week:

KS1	spotlight
KS2	illuminate
KS3, 4 and 5	showcase

Sign of this Week: Computer



Maths Matters:



"The only way to learn
mathematics is to do
mathematics."
- Paul Halmos -

Try to include maths in your
everyday interactions when you
are at home and out and about!

Sports Desk:

This week classes in Middle and Upper School have moved from gymnastics to table tennis. We have revisited skills learnt from previous years and been working on rallying with a partner for as many shots as possible. Some fantastic skills have been shown. Lower School have been continuing their learning about travelling, balancing and jumping. The confidence and improvement in balance in particular is so clear to see. Last week's trophy winners were: Lower School- Oxford and Middle and Upper School- Exeter and Cardiff

Headteacher Awards: This week has been very busy with visits from;

- Lewis from London class showed me his excellent writing skills, he has been experimenting with writing in the 2nd person.
- Oliver in Hull was excited to show me that he had achieved 100% in his maths challenge.
- Lucy from Bristol class was really proud to show me her maths work.

- Rosie in Plymouth for wonderful handwriting and phonics work.
- Leo and Jacob W from Bristol for excellent maths.
- Daniel in Truro for his amazing 50-word story!
- Jack, Stanley, Mia and Dexter from Newcastle class for their letters to Mr Scrooge!

A festive poster for 'End of Term Celebration Assemblies'. The background is dark blue with a string of white lights and pine branches with gold stars and ornaments. A glowing Santa hat is in the top left. The title 'End of Term Celebration Assemblies' is written in white cursive. Below it, the text states the assemblies will be on Wednesday, 20 December 2023, with times for Upper School (9.00 am), Lower School (10.00 am), and Middle School (11.00 am). It also mentions that children can be taken home after the assembly and ends with 'Looking forward to seeing you there!'.

*End of Term
Celebration Assemblies*

These will take place on the last day of Term 2,
Wed 20 December 2023, timings as below:

9.00 am – Upper School
10.00 am – Lower School
11.00 am – Middle School

If you wish you will be able to take your child/
children home with you after the assembly has
finished.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Christmas Lunch

CHRISTMAS LUNCH WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR OUR LEARNERS:

Tuesday 12 December – Lower School

Wednesday 13 December – Middle School

Thursday 14 December – Upper School

Christmas Jumpers Optional



Friends of Westhaven PTA Christmas Fair

Friday 1st December, 4pm - 6pm

School Hall - Westhaven School BS23 4UT

Raffle, Grotto, Stalls, Food & Refreshments.

All welcome - Free Entry!

See you soon!



Book of the term

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs



House Challenges:

Lower school:

Build your own Snowman.

Create your own Snowman using materials of your choice. Your Snowman should be 3D.

Listen to the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTWIBYP3oHQ>
Get inspired: <https://walkingwiththesnowman.co.uk/event/hitchin-2022/>

Middle & Upper school:

Build a model of a 'snowman chiller'

Create your own device that will keep your Snowman cold and prevent him from defrosting.

Listen to the story: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fTWIBYP3oHQ>
Watch the short film:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZE9KpobX9J8>

Deadline: Thursday 14th December 2023



Term 2 House event

Christmas Spelling bee!



Each class will be given a list of words that are matched to their reading and spelling phases.

These spellings will be placed into planners.

Learners are advised to practise spellings at home. Some learners will be provided with extra spelling support sheets to aid them in the revision of these.

Learners will then get the option of completing their spelling bee in their classrooms or joining classes for a whole phase assembly competition.

Competition date:

Week commencing 4th December.

There will be a winner from **each class!**





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.

Family workshop

Term 3



Westhaven School

Family wellbeing

Led by Tammy Chaplin, Joanne Evans
Guest: Adrian Hemmings

Where: Westhaven School

When: Monday 22nd January {9.30-10.30}

What to expect: Signs of poor mental health - Five ways to wellbeing - Capacity cup theory (Dr Emma Hepburn, 2021) - Mental health and wellbeing support team at Westhaven - Who can help



The Elf Workshop and Santa Grotto - SEN session

📍 The Sovereign Centre, Weston super Mare, BS23 1HJ

📅 Sat 10th December 2022

This is a more relaxed session for SEN children. The flashing lights will be off, places limited to ten, quieter music, and if there is anything else we can do it help make your child's stay more comfortable, let us know.

Children will be entertained by the elves as they make Christmas craft to keep, play games with the elves, build in the Lego pit, enter the weekly competition and play snowball fights in the snow.

They will then enter the grotto to see Santa. Santa will chat to the children, read an original funny story and hand out quality Christmas presents from his magic treasure chest.

Allow 45 minutes per visit.



CHRISTMAS TREE OF LIGHT SWITCH-ON

WITH LIPINSKI

**THURSDAY FUN STARTS
30TH AT 5PM**

NOVEMBER

**THE AMAZING ELF WORKSHOP
& SANTA GROTTTO**



FATHER CHRISTMAS & ELSA



Weston
Hospicecare



LIGHTS & LIVE MUSIC FROM 6PM

FREE PARKING FROM 3PM

**THURSDAYS THROUGH
DECEMBER 'TIL 8PM**

**FREE HOT CHOCOLATE
& GINGERBREAD
(WHILE STOCKS LAST)**



**LOCAL SINGERS
& MUSIC GROUPS**

**FREE PARKING
FROM 3PM
OPEN UNTIL 8PM**



**THE AMAZING ELF
WORKSHOP
& SANTA GROTTTO**

**MARIO &
BUMBLEBEE**



Celebrate Christmas with

SOVEREIGN

Weekend Walks

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Start point</u>
Saturday 14.10.2023	Weston-super-Mare Pier to Pier	In front of The Grand Pier
Sunday 29.10.2023	Clevedon Poet's Walk	Salthouse 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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GAMES GROUP



Weston-super-Mare

Winter 2023—Spring 2024

December: 5th, 19th

January: 2nd, 16th, 30th

February: 13th, 27th

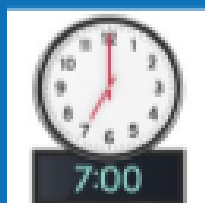
March: 12th, 26th

April: 9th, 23rd

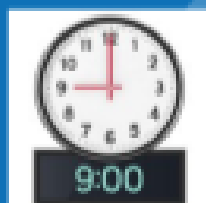
A free and friendly board games group for young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

NSPF groups are free of charge. Bring a game along if you wish.

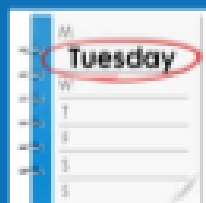
Start at Finish at



7pm



9pm



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Diary Dates:

Tuesday 12 December 2023	Christmas Lunch - Lower School
Wednesday 13 December 2023	Christmas Lunch - Middle School
Thursday 14 December 2023	Christmas Lunch - Upper School

Friday 15 December 2023	1.30pm Christmas Showcases for Lower School and Middle School classes - parents and carers welcome
Wednesday 20 December 2023	End of Term Celebration Assemblies: 9.00 am - Upper School 10.00 am - Lower School 11.00 am - Middle School
Friday 22 March 2024	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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