

## **Our vision**

**Valued - Inspired - Prepared**

## **Our values**

**We shape our learners to be:**

**Safely independent - Respectful citizens**

**Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners**

You'll remember that you received an email on the final day of term 1 with your child's attendance percentage for the term. It appears to be the hot topic in almost every meeting and forum I attend at the moment as it is a huge initiative from the DfE, to monitor and approve national attendance figures in school.

Therefore, can I urge you to work with us as a school to provide the best possible outcomes for your child. There are often genuine and reasonable reasons for absence, but please keep us informed of the situation. If your child's attendance is below 80% you will be invited to attend a meeting at school to discuss how we can work together to support your child.

This issue is particularly pertinent at this time of year with so many coughs and sniffles doing the rounds. You will need to use your judgement of course, we don't want germs being brought into school and spread so that others become ill, if it is an upset tummy for example. However, if you feel your child is well enough to attend school, then I would certainly encourage sending them in.

I hope you enjoy reading about all that has been going on in school this week and I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely



**Jamie Peacock**  
**Headteacher**

## Around the School:

On Tuesday, we celebrated Williams Syndrome Day to help raise awareness. 7.11.23 is a once-in-a-century date. 7.11.23 also corresponds to the area of deletion on the #7 chromosome, 7q11.23, that signifies Williams Syndrome!



On Friday, we marked Armistice Day with a two-minute silence to help pay our respects and mark the fallen heroes who have fought for our country.



Don't forget, next Friday is Children in Need day. The learners can come dressed in their own clothes on this day in exchange for a donation of money to the event.



## Lower School:

This week in Lower School we have been fighting off many coughs, colds and bugs. We are reminding the learners to 'catch, bin and kill' their germs and wash their hands regularly with warm water and soap. We have also been lending out many spare coats as despite the wind and rain, we have still had learners come to school without one.

Some of our Lower School learners have started participating in a Mini Police workshop. This workshop will run over a number of weeks and be led by our local PCSOs. This week the learners were learning about road safety – they did very well!

## Middle School:

Middle School and Upper School had their second school council meeting this week. They have lots of plans to become more involved in the local community, as well as planning some things around school. The first two of these are, launching a competition to design and name the Westhaven currency and discussing ways of gathering learner voice across school. We are also hoping they will be able to help organise some carol singing for Weston Hospicecare.

## Upper School:

Well done to Upper School learners who have undertaken Functional Skill exams this week. All showed exceptional resilience and tried their best - we are very proud of them. We are also very thankful and proud of all respectful learners across the school who ensured they passed the exam rooms very quietly, so no disturbance was caused.

Post 16/18 open evenings. Please see link for further details:

Bridgwater Campus - Foundation Learning - Tuesday 14th November 2023.

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wZqnBh56SmwfyfCSuiF0sEMr3bDpOq4x/view?usp=sharing>

Weston College - Wednesday 15th November 2023

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/node/74785>

## Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs S Merreywether

<b>Favourite Book Quote</b>	<i>"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do".</i>
<b>Favourite Quote about Reading</b>	<i>"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body"</i>
<b>Favourite Book to Read to Children</b>	The Tiger Who Came to Tea - Judith Kerr
<b>Favourite Childhood Book</b>	James and the Giant Peach - Roald Dahl

## Word of this Week:

<b>KS1</b>	remember
<b>KS2</b>	preserve
<b>KS3, 4 and 5</b>	commemorate

**Sign of this Week:** fire



**Maths Matters:**



**Number fact:** The largest ever firework display consisted of 810,904 fireworks.

When you talk to your child include large numbers as they will get used to the way they sound!

**Sports Desk:**

This week our learners have continued their gymnastics topic and the confidence is definitely growing within our learners; there has been so many new personal bests being reached and it is amazing to see. Alongside this, our middle and upper school learners have this week done a circuit training session, whilst recording scores, so that we can come back to it at the end of the term and try and beat those scores. Last week's trophy winners were: Lower School- Bath, Middle and Upper School- York and Plymouth.

Well done to all classes.

# 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/>

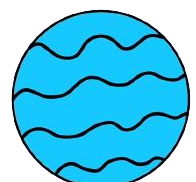
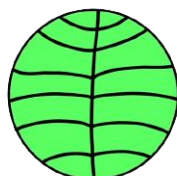
#### Middle & Upper school:

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!**





# 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!



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 2



# Westhaven School

A big thank you to the families that came to the second Westhaven family workshop. I would be very grateful if you could take five minutes to complete this short evaluation:

<https://forms.gle/Wa5NSjs6vQG4uZqT6>



## 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



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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## Diary Dates:

Friday 17 November 2023	Children-in-Need
Friday 1 December 2023	Sleeping Beauty Touring Pantomime in
Friday 1 December 2023	Westhaven Christmas Fayre
Friday 15 December 2023	1.30pm Christmas Showcases for Lower School and Middle School classes - parents and carers welcome
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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