

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

We have had another incredibly interesting week at Westhaven, and despite the weather doing its best to put a dampener on things, we have carried on regardless. As you will read (and see), there has been so much to celebrate this week; from our first new house meetings, visits from the Police and Fire Service to a trip to the theatre in Bristol.

I do hope by now you all have Friday the 1st December in your diaries and that we'll see as many of you as possible at the PTA Christmas Fayre, it is going to be an unmissable event.

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel De Souza, has launched a national campaign called 'The Big Ambition', you can read more about it here; <http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition> and complete the survey to have your say!

Wishing you all a fabulous weekend, stay safe and dry!

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Around the School:



We have had a 'spotacular' day celebrating Children in Need today. Thank you very much for all your kind donations.

We have a new section on our website, so please do take some time to check it out:

<https://www.westhavenschool.org.uk/poetry-corner/>

We are also looking for 2 learners from each phase to take on a new role:

British Values Ambassadors: a new learner role

To be a British values ambassador you will

- have a shared responsibility for promoting the values throughout the school
- be seen to be living their values both in and out of school
- further promote the values within our school
- help reward those who show the British values each week with the new I am Proud certificate.

We need 2 learners from each phase (lower, middle and upper). Submit your letter of application to Mrs Cantello to say why you are interested in this and how you show the British values in your everyday life. **Deadline Monday 20th November**

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Individual Liberty (trophy icon)

Democracy (voting box icon)

Mutual Respect (handshake icon)

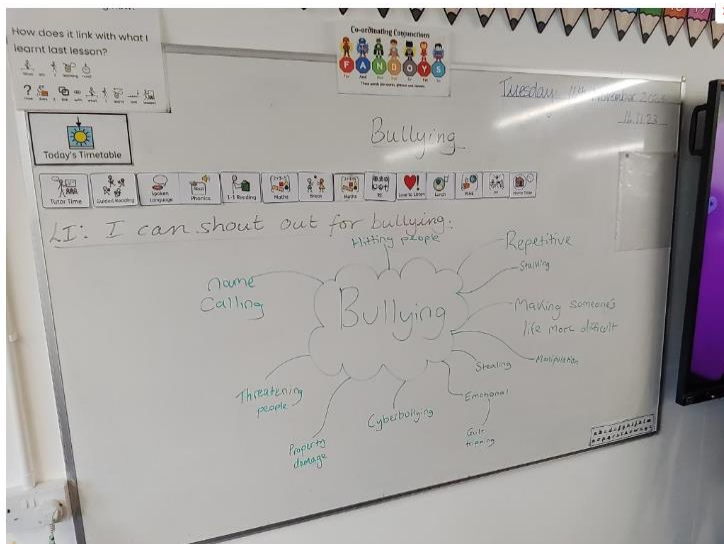
Truth and the Rule of Law (scales icon)

This week has been anti-bullying week, all learners accessed an assembly and activities within their classes to 'make a noise about bullying'!



Along with the fantastic poem which Hull class wrote which can be read in our Lower School highlights below, Leeds class discussed different types of bullying and ways to deal with it, creating a thought bubble of ideas to help them understand what bullying is:

Lower School:

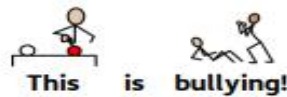


Across the school, we had our first house meeting in our house groups on Monday. Thanks goes to Miss Sewell for organising all of the tasks.

In Lower School, we focused on teamwork and all the learners showed they were both resilient learners and respectful citizens.

We also had another mini police session and the fire service also attended. Some learners were able to experience using their hose to shoot the water and had great fun.

Hull class have written a powerful poem linked to anti-bullying week.





Remember to check your Class Dojo page for photos and updates of the learning that has been taking place each week.

Middle School:

Middle School had their first house assembly this week in their house groups. Each house did different teamwork activities and enjoyed being with their house teams.

The highlight of the week was most definitely the trip to the theatre to see Bloc Productions, Christmas Carol. The learners had a fabulous time and were exhausted but so full of enthusiasm upon their return. The staff at the Hippodrome were really complementary about all of our learners and how well behaved they were. We are very proud of them. This was a big step for some of our learners and they certainly showed some independence and resilience.

Upper School:

Upper School learners enjoyed their first house assembly meeting in their house groups. All learners showed confident communicator skills in their teamwork and enthusiasm for the tasks.

Earth house made structures from jelly, spaghetti and marshmallows within the aim to see if the structures would stand the test of earthquake tremors.

Air and **Fire** house created pyramid structures using cups, elastic bands and string without hands!

Water house used teamwork skills to fill a bucket with water.

It was amazing to see the different strategies used to accomplish these tasks. House captain applications were given out – Deadline 16th November 2023.

Despite a wet start, the year 10 Duke of Edinburgh learners enjoyed a day out in Burrington Combe orienteering on Tuesday.

W6 enjoyed a visit to Ashley Down campus, City of Bristol College. Everyone was impressed at the new facilities – so many great independent living rooms, residential training and sensory facilities.

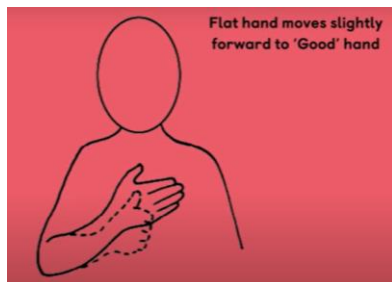
Staff in the Spotlight: Mr G Marney

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"We're going to need a bigger boat" – 'Jaws' by Peter Brenchley</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"A Classic -a book that people praise and don't read".</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn by Mark Twain.
Favourite Childhood Book	Any from "The Secret Seven" series.

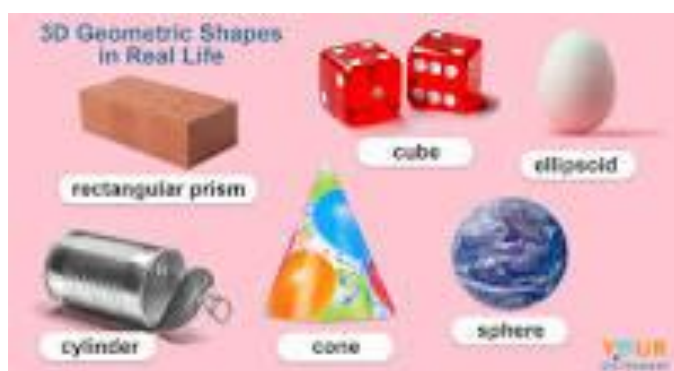
Word of this Week:

KS1	clever
KS2	competent
KS3, 4 and 5	precocious

Sign of this Week: Brave



Maths Matters:



Keep an eye out for examples of real-life 3D shapes and try to use their “proper” maths names. It will help with your child’s awareness of objects and help prepare them for qualifications in Key Stage 4!

Sports Desk:

This week we have been blown away by the efforts of our learners, mainly during our boxercise sessions. Our learners have loved learning about boxercise and why people use this as a great way to get fit. Our Lower School learners have carried on with their gymnastics and we have started to look at boccia games too. Overall, it’s been another amazing week with loads of highlights! Last week’s trophy winners were: Lower School - Wells Class, Middle and Upper School - York and Plymouth class. Well done to all classes.

Headteacher Awards:

This week I have been visited by Ava, Zyisha, Leo and Maddison, all in Year 10, for their wonderful English work. Well done to all of you!

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/>

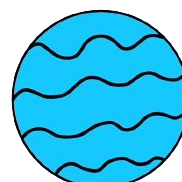
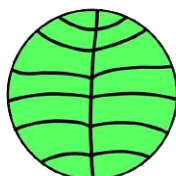
Middle & Upper school:

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!**



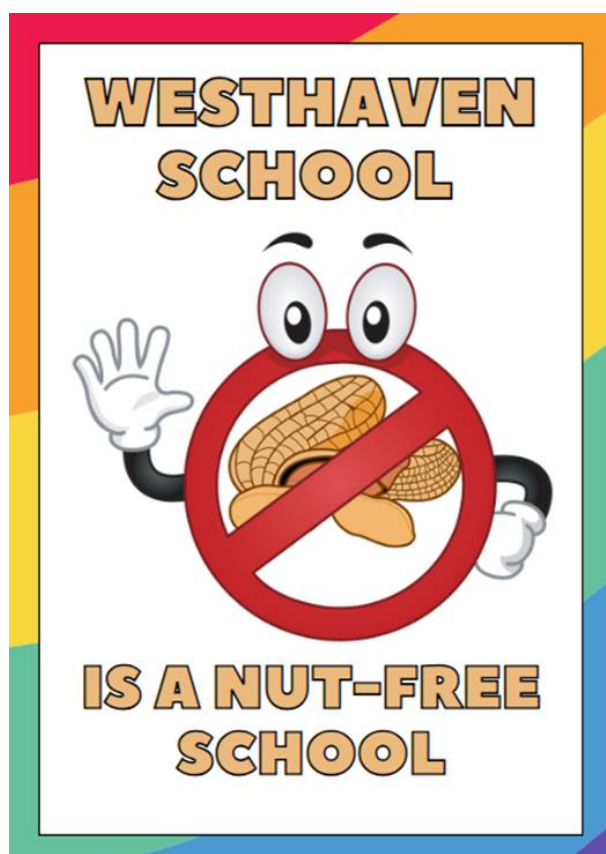


Friends of Westhaven PTA Christmas Fair



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.

Weekend Walks



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 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

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May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 05 May 2025
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