

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Well, we are now officially over half way through this very long term and although still in November, we are building towards the festive season, which kicks off next Friday with the PTA Christmas Fayre. I do hope we see as many of you as possible, and that you are able to support this event. You may even catch a rare sight of me in a Christmas hat!

We are beginning to notice a few of our learners pushing the boundaries regarding school uniform. As you know, we are very supportive of sensory needs and will be flexible in our approach but would ask that they dress appropriately in either plain black or navy-blue jumpers and trousers/tracksuit bottoms. It is worth mentioning that the vast majority of the learners look ever so smart in the new school hoodies or blazers and ties, if that is their chosen option.

This week I have had the pleasure of touring a number of visitors around our wonderful school and have seen lots of good work going on in all the classrooms. What makes me most proud is, without exception, all the visitors comment on how polite and respectful all the learners are at Westhaven. Well done to everyone for showing the Westhaven Way!

I wish you all a lovely weekend,

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Around the School:

Thank you for all your kind donations to the Christmas Fayre. The learners enjoyed having a 'wear what you like day' as a midweek treat. The countdown has officially begun!

Lower School:

This week, some of our lower key stage two classes were visited by the RNLI. The crew delivered a very informative session all about the role they perform in keeping people safe on the beaches and saving lives at sea. The learners were very engaged and asked some great questions.

We were also very proud of all the learners who attended our assembly at the start of the week about hate crime and bullying. All were very responsive and had some powerful ideas about how to make Westhaven the best it can be. We promote positivity and care for all, and discrimination and unkindness is not tolerated.

Middle School:

Despite the chill this week some of our learners have been enjoying walks in the local area as part of their curriculum and learning. It is really important to us that the skills we are learning are practised in real life.

I have had some wonderful entries for our new British Values ambassadors, it is great to read the learner's thoughts on how they have been showing these values at home and at school. We will be announcing who will be our British Values ambassadors during assembly on Monday.

We will also be sharing our new Westhaven Way posters with learners during this assembly, as well as requesting some volunteer learners to help with some play and games at break times.

Upper School:

This week marks Road Safety week and Upper School learners have embraced this during travel training - practising catching a bus and identifying different road signs and understanding their different meanings.

Year 10 Food and Nutrition learners had a wonderful experience of cooking and tasting mussels which had been grown and harvested in Brixham, Devon. Despite the apprehension and visual appearance of the mussels, all learners enjoyed the experience with some trying for the very first time! I was immensely proud of how inquisitive learners were about this food.

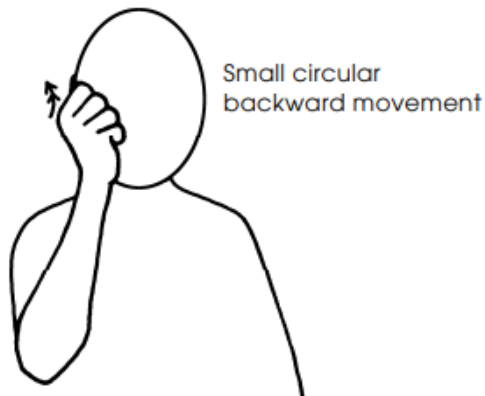
Staff in the Spotlight: Miss S Mead

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"Be who you are and say how you feel because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind." – Cat in the Hat by Dr. Seuss</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"Reading is an exercise in empathy; an exercise in walking in someone else's shoes for a while." – Malorie Blackman</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	What the Ladybird Heard – Julia Donaldson
Favourite Childhood Book	Elmer – David McKee

Word of this Week:

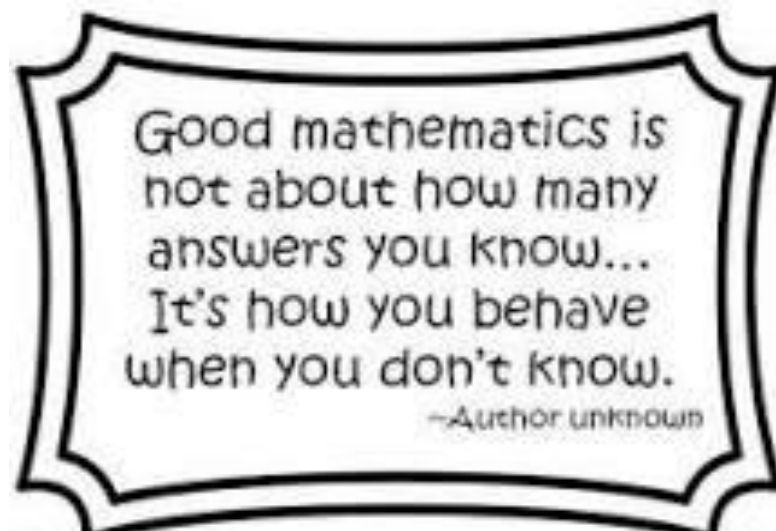
KS1	delight
KS2	delectable
KS3, 4 and 5	succulent

Sign of this Week:



Black

Maths Matters:



Sports Desk:

A fantastic week of PE yet again, our Middle and Upper School learners have been creating and performing gymnastic routines this week in PE. It has been amazing to see the confidence that has been built - in week 1 there were very few hands going up when it came to performing, this has gradually become more and more, which is fantastic to see. Our Lower School learners have been continuing their gymnastics topic and are starting to learn what a routine is. Lastly a mention of Chester class who are currently in their first term of swimming and Mrs Plume and Mrs Vincent are blown away by their confidence in the water. Well done Chester class.

Last week's trophy winners were:

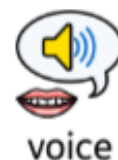
Lower School - Hull Class

Middle and Upper School - Liverpool and Nottingham. Well done to all classes.

School Council Update:

The School Council is well and truly up and running. Primary School Council are busy organising Christmas cards for our neighbours, whilst Secondary School Council are organising carol singing and a competition for the naming and design of the Westhaven Currency.

We have also chosen our mission statement (voted for in a democratic way of course!):



Headteacher Awards:

- This week I was really impressed by Lily in Plymouth class for her character description work in English.
- Max in Manchester brought his English and Maths books and he is making excellent progress.
- Jazmin from Leeds class wrote a fabulous piece from the book she has been studying, which is Oliver Twist.

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/>

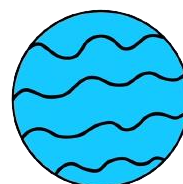
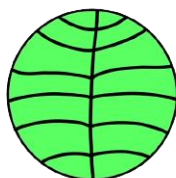
Middle & Upper school:

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.

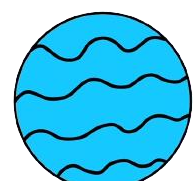
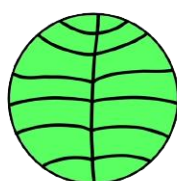
Learners are advised to practise spellings at home. Some learners will be provided with extra spelling support sheets to aid them in the revision of these.

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!**



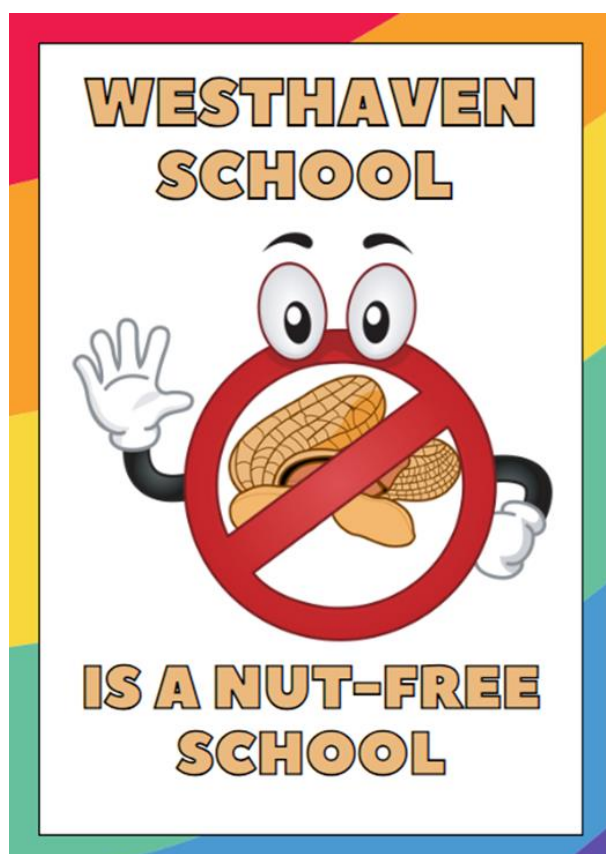


Friends of Westhaven PTA Christmas Fair



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

peoplefirst 

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

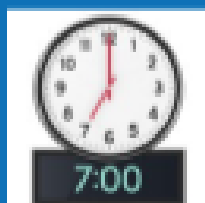
March: 12th, 26th

April: 9th, 23rd

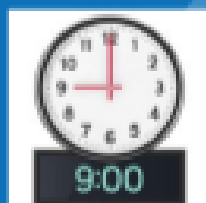
A free and friendly board games group for young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

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

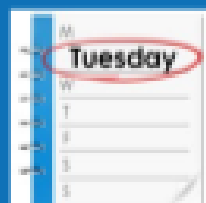
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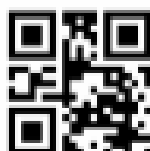


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Diary Dates:

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
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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:

- 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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