

Friday 8th December 2023

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Good Afternoon Everyone, it has been another extremely busy and successful week at Westhaven. We have welcomed some new staff to the team, please read about them in the rest of the newsletter.

A huge thank you to Mr Chillingworth, everyone involved in the PTA, and also to anyone that came out to support the most wonderful Christmas Fayre last Friday. It truly was a magical event, with such a feel-good, positive atmosphere. There was also a record profit raised of £1836.51!

Yesterday evening we welcomed back the 2023 leavers for the presentation of their certificates. It was lovely to see them all and hear how they are thriving at college.

We are looking forward to the Christmas lunches next week. As we are such a large school now, we will be holding these on three consecutive days, starting with Lower School on Tuesday, then Middle School on Wednesday and finishing with Upper School on Thursday. It is worth noting that on these days, when the hall is in use, the other learners will have their lunch in their own classroom, supervised by staff.

One final word from me, it is the Christmas productions next week in classrooms, which you are all invited in for. Ms Vincent has messaged the details via Dojo so please read them carefully.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Around the School

We very much enjoyed our House meetings this week. Each house has a Christmas tree to decorate in house colours and we made decorations for this during house meetings. It was a lovely time to be creative and get to know each other a bit more.

Lower School:

We have had some staffing changes in Lower School recently.

We have welcomed Miss Sophie Philp back into our team. Miss Philp left to welcome her baby into the world and has now returned to us in Wells Class. We also have Miss Connie Wilcox joining the team.

Mr Matt Veryard has joined us in Hull Class and Miss Lisa Beauchamp has moved to a role in Middle School.

After Christmas, Miss Suzanne Mead will be leaving us to begin her maternity leave so Miss Anna Temple will move to support the Bath team. Finally, in the new year, Mrs Julie Needs will be joining the team in Chester Class.

The Lower School teams from January will be:

Oxford	Wells	Hull	Bath	Chester
Miss Sweetman (T) Mr Bawden Miss Brooks Mrs Telega-Robinson Mrs Harvey	Miss Doran (T) Miss Cook Miss Geremesz Miss Wilcox (Mon-Wed) Miss Philp (Wed -Fri)	Mrs Plume (T) Mr Young Mr Veryard	Mrs Crawley (T) Mrs Parsons Miss Temple	Mrs Danvers (T) Mrs Mohide Miss Linham Mrs Needs

Middle School:

Middle School have welcomed Mr Darren Harbun to the team this week - he will be with Leeds class on a Monday and Plymouth on a Tuesday. We have also welcomed Miss Lisa Beauchamp into Exeter class, moving to us from Lower school.

Upper School:

Upper School learners enjoyed starting the week creating decorations for their house trees. The house captains then did a fabulous job of dressing the trees with the decorations. Hopefully, you will get the opportunity of viewing the trees when attending the celebration assembly at the end of term.

The Year 10 Food and Nutrition learners did themselves proud yesterday. They planned, prepared and served a delicious buffet to past learners and their families, as well as staff. All worked extremely hard and deserved the positive feedback they received. Well done to all learners involved.

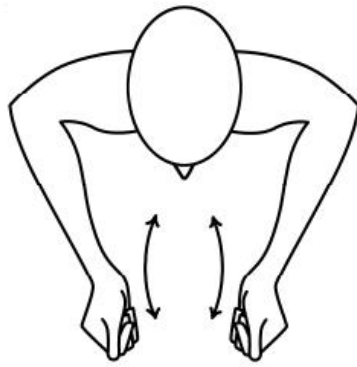
Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs R Patterson

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"What's the point of having a voice If you're gonna be silent in those moments you shouldn't be".</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"You provide them with a deep understanding about their world and fill their brains with background knowledge".</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' - Roald Dahl
Favourite Childhood Book	'Wind in the Willows' - Kenneth Grahame

Word of this Week:

KS1	dazzle
KS2	sensational
KS3, 4 and 5	exquisite

Sign of this Week:



Hands move quickly backwards and forwards together by wrist movement

Sleigh

Maths Matters:



Children can really benefit from learning through song. Why don't you practise singing the 12 days of Christmas song at home and as if by magic your child will have learnt to count backwards from 12!

Sports Desk:

This week we have been finishing off our last bits of this term's topics and the learners will be enjoying their reward lessons in their last two lessons. This week's highlight for me has been upper school having a go at the 15m bleep test. Wow there were some unbelievable efforts, with a few learners very close to completing. More importantly every learner sets themselves a personal best and will look to beat this personal best next time. There were no trophies awarded last week as there wasn't an assembly.

Headteacher Awards:

- Harry from Plymouth for his Phonics.
- Wills and Velizar from Plymouth for their English.

A dark blue poster with a festive theme. It features a glowing Santa hat icon in the top left, a string of white lights and a pine branch with gold stars and ornaments in the top right, and another pine branch with gold stars and ornaments in the bottom left. The text is white and centered.

**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!

A grey poster with a festive theme. It features a background of white snowflakes and a faint pattern of evergreen branches. At the bottom center is a cartoon illustration of Santa Claus with a white beard, glasses, and a red hat. The text is white and centered.

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

**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

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=fTW1BYP3oHQ>
Get inspired: <https://walkingwiththesnowman.co.uk/event/hitchin-2022/>

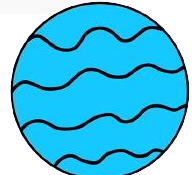
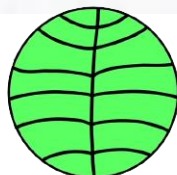
Middle & Upper school:

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=fTW1BYP3oHQ>
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.

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**

**THE AMAZING ELF
WORKSHOP
& SANTA GROTTTO**

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



**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



to



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

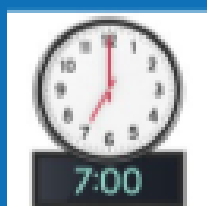
March: 12th, 26th

April: 9th, 23rd

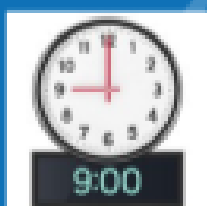
A free and friendly board games group for young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

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

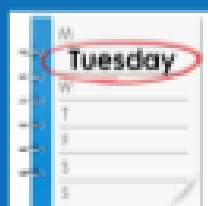
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7pm

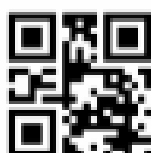


9pm



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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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