

Friday 9th February 2024

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 half way through the academic year, although it's actually 21 weeks completed, with 18 to go (teachers know these things!). The first half of the year really has flown by, and I am delighted with all the hard work that your children have been putting into their class work.

It does seem that we have been rather unfortunate of late with inclement weather and a run of prolonged illness amongst the learners and staff team. However, as you'd expect, we have all shown resilience to keep turning up and doing our best. We do all hope that the weather is kinder to us next term though.

As the end of term draws to a conclusion, you will be receiving separate communication from me regarding your child's attendance and holiday requests. As you know, it is a huge national focus at the moment, and whilst I fully understand the reasons why you need to remove your child from school during term time, I need to inform you that all such requests moving forward will be recorded as unauthorised. This does not mean that you can't go, or that there will be any fines issued. It is merely ensuring that we as a school are following government advice on the matter.

At the end of each term, you always receive a class newsletter, which shows photos from your child's own class. I have tried to attach to this newsletter as many as possible from all classes, so that you can all see the amazing variety of things that go on across the school. Please scroll down and enjoy the picture gallery!

I wish you all a fabulous half term break, whatever you have planned and I look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 19th February.

Yours sincerely



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Across the School:

This week has seen us marking Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for this year was "My Voice Matters".

My Voice Matters is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves.

When we feel empowered, this can have a positive impact on our wellbeing. Children and young people who feel that their voices are 'heard' and can make a difference have a greater sense of community and self-esteem.

The learners in Lower School have made a video, all about expressing themselves:

[Express Yourself.mp4](#)

This week has also marked Safer Internet Day across the nation. We, at Westhaven, recognise safe use of the internet across the year, with important learning embedded in the curriculum every term through online safety lessons and, in some circumstances, whole termly topics dedicated to safe internet/online usage.

Lower School:

We started the week with an assembly about bullying - what it means to be a bully and who we can go to for help and support. The learners were respectful citizens and listened and contributed their thoughts and ideas very well.

We hope you enjoy reading the class newsletter, sharing more about the learning that has been taking place across the term.

Have a lovely week away from school. We look forward to seeing you again on Monday 19th February.

Middle School:

Middle School P2L classes and R2L classes started the week with an assembly about how bullying makes people feel, we watched a short film and spotted the different emotions in the characters throughout the film. We also reminded learners that bullying is targeted and repeated. We ended our assembly watching a film of Exeter class performing the Kindness Song by Becky Drake.

Our Playground Helpers have applied and have been chosen. Mr Orchard is busy writing a job description for them, we have made sure two houses are represented each day and tried to share the roles amongst those who applied whilst giving them a peer whom they would not normally link with. .

They will be:

Monday: Rosie (Water), Lillie (Fire)

Tuesday: Juliette (Air) , Sophie (Fire)

Wednesday: Ashanti (Earth) Rosie (Water)

Thursday: Jacob C (Fire), Logan (Water)

Friday: Lena (Fire) , Georgie (Water)

This will start next term, we look forward to supporting the learners to help each other have more fun on the playground.

Upper School:

Upper School commenced the week with an assembly on bullying. We discussed what bullying was - repeated, unkind, targeted, looked at examples, discussed how bullying is dealt with at Westhaven and in the community. We also embraced that we are all different and unique, kind and caring individuals.

The week finished with celebrating learners' achievements from term 3 and saying goodbye to Miss Corrigan. We all wish her well with her next steps.

We hope you enjoy reading the tutor newsletters and have a restful half term.



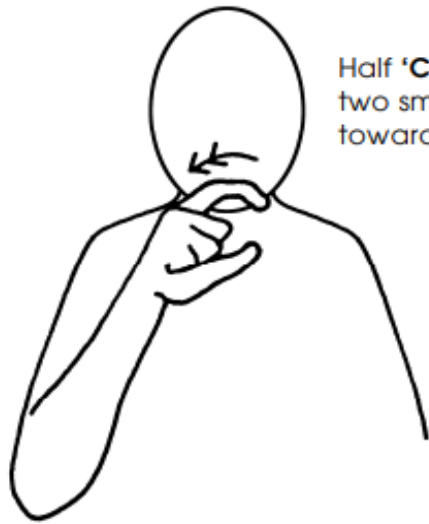
Staff in the Spotlight: Mr D Smith

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"Nobody realises that some people expend tremendous energy merely to be normal" - Albert Camus</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"You think your pain and heartbreak are unprecedented in the history of the world, but then you read" - James Baldwin</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Horrible Histories
Favourite Childhood Book	Watership Down by Richard Adams

Word of this Week:

KS1	mishmash
KS2	hotchpotch
KS3, 4 and 5	miscellany

Sign of this Week: chocolate



Half 'C' shape hand makes
two small movements on chin
towards dominant side

Sports Desk:

Another fantastic term has somehow been and gone - it has been incredible how consistent our learners are at coming and making PE lessons so successful. The boccia house competition was fantastic and I am delighted to inform you that the winners are as follow:

- Lower School - Fire
- Middle School - Air
- Upper School - Fire

Well done to everyone for taking part!

Maths Matters:

In a certain city, houses have to be built in a particular way.

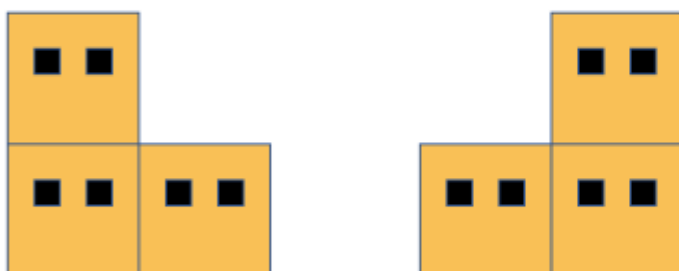
There have to be two rooms on the ground floor and all other rooms have to be built on top of these.

Families are allowed to build just one room for each person living in the house.

So a house for two people would look like this:



but a house for three people could look like one of these:



What might a house for four people look like?

In how many different ways could a family of four people build their house?

What about a house for five people?

In how many different ways could a family of five people build their house?

What do you notice?

Now predict how many ways there are to build a house for a family of seven people.

Try it! Were you right?

Headteacher Awards:

- Joshua, Isaac S and Riley from Newcastle class visited me this week to show me their wonderful English writing about 'A Midsummer's Night Dream'



To ensure that we can continue to provide a full catering service when faced with staffing challenges, we would be interested to hear from any parents/carers that might be interested in helping out as a Kitchen Assistant on an ad-hoc basis. Full training would be given in advance. This post would be subject to an enhanced DBS clearance and two satisfactory references and would be paid at a competitive hourly rate. This arrangement would constitute a zero hours contract with no guarantee of work. Please contact Trudy Hudson for further details.

**Family
workshop**

Term 4



**Westhaven
School**

SEND workshop

Led by Tammy Chaplin and Susan Cantello

Where: Westhaven School

When: Wednesday 6th March {9.00-10.00}

Please complete the following form to confirm attendance, and indicate what support may benefit you in this workshop. We hope to see you there!

<https://forms.gle/NKF4NjquPJHnZkN2A>



Action Pussycat have teamed up with Titch the T-Rex and friends Dino Hire and The Tropicana to provide a MONSTER of an event.

Meet 8 different dinosaurs, from a handheld baby Triceratops, to a 4.5-metre-long T-Rex, it is a must see show for every dinosaur fan.

Doors open at 4pm for pre-show entertainment, including 3 dinosaurs to meet, spectacular scenes for amazing selfies, craft activities, a dinosaur hunt, merchandise and more.

Then at 4:30pm, an hour-long dinosaur show is packed with 5 more dinosaurs, fun facts and interactive games.

Tickets are £8 and selling fast. 2 shows have already sold out!

Free first aid courses!

With Pulse First Aid

A free first aid course for
parents/carers with
children of all ages.

Come along to any of
our three upcoming
sessions:

12 February
18 February
25 March

📍 Clevedon Children's
Centre, The Barn,
Great Western Road,
BS21 6HB



AVON
FIRE & RESCUE

CHILDREN &
YOUNG PEOPLE

Children's
Wellbeing
Event

Sunday
11th February

More information for the event can be found here: <https://www.avonfire.gov.uk/north-somerset-news/4391-weston-fire-station-to-host-children-s-wellbeing-event>



Save The Date

'A Day of SEND'



Wednesday 23rd October 2024

@ Priory Community School,
WSM, BS22 6BP



NORTH SOMERSET PCWT
PARENT CARERS WORKING TOGETHER



**WESTHAVEN
SCHOOL**



**IS A NUT-FREE
SCHOOL**

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.



Parenting isn't easy even when your child is well and happy. Sometimes all we need is a little advice and guidance to get us back on track when things are tricky.

The Family Wellbeing Parenting Team have an offer of 13 advanced parenting groups which are free to attend and run by trained facilitators. All groups are evidenced based meaning they employ tried and true methods built on research that demonstrate positive outcomes and are most likely the most reliable way to approach parenting.

For information on the advanced parenting groups please search for "North Somerset Advanced Parenting Groups" on your chosen search engine or scan the QR code below.

- Incredible Years Autism & Language Delay
- Incredible Years Preschool
- Incredible Years School Age
- D.A.R.T – Domestic Abuse Recovery Together
- Parents Plus: Adolescent Programme
- Parents Plus: Working Things Out
- Parents Plus: SEND
- Parents Plus: Parenting When Separated
- Non-Violent Resistance
- Mellow Parenting

For more information, please contact the Parenting Team:

parenting.groups@n-somerset.gov.uk



The Parenting Village Coffee Morning

"It takes a village to raise a child" originates from an old African proverb and conveys the message that it takes many people to provide a safe and healthy environment where children can flourish.

The drop in is a relaxed and friendly place where parents and parenting specialists will be on hand to share resources, offer support, a listening ear or just spend time talking about what it's like to be a parent.

When? 1st Friday of each month

Where? Castle Batch Children's Centre, Bishop Avenue, Weston-super-Mare, BS22 7PQ

What time? 09:30 – 11:00

When? 2nd Tuesday of each month (9th Jan 24)

Where? Oldmixon Family Centre, Monkton Avenue, Weston-super-Mare BS24 9DA

What time? 09:30 – 11:00

When? 3rd Monday of each month

Where? The Barn, Great Western Rd, Clevedon BS21 6HB

What time? 11:00 – 12:30

Parents of children of all ages welcome.

Free refreshments

For more information, please contact the Parenting Team: parenting.groups@n-somerset.gov.uk



**North
Somerset
Council**



Time Out For Parents



Handling Anger in the Family

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 to 16

Date

Friday, 12.30pm – 2.30pm
26th January, 2nd February, 9th
February, 23rd February 2024

Venue

Locking Castle Church
Jasmine Way
Locking Castle
Weston Super Mare,
BS24 7JW

Booking & Further Information

Contact Cathy Bond
Mobile 07875 442139
Email parentinglcc@gmail.com

The logo for 'positiveparenting' features the word 'positive' in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by 'parenting' in a lighter, lowercase, sans-serif font. A small graphic of three colored dots (red, yellow, blue) is positioned above the 'i' in 'positive'.

Common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help
you to engage with your children and boost your relationship



Time Out For Parents

Handling Anger in the Family

Positive Parenting Time Out for Parents courses from Care for the Family provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship.

If you have children aged 5 to 16, then *Time Out for Parents – Handling Anger in the Family* is for you. Over four sessions, you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to help you and your children deal with the ordinary, everyday anger that all families experience.

The Sessions

- Session 1 Managing our anger – part 1
- Session 2 Managing our anger – part 2
- Session 3 Helping children manage anger – part 1
- Session 4 Helping children manage anger – part 2



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Tel (029) 2081 0800. www.careforthefamily.org.uk

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GAMES GROUP



Weston-super-Mare

Winter 2023—Spring 2024

December: 5th, 19th

January: 2nd, 16th, 30th

February: 13th, 27th

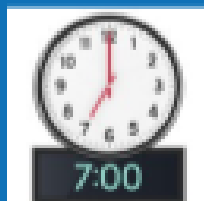
March: 12th, 26th

April: 9th, 23rd

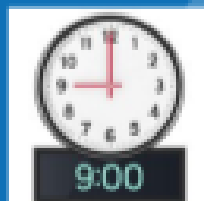
A free and friendly board games group for young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

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

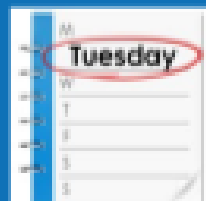
Start at Finish at



7pm



9pm



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Highlands Lane
Weston-super-Mare
BS24 7DX

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communications@nspf.co.uk
www.nspf.co.uk



Cycle lessons for young people with additional needs.

We have availability on Saturdays for free 1:1 cycle lessons, using our fantastic range of adaptive bikes and trikes. The 30 minute sessions are a great way to introduce cycle skills and develop further confidence.



Email strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com for further information



Diary Dates:

Monday 19 February 2024	Start of Term 4
Tuesday 20 February 2024	School Valentine's Disco (during school hours) Wear What You Like Day
Thursday 7 March 2024	World Book Day
Friday 22 March 2024	M&M Production of Oliver Twist
Friday 19 July 2024	Last day in school for learners this academic year

(Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July are INSET days)
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North Somerset Term Dates - 2023/2024:

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 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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Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all pupils) - 2024/25:

- Monday 2nd September 2024
- Tuesday 3rd September 2024

- **Friday 8th November 2024**
- **Monday 6th January 2025**
- **Monday 21st July 2025**
- **Tuesday 22nd July 202**