

## Our vision

Valued – Inspired – Prepared

## Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent – Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers – Confident communicators – Resilient learners

Another week has flown by which began on Monday with House assemblies explaining to the learners and staff about the imminent opening of the school house shop. It will be stocked with many items such as Westhaven branded water bottles in house colours, fiddle toys, pens, pencils and much more! The learners will be able to 'spend' their 'Westhaven Wages' that have been designed by themselves, which is the number of merit/dojo points that they have earned since September. The items will be on display in a new cabinet in the hall for the learners to browse from next week.

On Tuesday we welcomed the Headteacher from Briarwood school in Bristol, who happens to also be an Ofsted Inspector. She visited us to observe PE and pop into other lessons during the day. She was highly complimentary of the Westhaven learners, expressing that their behaviour and attitude to learning was very impressive. Of course, this didn't come as a surprise to me as I witness their hard work and conduct every day, but it did make me incredibly proud as you can imagine.

On Wednesday we were treated to a wonderful lunch by Pappadoms, a local catering business. The food was amazing and many of the learners and staff, myself included, enjoyed chicken tikka and rice. I was particularly proud of the learners that pushed themselves to try this style of food for the first time. A huge thank you goes to Pappadoms for their continued generosity and support of the school.

All week the learners that will be attending the North Somerset dance festival at the Playhouse have been practising hard. I am extremely excited to have the opportunity to see them perform next Wednesday evening. If you are able, please do come along, I promise you it will be a highlight of your year!

I wish you all a wonderful weekend ahead, whatever you have planned.



**Jamie Peacock**  
Headteacher

## Across the School:

House assembly this week saw the launch of our Book of the term: Leaf by Dieckman. This has been recorded and signed for us by Nikki Holt, a local Makaton Tutor. The recording can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11AXeFpT7K8>

Just a reminder that it is World Book Day next Thursday 7th March. Learners can come to school dressed in their house colours or representing their house mascot.

Air	An eagle
Earth	A dinosaur
Fire	A dragon
Water	A shark

## Lower School:

This week has seen many parent tours through the Lower School classes and, as always, it is a pleasure to show off all the fantastic learning that is taking place. Please do remember to take a look on your Class Dojo page for further information and photos of the opportunities being facilitated.

## Middle School:

This week some of year 7 have been lucky enough to start a "Junior Police" course with the PCSOs. It is great that we have been offered this opportunity to extend their knowledge of police work and build further community links. I am optimistic that it will be successful and we will be offered further opportunities for more year 7s.

Today we are seeing Mrs Perry off for her maternity leave and wish her all the best for her next adventure. We hope she is able to rest and prepare for the baby's arrival and the beginnings of motherhood are smooth for her. We look forward to meeting the new addition to our Westhaven family in due course!

## Upper School:

This week has seen a real focus across subjects on reviewing non-examination assessment (coursework) and being a step closer to completing for year 11 learners. .

Functional skills English reading and writing exams took place. Great resilience was shown by learners, particularly those of which sat an exam for the first time.

## Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs Rowena Telega-Robinson

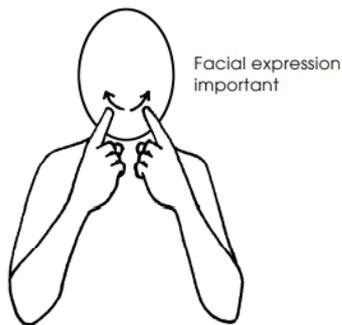
<b>Favourite Book Quote</b>	<i>"It doesn't matter who you are or what you look like, as long as somebody loves you" - Roald Dahl</i>
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<b>Favourite Quote about Reading</b>	<i>"There is no friend as loyal as a book" - Ernest Hemingway</i>
<b>Favourite Book to Read to Children</b>	Adventures of the Wishing-Chair - Enid Blyton
<b>Favourite Childhood Book</b>	The Faraway Tree - Enid Blyton

**Word of this Week:**

<b>KS1</b>	joy
<b>KS2</b>	jubilant
<b>KS3, 4 and 5</b>	euphoric

**Sign of this Week:**



**To Smile**

**Maths Matters:**



When Jack was one year old, his mother bought a pack of 24 candles. She put one candle on his birthday cake.

When Jack was two he had two candles on his cake, and when he was three he had three candles, and so on.

One day Jack's little sister, Kate, was born. She had one candle on her birthday cake, two candles on her second birthday cake, and so on.

On one of Jack's birthdays, there were exactly enough candles left for Jack's mother to put the candles on his birthday cake. After that, the packet was empty.

How old was Jack when Kate was born? And how old was each of them when the candles finally ran out?

## Sports Desk:

Another fantastic week and, as Mr Peacock mentioned above, we had a visit on Tuesday to chat about PE and observe some PE lessons. I too was extremely proud of our learners who produced some fantastic lessons as they always do. Well done to all involved.

We have been practising our dance for the festival at every opportunity and it is looking amazing! We and the learners can't wait for Wednesday night!

Last week's trophy winners were:

- Lower School – Wells
- Middle and Upper School – Exeter and Cardiff

Well done to all classes.

## Headteacher Awards:

- Chloe and Jacob from Leeds class both for their equation solving in maths
- Lillie-Ann in York class for her translation of Shakespearean into modern day English
- Dexter in Newcastle for his wonderful PowerPoint presentation about his rainforest adventure
- Lenka in Cardiff class for trying new food

# thank you



A huge thank you to Mrs Vincent and everyone that purchased the lovely crocus pots that Mrs Vincent so kindly planted up for charity – we have raised a massive £100 for Action Duchenne – it is so very much appreciated.



# Cafe Haven

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.



**Save The Date**

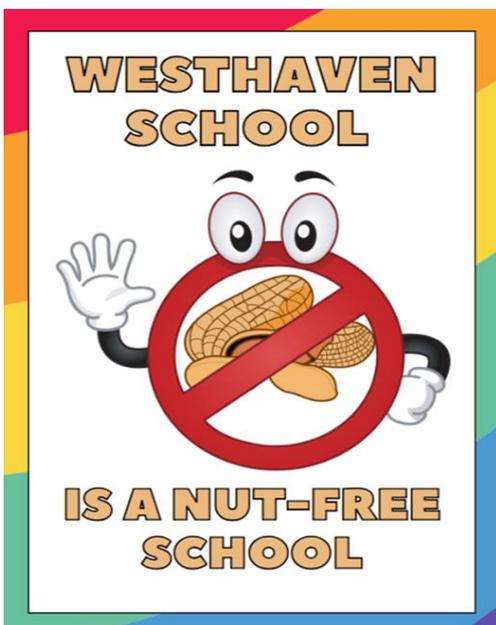
**'A Day of SEND'**

**Wednesday 23rd October 2024**

**@ Priory Community School,  
WSM, BS22 6BP**



**NORTH PC  
SOMERSET WT**  
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.

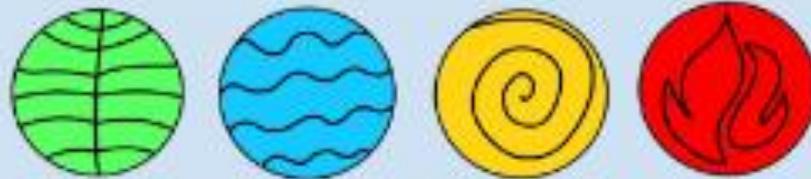
With very many thanks for your understanding and cooperation.



# Westhaven School

## House Egg Decorating Competition

Term 4 2023/24 House Event



between Monday 19th February and Monday 25th March.



### Whole school:

- Use a drained real egg or a plastic/china egg.
- Decorate a single or multiple eggs.
- Make a scene to house your egg too if you wish.
- Be as creative as you can in your decorating using any materials you like.



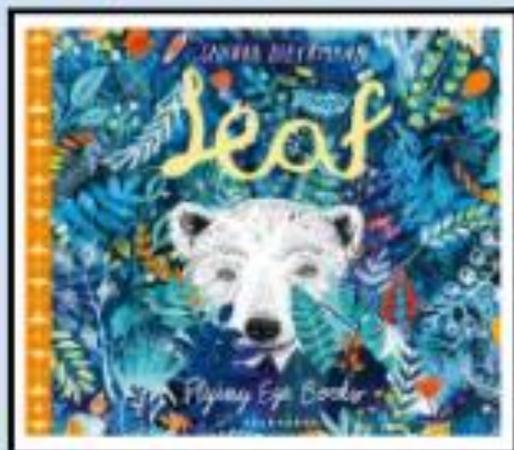
Decorate an egg.



**Entries close Monday 25th March.**

## **Book of the term- Term 4**

Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann



A Makaton version of the book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11AXeFpT7K8&t=1s>

Joanna Page -CBeebies bedtime stories:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-FK8HocVqU>

**Whole school house challenge:**

**DESIGN YOUR OWN  
BOOK COVER!**

Design your own book cover.

This can be digital or completed by hand, you can use an existing book as a starting point or make up your own.

**Tip:** The inside of a recycled cereal box makes a great book cover.

**Entries close Monday 25th March.**



Sadly, due to limited numbers of families showing interest in attending our fourth family workshop this term, Mrs Cantello and I have decided to cancel it. Therefore, the scheduled SEND family workshop, which was due to take place on 6/3/24 is cancelled.

I very much hope that more families are able to join us in term five for our next workshop, which will have a focus on keeping our children safe online.

Tammy Chaplin  
Primary SENCo  
Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 Lead



Paul and Michael raise two sets of twins, their eldest of which have autism and epilepsy. In Diffability, they talk about their lives and the challenges they face, about products that make their lives with the boys easier, and they speak to special guests. Whether your child's Diffability is anxiety, mental health, ASD, ADHD or any other kind of diagnosis, this podcast is here to show you that you're not alone in your calling to raise your child with a Diffability.

Tune in on Spotify: [Diffability Spotify Podcast](#) or Apple Podcasts: [Diffability on Apple Podcasts](#)

## Advanced Parenting Groups

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](mailto: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?** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of each month

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

**What time?** 09:30 – 11:00

**When?** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month (9<sup>th</sup> Jan 24)

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

**What time?** 09:30 – 11:00

**When?** 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:parenting.groups@n-somerset.gov.uk)



people  
first



## 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



At The Campus  
Highlands Lane  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS24 7DX

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[www.nspf.co.uk](http://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](mailto:strawberrylineprojects@gmail.com) for further information**



### Diary Dates:

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)

### 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 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2024
- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024
- Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025
- Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2025