

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, I hope you have all had an enjoyable and fulfilling week. It has been another busy and successful one at Westhaven, with lots of industrious activity in all areas of the school. I do try and visit every class as often as possible throughout the week, and with so many parent tours going on I am able to show off the school regularly. It always fills me with immense pride when, without fail, all the visiting families and learners comment on the learning behaviour and general kind and caring atmosphere of the school.

The PTA are looking for new recruits and there is an online committee meeting at 6pm on Tuesday 19th March. If you are interested in the work of the PTA and would like to find out more you are welcome to join us. Please email Mr Paul Chillingworth at pta@westhavenschool.org.uk and we will send you a link to the google meet. We are looking for new members to join, ahead of our AGM on 23rd April!

You should have received separate communication regarding the Easter break holiday club that we will be running at Westhaven. This is a 'free' activity service, fully funded by the government HAF scheme. There are some groups that have priority status but there are still places available, please click the link and fill out the request form if this is of interest to you.

<https://eequ.org/experience/7297>

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, whatever you have planned,



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Across the School:

To link with the International Day of Maths, Mr Orchard started the week leading assemblies for all phases on the importance of Maths. He shared the vital role Maths plays in paid employment and set the challenge to the learners to think of an employment opportunity that does not require an element of Mathematics. So far - nobody has been able to come up with one!

We are also launching our **Read for Good** readathon.



Please see the attached letter for more information and look out for your child's sponsorship card coming home with them.

Thank you again to everyone for your photos last week 😊

Lower School:

With reading such a big focus in Lower School right now, we are always looking for ways to improve our fluency. Fluency refers to continuity, smoothness, rate, and effort in speech production. One great way to support the fluency development in our learners is to allow them to listen to an adult read with prosody.

If you are able to give up 20 minutes of your time, and have a flair for reading with expression, we would love for you to join us in our 'Love to Listen' reading sessions. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the office team on reception@westhavenschool.org.uk

Thank you in advance and we look forward to hopefully sharing a story with you soon.

Middle School:

Mrs Cantello has been busy starting visits to new learners for September and has attended a conference this week, so Middle School has been in the safe hands of Mr Orchard for much of the week.

We began the week with an interesting assembly which explored the importance of Mathematics in everyday life, with a specific focus on jobs. The learners were tasked with identifying a job that does not utilise Maths skills (spoiler: they could not!). Our SMSC assemblies continued with our Mathematics focus.

Six of our Year 7 learners were very excited to begin their Mini Police sessions this Wednesday, with an exploration of police equipment and a police car. They are looking forward now to next week's session on riot shield training and radios.

We then ended the week today with an insightful look at the world of being an MP, with a visit and assembly from John Penrose, our local MP. The learners asked some interesting questions. This assembly acts as an introduction to a study of politics ahead

of the general election this year, which will culminate in Westhaven learners undertaking their own vote.

Upper School:

Upper School commenced the week looking at how Maths is used in different jobs. Interesting discussions took place and we are all still trying to determine a job which does not include any element of Maths!

Whilst Year 11 and Year 13 learners were at college on Friday morning the rest of upper school had the opportunity to learn about the role of a MP and parliament from our local MP, John Penrose. This gave learners an overview of British politics and general elections. Learners asked some thought-provoking questions.

Year 11 Hair and Beauty learners enjoyed a trip to Weston College Hair and Beauty department. They had a tour of the department and were able to ask questions to staff and students.

March college open events:

Weston College

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/march-open-evening-school-leavers-and-adults>

Bridgwater College <https://www.btc.ac.uk/events/foundation-learning-transitions-evening-bridgwater-campus-2/>

City of Bristol College

<https://www.cityofbristol.ac.uk/events/13-march-open-event/>

Careers Fair at Worle school Tuesday 19th March: There is a quiet period at the beginning (4:30pm-5pm) for SEND students to attend if they wish. Jodie Silmon our careers advisor will be there, so please do go and say hello! See details below on advert.

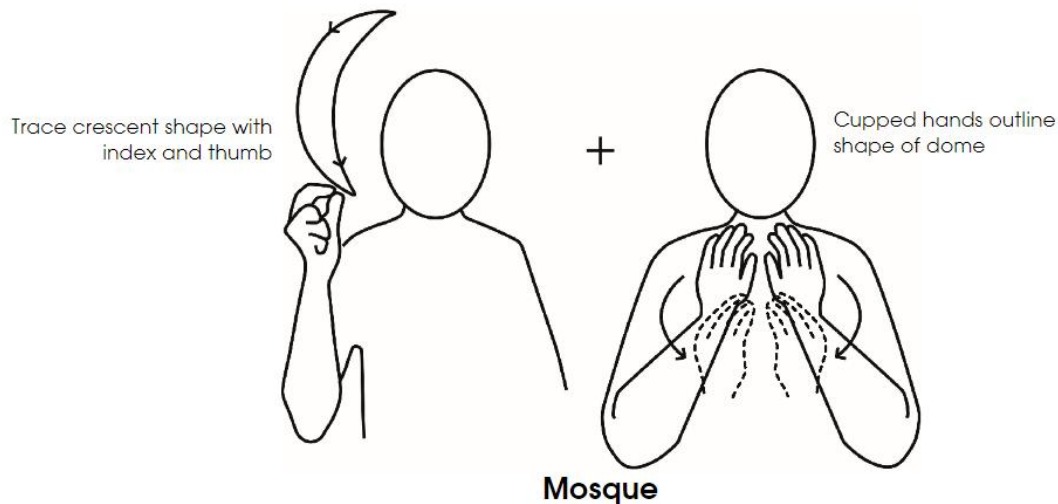
Staff in the Spotlight: Miss K Rust

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"The Past can hurt. But the way I see it, you can either run from it, or learn from it". - Rafiki from The Lion King</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game". - A Cinderella Story</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	'Goosebumps' by RL Stine
Favourite Childhood Book	'Oliver Twist' by Charles Dickens

Word of this Week:

KS1	journey
KS2	jaunt
KS3, 4 and 5	excursion

Sign of this Week:



Maths Matters:



Aunt Jane had been to a jumble sale and bought a whole lot of cups and saucers - she's having many visitors these days and felt that she needed some more. You are

staying with her and when she arrives home you help her to unpack the cups and saucers.

There are four sets - a set of white, a set of red, a set of blue and a set of green. In each set there are four cups and four saucers. So, there are sixteen cups and sixteen saucers altogether.

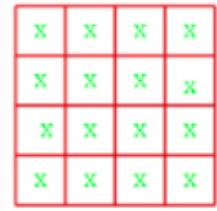
Just for the fun of it you decide to mix them around a bit so that there are sixteen different-looking cup/saucer combinations laid out on the table in a very long line. So, for example:

- (a) There is a red cup on a green saucer, but not another the same, although there is a green cup on a red saucer.
- (b) There is a red cup on a red saucer, but that's the only one like it.

There are sixteen different cup/saucer combinations on the table and you think about arranging them in a big square. Because there are sixteen, you realise that there are going to be four rows with four in each row (or, if you like, four rows and four columns).

So here is the challenge to start off this investigation: Place these sixteen different combinations of cup/saucer in this four by four arrangement with the following rules:

1. In any row there must only be one cup of each colour.
2. In any row there must only be one saucer of each colour.
3. In any column there must only be one cup of each colour.
4. In any column there must only be one saucer of each colour.



Remember that these sixteen cups/saucers are all different, so, for example, you cannot have a red cup on a green saucer and another red cup on a green saucer somewhere else.

Sports Desk:

This week in Lower School, we have been lucky enough to have Mrs Thorne come into lessons and teach dance. It has been amazing seeing the engagement and enjoyment in learners faces whilst moving to music using different dancing props.

In Middle and Upper School learners have been putting skills learnt and revisited into match situations in both hockey and handball; it has been great to see the learners' confidence grow during these lessons.

Last week's trophy winners were:

- Lower School – Hull
- Middle and Upper School – Manchester and W6

Well done to all classes.

Headteacher Awards:

- Jacob and Max from Leeds for their Maths work
- Isaac from Newcastle for his English work
- Isaac from Manchester for his English work
- Brooklyn and Tyreece from Nottingham for their English work
- Daniel from Truro class for his Maths
- Mikey from Truro for both his English and Maths work
- Logan from Chester class for his artwork about Fairtrade



WCSA Careers & Apprenticeship Fair

Tuesday 19th March 5pm – 7pm



IT'S A BIG CAREERS FAIR!

WORLE COMMUNITY SCHOOL ACADEMY
BS22 8XX

TUESDAY 19th MARCH 5-7PM
SEN & HIGH ANXIETY STUDENT QUIET TIME 4.30-5PM

ALL SOMERSET & NORTH SOMERSET RESIDENTS ARE WELCOME



BUSINESSES FROM A RANGE OF INDUSTRIES

****EXPLORE DIFFERENT CAREERS****
****SPEAK TO INSPIRING EMPLOYERS****
PLAN YOUR NEXT STEPS* *GET SOME CV HELP
UPSKILL!* *RETRAIN!* *CAREER CHANGE!





'Wear a Hat Day' is Brain Tumour Research's annual event raising money to bring hope to brain tumour patients and their families. Please click on the link below for further details.:

https://braintumourresearch.org/pages/wear-a-hat-day?fbclid=IwARI6UCzBE4V_nXCYI-0_WBtb_-orDTYKPQmEiwYPluHZ2GRanQN0EMZbIU

If your child would like to take part we are asking for £1.00 as a suggested minimum.

SENDSenses

'Our mission is to support mental health and wellbeing for people of all ages and abilities in Bristol and the surrounding areas through our immersive sessions. We centre our sessions around connecting back into our bodies through the nature around us, as well as using our senses (especially through the soles of our feet). We believe that this strengthens our body and mind, creating more resilience, self-esteem, better wellbeing, social interaction, motor skills and lots more! We strive to provide a safe, nurturing and fun environment for people to explore and learn how to use their bodies as a tool to self-regulate, reducing stress and anxieties. Offering 1:1 and group sessions.'



Check out their website www.https://www.sendsenses.com/ and taste their sessions in an open day, please find information below:





I'm supporting

**World Autism
Acceptance Week** 
2nd-8th April 2024

What is World Autism Acceptance Week 2024?

World Autism Acceptance Week is an annual event that is held all over the world to teach more people about Autism.

World Autism Acceptance Week aims to teach people about Autism and how it affects people, with the hope that more people will be accepting of Autism and better educated on the topic.

When is World Autism Acceptance Week 2024?

This year, World Autism Acceptance Week will take place from 2nd to 8th April 2024. World Autism Acceptance Week is always planned around World Autism Acceptance Day, which is on 2nd April.

The theme for World Autism Acceptance Week 2024 is colour, **so make sure that you wear as much colour as you can!**

What is the history of World Autism Acceptance Week?

World Autism Acceptance Week hasn't always had this name. The event used to be called World Autism Awareness Week. However, the name has been changed due to a lot of people already knowing about Autism.

The first Autism Awareness Week was held in 2007, with the aim of making more people aware of Autism and how it can affect people.

The aim of this week has now changed from awareness to acceptance.

How can you take part in World Autism Acceptance Week 2024?

One of the easiest and most important ways to involve yourself in World Autism Acceptance Week 2024, is to educate yourself and others on Autism. You can do this by using some of the many resources found here: [Twinkl World Autism resources](#)

Get colourful this April by:

- ★ Holding a Colourful 5k walk/run/cycle
- ★ Holding a Colourful dress down day
- ★ Holding a Colourful bake sale

For more information go to: [Autism acceptance week](#)

Family
workshop



Westhaven School

Term 5

Keeping safe online workshop

Led by Tammy Chaplin and Joanne Evans

Where: Westhaven School

When: Wednesday 1st May March {9.15-10.15}

What to expect: - Talking to your child about keeping safe online - Online wellbeing for learners with SEND - Online safety resources for learners with SEND - Parental controls - Questions

Please complete the following form to confirm attendance. We hope to see you there! <https://forms.gle/y4mUmFGH62sYq1CD8>

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GAMES GROUP



Weston-super-Mare

Winter 2023—Spring 2024

December: 5th, 19th

January: 2nd, 16th, 30th

February: 13th, 27th

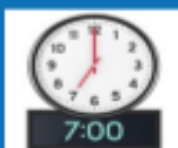
March: 12th, 26th

April: 9th, 23rd

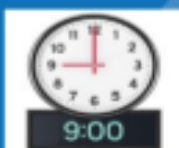
A free and friendly board games group for young people with a learning disability and/or autism.

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

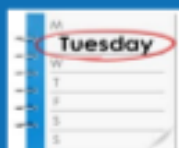
Start at Finish at



7pm



9pm



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

Empowering voices.
Enabling choices.



Registered charity number 1159184

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

House Egg Decorating Competition

Term 4 2023/24 House Event



between Monday 19th February and Monday 25th March.



Whole school:

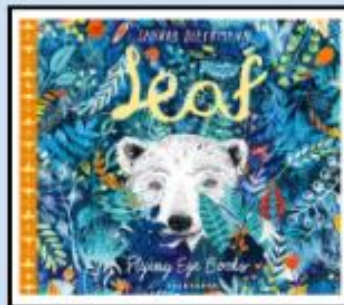
- Use a drained real egg or a plastic/china egg.
- Decorate a single or multiple eggs.
- Make a scene to house your egg too if you wish.
- Be as creative as you can in your decorating using any materials you like.



Decorate an egg.

Book of the term- Term 4

Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann



A Makaton version of the book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1lAXeFpT7K8&t=1s>

Joanna Page -CBeebies bedtime stories:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H-FK8HocValI>

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.



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.

 **North Somerset Council** **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



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

Diary Dates:

Tuesday 19 March 2024	WCSA Careers and Apprenticeship Fair 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm (SEN and High Anxiety Student Quiet Time 4.30 pm – 5.00 pm)
Friday 22 March 2024	M&M Production of Oliver Twist
Thursday 28 March 2024	'Wear a Hat Day' for Brain Tumour Research
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 2nd September 2024**
- **Tuesday 3rd September 2024**
- **Friday 8th November 2024**
- **Monday 6th January 2025**
- **Monday 21st July 2025**
- **Tuesday 22nd July 2025**