

Our vision

Valued – Inspired – Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent – Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers – Confident communicators – Resilient learners

Yet another busy week has flown by at Westhaven, with wonderful work going on across the school in every classroom, please enjoy a selection of this in the picture gallery below.

Barely a day goes by where we don't have visitors to the school. On Monday we welcomed a lady named Debbie Smith to carry out a Safeguarding review. Many therapists and medical professionals are regular faces and parental tours are very frequent; yesterday I had the pleasure of showing another 5 prospective families around and I also showed an existing parent around the middle and upper school as although she has been at Westhaven for a number of years, she has never seen these areas of the school.

Without fail, every single person that does visit us is so complimentary about the learner's behaviour, attitudes and manners and I am immensely proud of them all every day.

As existing parents and carers, you may also appreciate a tour, especially if your child is transitioning to a different Key Stage and you'd like to see new areas of the school. If this sounds like something you'd like, please contact the school reception team to arrange this.

Enjoy reading the rest of this week's newsletter and have a wonderful bank holiday weekend, whatever you have planned.



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher



Across the School:

It is Deaf Awareness Week so all phases started their week with an assembly learning how we can support people with a hearing impairment or hearing loss.

Lower School:

Despite fighting off many coughs, colds, sore throats and upset stomachs, the Lower School learners have been working hard this week. Please check your Class Dojo pages for more detailed updates.

Once again, thank you for your patience whilst we finalise plans with the Local Authority on the learners who will be joining us in September. Once we know the final numbers, we will be able to share class plans with you.

Middle School:

Many of Middle School learners had a wonderful time on a sports trip to Weston College Loxton Campus this week. Mr M took so many learners that we had to shuttle them to and fro. For many of them this was a first-time experience being part of a bigger group of people in a large sports hall. Mr M was very proud (as was I) of all of them for their fantastic attitudes and exemplary behaviour whilst representing Westhaven outside of school. Thank you to Mr M and all staff involved in organising and attending this trip.

Also, on Wednesday our Mini Police continued. The learners are continuing to give great feedback on this and it is wonderful to be able to offer this opportunity to some of our Year 7s.

Upper School:

Upper School commenced the week with an assembly on deaf awareness. We had interesting discussions on how to aid communication and looking at famous people who had hearing loss. Learners really engaged with the interactive activity of guessing what was being said without speaking.

Year 11 Art learners completed 1 day of their art exam on Thursday. Well done to all involved.

Year 11 Science groups had the opportunity of an employee encounter with a Personal Trainer. He gave a real insight into the role and demonstrated body weight exercise if learners cannot access the gym. All were engaged and asked lots of questions.

Staff in the Spotlight: Ms L Beauchamp

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"I solemnly swear that I am up to no good" - Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban</i>
Favourite Quote about Reading	<i>"Books are a uniquely portable magic".</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Favourite Childhood Book	Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame Harry Potter by JK Rowling



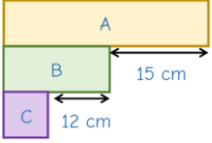
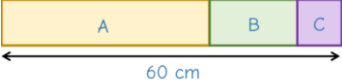
Word of this Week:

KS1	companion
KS2	ally
KS3, 4 and 5	compatriot

Sign of this Week: To dance



Maths Matters:

Problem One	Problem Two	Problem Three
<p>Mo has 7 coins.</p>  <p>Sam has 4 coins.</p> <p>How many coins do they have in total?</p>	<p>Lucy buys 2 rulers.</p>  <p>She pays with a £1 coin.</p> <p>She gets 36p change.</p> <p>How much does one ruler cost?</p>	<p>Here are 3 strips of paper:</p>  <p>Here are the same strips in a line.</p>  <p>Find the length of strip A.</p>

Headteacher Awards:

- Daniel from Truro class for his wonderful reading to finish his book
- Ethan in Liverpool class for the standard and amount of Maths work!
- Jacob, Chloe, Dan and Oli in Leeds class for their English work about Pig Heart Boy
- Maggie from Wells class for her amazing typing skills
- Tyreece from Nottingham class for his lovely Art work (below)



Sports Desk:

We have had another exciting week in PE. On Wednesday we had 30 of our Middle School learners attend the sports campus at Weston college to participate in a sports festival. It was a fantastic day and so lovely to see our learners enjoying themselves in a variety of sports led by the college students. This is hopefully the start of an exciting partnership with the college. This week's PE has, yet again, been great, with so many classes adapting to the disappointing wet weather and still having really successful lessons in the hall.

Last week's trophy winners were:

- Lower School - Wells
- Middle and Upper School - London and Bristol

Can I please remind you again of our PE fundraiser event that is up and coming in the next couple of weeks, we are all really excited to meet James and enjoy our fitness circuit with him. Please share and donate where possible to our fantastic cause. Thank you!

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/the-westhaven-school-fundraiser>





Careers/Transitions Event

Friday 24th May 2024 10am - 1pm
Conference room 2 & 4 - The Campus



Attending



- Sally Matthews - Lead social worker - Adult Transition Team
- Jenny Morgan - Dept. Work and Pensions
- Sarah Bishop -
- Jane Franklin -
- Sam Gist -
- Kenton Mee -
- Gravin Hutchinson - North Somerset Autism Strategy

Please join us for our careers/transition event.

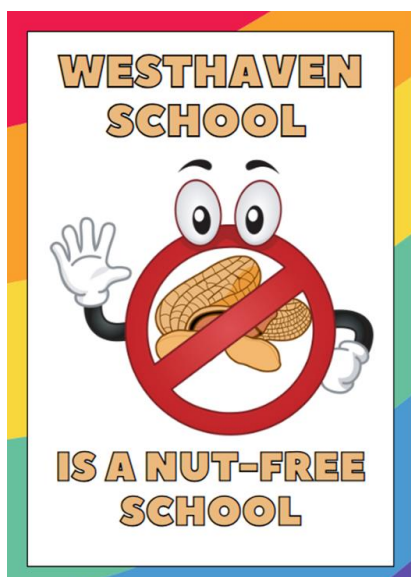
All SEND learners/parents/carers from Baytree, Westhaven and Ravenswood year 8 and above are welcome.

An opportunity to meet and talk to colleges, providers and others.

Tea, coffee and cakes provided by Baytree school POST16

Baytree School
The Campus
Highlands Lane
Weston super Mare
BS22 7DK

For further information contact.....
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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 poster has a blue background with white and yellow text. At the top left, it says 'Weston Ability Fc' in large white font, followed by 'Pan Disability Football Training Sessions' and 'Sundays 9am - 10am'. Below that is '@ The Optima Stadium 3G' and 'The Home of Weston-super-Mare AFC'. A list of bullet points is on the left. On the right, there is a 'Not every disability is VISIBLE' icon and the Weston Super Mare Football Club logo with 'Community Partnership' text. At the bottom, there are two photos: one of a team on a field and one of a coach talking to a player. The email 'weston:abilityfc@gmail.com' is at the bottom center. The Weston Ability Football Club logo is on the bottom left. The footer text is at the very bottom.

Weston Ability Fc

Pan Disability Football Training Sessions

Sundays 9am - 10am

@ The Optima Stadium 3G
The Home of Weston-super-Mare AFC

- For players with disabilities and/or additional needs inc. SEN
- Train in a Fun and Inclusive environment
- Make new friendships,
- Increase confidence and independence.
- For Players Aged 7yrs to Adults
- All Abilities welcome
- FA Qualified Coaches

Not every disability is VISIBLE

WESTON SUPER MARE FOOTBALL CLUB
Community Partnership

WESTON ABILITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Email: weston:abilityfc@gmail.com

the Optima Football Stadium - Home of Weston-super-Mare AFC, Winterstoke Rd, Weston-super-Mare BS24 9AA



Diary Dates:

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 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 learners) – 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