

Westhaven Weekly Newsletter

Friday 7 June 2024



Our vision

Valued – Inspired – Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent – Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers – Confident communicators – Resilient learners

I hope you all managed to have a lovely half term break, it has been fantastic to visit all the classrooms this week to catch up with all the learners, it sounds as if some of you had the most wonderful time.

This term happens to be my favourite, usually the weather is kind which helps, but it is all the exciting things that go on. Sports day, the summer fayre, and the leavers assemblies to name just a few, I hope to see and catch up with as many of you as possible at these events.

Earlier this week I sent you an email asking you to fill in a short survey. Thank you to all of you that have managed to do this already, it really helps us understand what we are doing well and informs us of the areas that we could improve further. Here is the link again, I would be extremely grateful if you could provide some feedback, it should only take a couple of minutes, <https://forms.gle/Punw1Xz2ZumcjUZt5> thank you!

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



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Across the School

We started the week with an assembly all about supporting our mental health. We had guest speakers - Gina Green and Ed Woods (from the Mental Health Support Team) as well as Jo Arnold from Off the Record. Gina and Jo will be visiting us most Wednesday lunchtimes in school from now until the end of term.

Lower School:

We had a visit from the Local Authority this week to support us with our key stage two writing moderation. We were also joined by colleagues from the Aspire Academy. It was a very worthwhile process and is always great for the cross-moderation to take place to ensure our judgements at Westhaven are in line with national guidelines.

We are all very proud of the learning that takes place and it was a delight to share this with others.

Middle School:

Mr Orchard and I have started learning walks in Middle School this term. We have seen some really great things happening; quiet and productive learning environments, learners being challenged appropriately, and support staff effectively supporting learning.

We have noticed that uniform is starting to slip, learners are more frequently wearing their own hoodies or t-shirts. Please ensure your child is wearing their Westhaven t-shirt or uniform. If you have any difficulties with this please do not hesitate to contact me.

Our mini police have had their final session this week. They benefited in so many ways; from building positive relationships with each other, the police, to learning new skills, such as throw bag rescue or successful use of walkie talkies. As well as this they have thoroughly enjoyed it and it has been a pleasure to have glimpses of this during their sessions.

This week in SMSC we have been discussing more about volunteering and what it means to help out. Classes have discussed different ways they can volunteer and make a difference. This could be anything from helping do the dishes to volunteering more formally.

Upper School:

Upper school returned to term 6 with wonderful positive attitudes and stories of their half terms in the sun, which were lovely to hear. The week started with an informative assembly from Off the Record (OTR). OTR is a mental health social movement for young people in North Somerset.

Reminder for year 11, 12 and 13 learners - please complete the permission slip for the driving experience in 'fun week' as soon as practicable.

<https://forms.gle/4yBCBPtNauoJfaD5A>

Weston College has set up an 'Occasional Attire Loan Scheme' which they have kindly extended to Westhaven learners for Prom. They have a range of dresses, suits and accessories in different sizes. If you would like to take advantage of this scheme please contact Ms Wells or the Family Support team (Mrs Tuttiett / Ms Garrett).

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr R McErlain

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"I've failed over and over and over again in my life and that's why I succeed" - Michael Jordan</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle
Favourite Childhood Book	The Tiger Who Came to Tea by Judith Kerr

Word of this Week:

KS1	admire
KS2	ogle
KS3, 4 and 5	contemplate

Sign of this Week: tree



Headteacher Awards:

- Lana-Rae in Cardiff class for her extremely impressive writing in English
- Freyja in Plymouth class for the progress she has made in Phonics
- Abi in London class for her SPaG work
- Velizar and Bethne from Plymouth class for their Maths work
- Aden in Newcastle class for his amazing writing in English
- Sadie and Sophie C from Cardiff class for their English work

Sports Desk:

We have had a fantastic first week back, our preparation for sports day is well underway and we are really looking forward to having as many of you as possible with us on the day to support.

Last term's Sport Superstars of the Term were:

- Lower School - Ibrahim
- Middle School - Sebbie
- Upper School - George K

Well done to all winners, thoroughly deserved!



Message from Mrs Bawden, Teacher of York Class:

Cancer is happening right now, which is why I'm taking part in a Race for Life to raise money and save lives.

1 in 2 people will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. Every single pound you donate makes a difference to Cancer Research UK's ground-breaking work.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/cancer-chaos>

Any donations will be grateful received. Many thanks.

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY

FRIDAY 28 JUNE 2024

**IN RETURN FOR A
BOTTLE OR TIN FOR
THE SUMMER FAYRE**



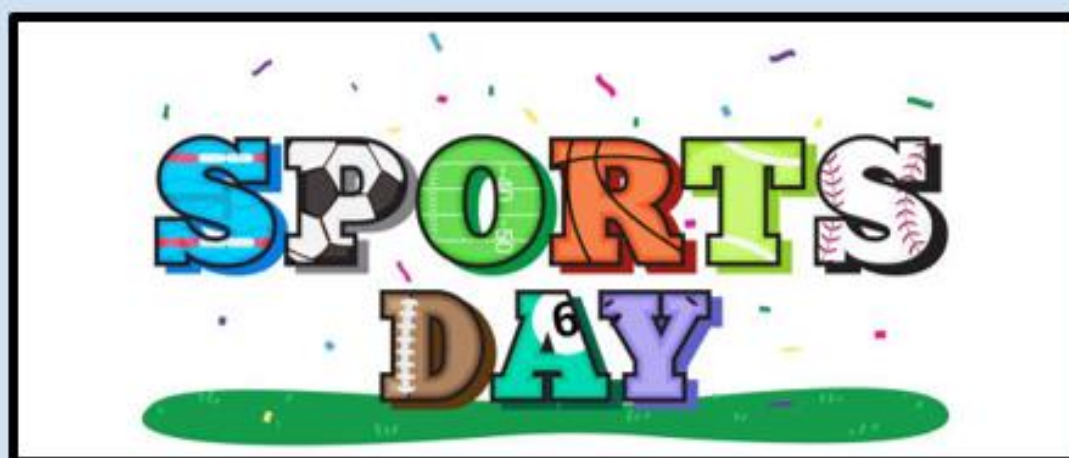


Westhaven School

Sports Day

Term 6 2023/24 House Event

Monday 24th June 2024

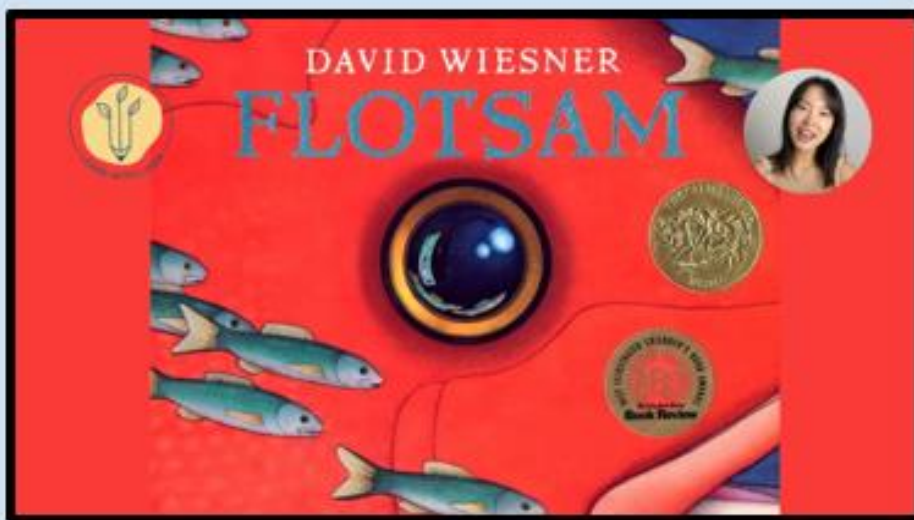


Whole school:

All learners will be involved in a variety of sporting activities throughout the day - competing to win points for their House!

Book of the Term – Term 6

Flotsam by David Wiesner



A link to a virtual copy of the book:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MTKWnxzqVM>

Whole school house challenge:

- Watch the video or read the book Flotsam by David Wiesner
- Take a series of photos which tell a story
- Do not include text in your story

These can be presented as a picture book, comic strip or photo board.

Entries close Friday 12th July



Westhaven School

Summer Fayre
Saturday
6th July 2024
12pm until
3pm

*Join us for
Cream Teas
Tombola, Bottle stall
Craft stalls, Raffle
Coconut Shy
Bouncy Castle
Entertainment
BBQ
Ice Lollies
& much, much, more!*

*A fun afternoon for the
whole family*



Family
workshop

Term 6



Westhaven
School

Supporting transitions

Led by Tammy Chaplin and Laura Philpott

Where: ONLINE

When: Wednesday 19th June {1.15 - 2.15}

What to expect: transition between activities - transition between environments - big life transitions - key support strategies - how to write a social story - Questions

Please complete the following form to confirm attendance online:

<https://forms.gle/d1Zd5PwX2FK9JNV18>

We hope to see you there!



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.

Diary Dates:

Monday 24 June 2024	Sports Day: 9.00 am to 10:30 am: Lower School (Oxbridge, Wells, Bath, Hull and Chester) 10.45 am to 12.15 pm: Middle School (Leeds, Plymouth, Newcastle, York, Cardiff and Exeter) 1.15 pm to 2.30 pm: Upper School (Manchester, Liverpool, Nottingham, London, Bristol and W6)
Friday 28 June 2024	Non-school uniform day (not compulsory) in exchange for a bottle or tin for the school fayre.
Saturday 6 July 2024	Summer Fayre - 12 noon - 3.00 pm
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 6	03 June 24 - 23 July 24
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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