

Friday 5 July 2024

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

With the year 11 and 13's leaving last week, life at Westhaven continued seamlessly, with so much good work going on across the school. Of course, the week has been dominated by politics, both nationally and at school. All of the learners had the opportunity to vote for the party of their choice, please see the results below.

As one cohort leaves, another joins the Westhaven family. We welcomed many of the new learners again on Wednesday and also the younger ones for a stay and play this afternoon. It is always exciting to see everyone having a great time, and the highlight for me is witnessing how amazingly supportive the existing learners are of the new ones. The core school values were definitely on show throughout the day.

A reminder that next Wednesday, the 10th of July, is whole school 'move-up day' where everyone spends the day with their new class and staff teams. On this day, only baguettes will be available to order. There will be no hot food, jacket potato or pasta options.

I hope the weather is kind to us tomorrow and I see as many of you as possible at the Summer fayre, the gates open at 12 noon until 3pm! I know an awful lot of hard work has gone into the planning by the Friends of Westhaven (PTA), so it will be fantastic to see you, and remember, every penny raised goes towards supporting the learners at the school!

Have a lovely weekend,

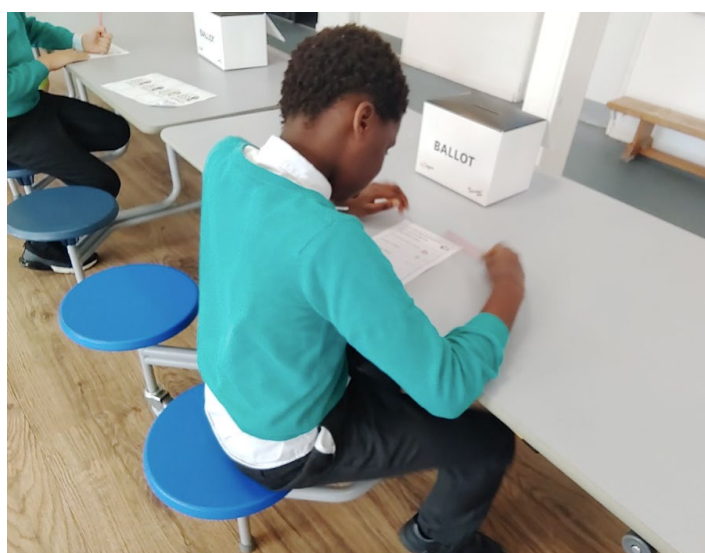


Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Across the School

We have been revisiting our British Values of Rule of Law, Respect and Tolerance, Individual Liberty and of course Democracy this week. The learners have had a reminder of the democratic system in the UK and about the different parties and their policies. On Monday we held our own vote for the learners and announced the parties Westhaven learners voted for. The Winners in Westhaven were:

Lower School Winner - Green Party					
Conservative	Labour	Reform UK	Lib Dem	Green	Spoiled
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Middle + Upper School Winner - Labour Party					
Conservative	Labour	Reform UK	Lib Dem	Green	Spoiled
20	23	10	7	16	9



Lower School:

This afternoon we welcomed our new learners for a 'Stay and Play' session ahead of their start date with us in September. They all settled really well and had a great time exploring the school site. Everyone made them feel very welcome.

We are looking forward to our whole school transition day on Wednesday. Please remember, you are very welcome to attend the 'Meet the Team' session at 1.45 pm.

Middle School:

This week on Wednesday we welcomed approximately 20 new learners into school for a transition morning. They have done a range of activities and have had play time and lunch time with our current Westhaven learners. I am sure I say this every year but the learners at Westhaven make me so proud as they welcome and encourage new learners to feel comfortable and part of our school community.

Next week on Wednesday we have our whole school move up day. Your child should have come home with a timetable for their day. Please ensure that if they have PE on their timetable (New classes of: Plymouth, Exeter, York and Leeds) they come in PE kit).

Upper School:

Upper school has seemed quieter this week without the year 11 and year 13 learners. London and Bristol classes enjoyed virtual work experience and had the opportunity to learn about jobs within the construction and care sectors. Companies that gave talks included:

Ashden - Climate charity

HSBC bank

Thakeham - Home buildings

Galiford Try- Home buildings

Institute for Food science and technology

Learners asked lots of intriguing questions to enhance their knowledge and understanding of work in general. We were incredibly proud of the learners who took part.

We welcomed our new year learners who will be joining upper school in September this week and continue to do so next week. Whole school transition day is Wednesday 10th July - all learners will have an opportunity to partake in a PE activity in the afternoon, so please ensure your learners come in their PE kit.

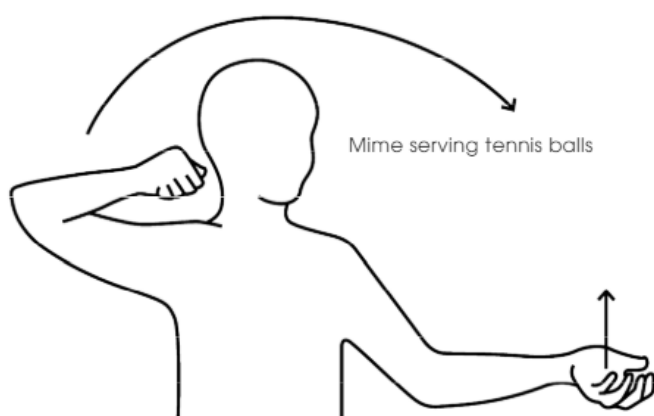
Staff in the Spotlight:

Favourite Quote about Reading	"A book is a gift you can open again and again".
Favourite Book to Read to Children	Goosebumps by RL Stine
Favourite Childhood Book	The Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle


Word of this Week:

KS1	mild
KS2	balmy
KS3, 4 and 5	clement

Sign of this Week: tennis



Maths Matters:

<p>There are 9 people on a bus. 5 more people get on the bus.</p>  <p>How many people are there on the bus now?</p>	<p>Jo walks 15 miles in total on Monday and Tuesday.</p> <p>On Monday she travels half the distance she travels on Tuesday.</p> <p>How far does she walk on Tuesday?</p>	<p>Rosie is thinking of a number.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid blue; border-radius: 15px; padding: 5px; background-color: #fff9c4; display: inline-block;">$\frac{7}{11}$ of the number is 98</div> <p>What is $\frac{1}{2}$ of Rosie's number?</p>
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Sports Desk:

This week we have been putting the finishing touches to our Athletics topic, the learners

have been watching elite athletes perform and then giving it a go themselves. The learners have particularly enjoyed the long and high jump.

Last week's trophy winners were:

Lower School - Oxford

Middle and Upper School - Cardiff and Exeter

Well done to all classes.

Below is a post of an upcoming event in and around North Somerset:

FREE TENNIS FUNDRAISER



14th July 2024

10am-2pm

Join us for our **FREE FUNDRAISER** where we will be running free tennis coaching sessions for toddlers, juniors and adults with chances to win prizes and have a go on the ball machine. There will be cakes for sale, a BBQ and a PIMMS tent to get everyone in the mood for the summer!

Junior & Adult Coaching - 10am

Prize Hitting - 11:30am

BBQ & Social Play - 12pm

Wimbledon final - 2pm



**WIMBLEDON FINAL
ON THE BIG
SCREEN!**

02:00



Headteacher Awards:

- Kyra from Cardiff class for her amazing writing in English
- Ru in London class for her work about 'Of Mice and Men' in English

- Most of Leeds class visited me for either their English (Anthony, Jasmine, Ruby, Oliver and Dan) or their Maths work (Liam and Chloe)
- Sheila in London class for wonderful reading of her book
- Freyja, Velizar, Harry and Jack from Plymouth class for their English work, sequencing events from a book



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.

Neurodiversity Transformation Project PARENT UPDATE



- 9 July 7pm - 9pm ONLINE
- 11 July 10am - 1pm at BAWA



The Neurodiversity Transformation Project was born out of changes across Health since last March 2023. The concerns and feedback received from parent carers following the changes to the autism assessment process were shared with the Integrated Care Board (ICB) resulting in a review of the autism and ADHD pathways.

The transformation project was created to co-ordinate this review and is led by the ICB and co-chaired by the three Parent Carer Forums (PCF) across Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) who have been working with the three local authorities, professionals across health, education, social care, and voluntary sectors, to ensure the voices of parent carers and children and young people inform the future model.

We would now like to provide a project update specifically for our parent carers in Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire and to ensure you are fully informed about the status of the project, and to allow you to ask questions.

There are two opportunities to choose from:

- Online 7pm-9pm Tuesday 9th July 2024
- Or In person 10am-1pm - Thursday 11th July 2024 at BAWA, 589 Southmead Road, Bristol, BS34 7RG (this runs 10.00 am-12.00 pm and includes tea & coffee. Lunch is also included and runs 12.00 pm -1.00 pm plus it is a chance to stay and access face to face support/ask questions, if you want to)

Tickets Online Event: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/925170207997?aff=oddtcreator>

Tickets Face to Face Event: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/925172324327?aff=oddtcreator>

North Somerset Parent Carers Working Together

Westhaven Holiday Activity club



A fun active holiday club for pupils at Westhaven school!
A day full of sports, cooking, arts and crafts and much more.



Dates:

- Week 1: 29th July - 2nd August (Lower school pupils)
- Week 2: 5th – 9th August (Middle & Upper school pupils)
- Week 3: 12th-14th August (Middle & Upper school pupils)

For more information contact - asc@westhavenschool.org.uk

Or visit- <https://eequ.org/westhaven>

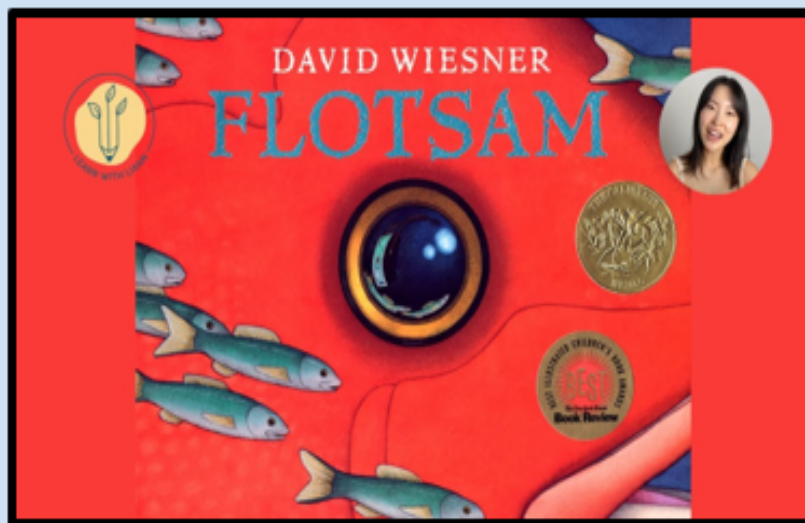
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The closing date for the summer holiday club bookings is Friday 12th July

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



Imagination Fascination WSM



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🌟 Join Us for a Special SEN Session with Bluey! 🌟

Designed for children who may find a typical play environment overwhelming, our SEN sessions offer:

❤️ Small capacity: Limited spaces for a calmer atmosphere.

❤️ Hand dryers off: No loud noises to startle.

❤️ Background music on mute: Creating a quieter environment.

📅 Wednesday, 7th August | 🕒 2:30-4:30 PM

📍 Book your spot now: Book Here : <https://imaginationfascinationwsm.bookmyactivity.co.uk/book/935/booking.aspx?package=sensessionwithbluey>

#SENSession #SpecialNeeds #InclusivePlay #Bluey #BookNow

Wednesday
7th August

2:30pm-
4:30pm

Register Here:
www.imaginationfascinationwsm.com

#HAF2024

12-16 YRS OLD

[Qualifying criteria applies](#)

FREE SUMMER 2024 ACTIVITIES

The Hangar PT

The four-day Gym extravaganza is your backstage pass to the Personal Trainer world! Get the lowdown on proper lifting techniques, crafting killer workout plans, and mastering the art of motivation. [Join forces with our dynamic duo of Hangar PT's](#) for a crash course in PT success!

The Hangar workshop

Over four exciting days, you'll team up with our awesome mentors experienced pros from the trade and construction industry—to create something amazing. You will; Build a raised floor and a stud wall Tackle first fix plumbing and electrics Fit a small kitchen Plumb in a sink and oven Cook a basic meal on your own creation Ready to get your hands dirty and learn some real-world skills? [Come join us for an fantastic experience](#)

Hutton Moor Pass

Looking for an action-packed day? Join us at Hutton Moor Leisure Centre for an unforgettable experience! Dive into a gym session with an express induction, enjoy a refreshing swim, and challenge your friends in badminton, squash, tennis, or table tennis.

Don't worry about equipment—we've got you covered! If you need extra support, make sure a parent or carer is available.

[Book your spot on Eequ](#), and our friendly staff will help you plan your perfect day. Plus, lunch is on us!

Pro-Coaching @ Priory

Looking for an action-packed summer? [Join us at the Ultimate Summer Sports Camp!](#) Perfect for sports lovers, this camp is filled with exciting games and activities like football, dodgeball, and rounders.

Get ready for a whole day dedicated to athletics, where you can show off your speed, strength, and agility in various track and field events. Our fun circuit training sessions will boost your fitness and endurance.

Learn to cook delicious, nutritious meals in our hands-on cookery sessions. We'll provide daily lunches and snacks to keep you fueled.

Don't miss out on the Ultimate Summer Sports Camp – where sports, fun, and healthy living come together! Sign up today for an unforgettable summer!



[Book Now](#)

Diary Dates:

Saturday 6 July 2024	Summer Fayre - 12 noon - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 10th July 2024	Meet the Team - 1.45 pm - 2.30 pm Learners can be taken home afterwards
Friday 19 July 2024	Last day in school for learners this academic year (Monday 22 and Tuesday 23 July are INSET days)
Over the summer	<p>Summer Reading Challenge</p> <p>Summer Reading Challenge North Somerset Online Directory</p> <p>.</p> <p>Children aged four to 11 and their parents or carers are invited to their local North Somerset library to take part in the annual Summer Reading Challenge: sign up for free at your local library during the summer holidays.</p> <p>Children can choose any books to read from the thousands of titles held in libraries. Once signed up children are challenged to read six books over three visits to the library.</p> <p>Children will receive a special summer reading challenge poster or folder with stickers or cards to collect. All materials are free and subject to availability. Every child who reads six books and completes the challenge by the second weekend of September receives a certificate and medal.</p>

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