

Our vision

Valued – Inspired – Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent – Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers – Confident communicators – Resilient learners

Well, what an incredibly busy and emotional week! The Year 11 and 13s have just bid their final farewells at the leavers' assembly. I think it was sponsored by Kleenex judging by the amount of grit people had in their eyes. It truly was a magical finale to their time at Westhaven, they will always be part of the family and we wish them all the very best with everything in the future. I would like to thank the school choir and the staff involved for their contribution at the event.

They have all had a wonderful final week, starting with Sports Day on Monday (congratulations to Fire!), then their class trip and driving lessons on Tuesday and Wednesday, followed by the amazing Prom on Thursday evening, and then the lovely leavers assembly today.

The rest of the school community have been fantastic too! As usual, there has been so much hard work taking place both inside and outside of the classroom and everyone has enjoyed being in non-uniform today! Thank you for all the donations and we hope to see you at the fayre next Saturday!

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend, whatever you have planned.



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Across the School

A huge thank you to Mr McErlain for organising 3 wonderful sports day events this week. Despite a tiny bit of rain, all three phases really enjoyed themselves and it was a fabulous atmosphere. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend and cheer our learners on.

Lower School:

We welcomed a new learner over this week ahead of our big transition event. All the current learners made them feel very welcome and accepted into the Westhaven family. We have also been completing final assessments ahead of the end of term reports. It is always such a special time of year when progress from the starting points in September can be reflected upon.

Middle School:

This week I have met with the middle school council for a (nearly) end of year reflection on their journey. They have been involved with so much around the school and it was a valuable time for us to reflect on this together. Over the year they have:

- Completed an application process - presenting to their peers as to why they would be a good school council representative.
- Delivered Christmas cards to the neighbours of Westhaven School
- Organised a choir Christmas Carol singing trip to the local hospice
- Planned and hosted a neighbourhood tea party and tour of the school
- Gathered learner voice regarding playground changes and contributed to professional meetings (during their lunchtimes!)
- Gathered learner voice ideas for the name of the school currency (linked to houses) and the school shop
- Launched a competition for designing school currency
- Completed a village litter pick as part of volunteering week
- Met with governors to discuss their roles and the school council

This is all above and beyond their classroom learning!

Mr Innes and I are so proud of what they have achieved, they have excelled in their mission statement of "*to become more involved in the community as well as make the school community better*" but all recognise that there is more that can be done and would like to continue given the chance. They have all really enjoyed, as Riley said: "being given a chance to change and do more to help this school and the citizens around us" and all agreed that they have gained more confidence with doing this role.

Upper School:

The week commenced with an assembly looking at the 'fun' week our year 11 and 13 leavers had planned. We also welcomed the year 9 learners to our assembly as part of their transitions and talked about options. It was wonderful to hear the year 10 learners share their experiences of the option subjects they have been doing this year.

Sports afternoon was a wonderful event organised by Mr M. Thank you to all learners for partaking and all the spectators who came and cheered them on. My highlight was seeing four learners dress up as the mascots and race!

Weston College is hosting summer workshops aimed at learners in year 7 - 10 to explore the college's facilities and get a taste of subjects which they may be passionate about. See the link for further information:

<https://www.weston.ac.uk/event/summer-workshops>

As the week progressed - our year 11, 12 and 13 learners had the opportunity to drive a car on the playground with Young Drivers and look at the highway code with tutors. Leavers' trips to Revo Glow in the Dark Golf and Minehead were enjoyed by all. The prom was a spectacular event. So many elegant outfits, learners had certainly transformed themselves from the Westhaven uniform. I do hope the leavers enjoyed their last week at Westhaven and we wish them all the very best for their futures and next steps.

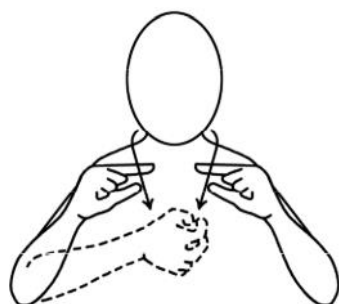
Staff in the Spotlight: Mrs J Evans

Favourite Book Quote	<i>"We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand".</i>
Favourite Book to Read to Children	The Twits by Roald Dahl
Favourite Childhood Book	Fungus the Bogeyman by Raymond Briggs



Word of this Week:

KS1	gorgeous
KS2	radiant
KS3, 4 and 5	resplendent

Sign of this Week: Medal



Maths Matters:

<p>Kim gets 5 stickers per week:</p>  <p>How many stickers does Kim get in 7 weeks?</p>	<p>Jo has £45. She gives Jack £12. They now have the same amount of money.</p>  <p>How much money did Jack have at the start?</p>	<p>Annie has some money in her bank account. Every day she gets paid £3.50 for doing chores. After five days she has £45.80 in her bank account. How much money did she have in her bank account at the start of the month?</p>
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Sports Desk:

Firstly, thank you so much to everyone who came and supported our sports day on Monday, it really makes the day seeing so many adults coming to cheer on the children. The learners put so much hard work into the preparation; this is the reason it is able to run so smoothly. Well done to the Fire house who shaded it and won the sports day shield for the first time since our new house system was introduced. Also, a huge well done to the individual winners who were:

- Isaac R for the longest javelin throw in Middle School
- Liam C for the longest throw in shot put for Middle School
- Leo Y for the longest javelin throw in Upper School
- Max T for the longest throw in shot put for Upper School

**Family
workshops**



**Westhaven
School**

**Thank you to the families that attended our family
workshops this year.**

**Westhaven would like to continue running workshops next year, however we would
welcome feedback from families to make improvements to the workshops.**

Please use the link below to give your feedback and thoughts:

<https://forms.gle/qVzpcj9nf9XsG4cJ7>



Save The Date

'A Day of SEND'



Wednesday 23rd October 2024

@ Priory Community School,
WSM, BS22 6BP



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>

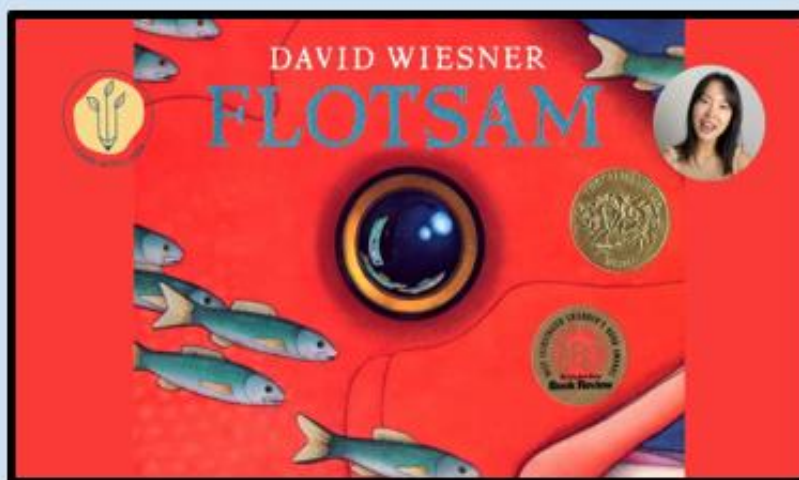
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Book of the Term – Term 6

Flotsam by David Wiesner



A link to a virtual copy of the book:

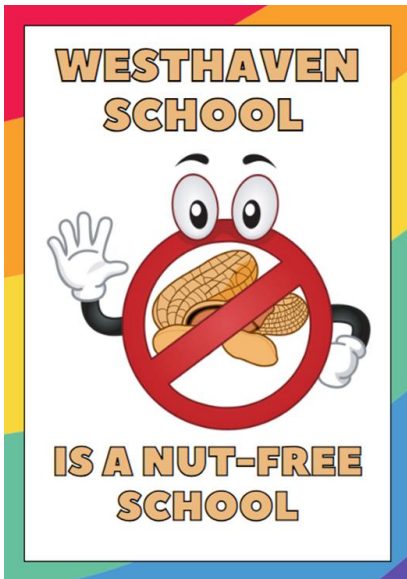
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3MTKWnxzqVM>

Whole school house challenge:

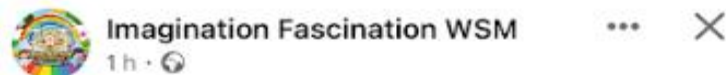
- Watch the video or read the book Flotsam by David Wiesner
- Take a series of photos which tell a story
- Do not include text in your story

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

Entries close Friday 12th July



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.



🌟 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>

#SESSession #SpecialNeeds #InclusivePlay #Bluey #BookNow



Diary Dates:

Saturday 6 July 2024	Summer Fayre - 12 noon - 3.00 pm
Wednesday 10th July 2024	Meet the Team - 1.45pm - 2.30pm 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