

Westhaven Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24 January 2025



Our vision

Valued – Inspired – Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent – Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers – Confident communicators – Resilient learners

Another week has flown by and, as always, your children have been amazing. So many magical moments happen every day, far too many to mention. I was asked this week at Parent's Evening, what it's like to be a Headteacher. It's impossible to describe what a privilege it is to be the Headteacher of such a wonderful school, it really is the best job in the world! Your children amaze and inspire me every day.

At the beginning of the week you will have received a letter from the Governing body outlining our aspirations to jointly create a new Multi-Academy Trust named 'Achieve', with the two other specialist schools in North Somerset, Baytree and Ravenswood, Warmley Park (South Glos), and Three Ways in BANES. I hope you have had the chance to read this through, and you may be interested in looking at the FAQ's, which can be found on our website.

It was lovely to see many of you in person at Parent's Evening on Tuesday and, including those of you that chose the online option (although I understand there were a few technical issues), the turnout was extremely high and the atmosphere was overwhelmingly positive.

The Local Authority are undertaking stakeholder consultation for Post 16 SEN travel, the dates and venues are indicated below.

We have been contacted by a University of Plymouth student asking for your help. If you are the parent/carer of a daughter with a diagnosis of autism, she would love to hear from you, and for you to take part in her research for her degree. Please see the attached document for details if you are interested, and this is her email address:

elize.thomas@students.plymouth.ac.uk

Next week, I will be out of school on Thursday and Friday as I attend the annual SWALSS Headteacher's Conference in Torquay. This is always an excellent chance to catch up with colleagues, discuss the latest news and strategies within the SEND world, and magpie new ideas. The school will be in the capable hands of Mrs Payne for these 2 days.

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



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

**The Conservative Club in Weston-super-Mare have named us as their
Charity of the Year!**



We are delighted to have been named as 'Charity of the Year' by the Conservative Club in Weston-super-Mare. Two members of the club attended our assembly in December 2024 where they presented us with a cheque for £1,000. They also have another two events planned.

I'm sure you will join us in extending our very grateful thanks.

Schedule for the Post 16 SEN Policy Consultation

VENUE	DATE	TIME
Baytree School Clevedon Campus	Wednesday 5 th February 2025	10am – 12pm
North Somerset Parent Carer Forum, St Andrew's, Clevedon (General Peer Support)	Monday 10 th February 2025	10am – 12pm
Castlewood North Somerset Council BS21 6FW	Wednesday 12 th February 2025	4pm – 6pm
Weston College – Hans Price Conference Centre attached to Knightstone Campus	Tuesday 25 th February 2025	6pm – 8pm
Westhaven School	Wednesday 26 th February 2025	3:15pm – 5:15pm
North Somerset Parent Carer Forum, The Firs (Autism/ ADHD)	Thursday 27 th February 2025	6pm – 8pm
North Somerset Parent Carer Forum Supported Online Session	Monday 3 rd March 2025	7pm – 9pm

Diary Dates:

Friday 14 February 2025	Valentine's Disco (during school time)
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North Somerset Term Dates – 2024/2025:

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 21st July 2025
- Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Time Out For Parents



Handling Anger in the Family

Sessions for anyone parenting children
aged 5 to 16

Toddler Tantrums Teen Troubles
Bedtime Battles Family Flashpoints
Mealtime Meltdowns Hangry Homework

This tried & tested course will equip
you with ideas and strategies to
bring harmony into your family!

Date

Mondays 12.30pm – 2.30pm
20th, 27th January, 3rd, 10th February 2025

Venue

Locking Castle Church
Jasmine Way, Locking Castle
Weston Super Mare, BS24 7JW

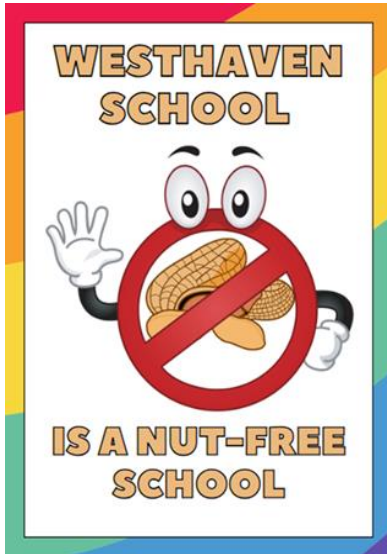
Booking and Info

Contact Cathy Bond
Mobile 07875 442139
Email parentinglcc@gmail.com

The logo for "positiveparenting" features a colorful dot above the word "positive" and the word "parenting" in a smaller font.

Common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help
you to engage with your children and boost your relationship





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.