

## Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

## Our values

We shape our learners to be:

**Safely independent - Respectful citizens**

**Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners**

Greetings Westhaven family, I hope you all managed to have a restful and enjoyable half-term break. I'm sure by now you have heard about and possibly read the Government SEND reform consultation paper, and it's probably raised more questions than answers. Here is the link, if you haven't had the chance to read it yet:

[SEND Reform: Putting Children and Young People First](#)

You may be feeling anxious about this, but from my understanding, it is more about increasing the national mainstream offer and approach for young people with SEND. If your child is in a specialist setting, which yours already are of course, then their placement is secure. I fear, if this consultation goes through, it will prove even more challenging and stressful for families to secure a specialist provision, as the Government clearly want mainstream schools to accommodate more learners with SEND.

An update regarding the Speech and Language Therapist situation. Unfortunately, we did not receive any applications for the joint role with ourselves and Ravenswood School. We have extended the deadline for applications again, and have widened our search by now advertising on the DfE website, TES jobs, Eteach, as well as both of the schools' websites. I have also opened discussions with 'Talk Speech and Language Therapy', a private company based in the South West, to enquire whether they have capacity to assist us as an interim measure. I will, of course, keep you all updated.

Everything has continued as normal in school this week; the learners have come back refreshed and have worked hard. It has been a welcome change to enjoy some improved weather too!



Have a wonderful weekend, whatever you have planned.

**Jamie Peacock**  
Headteacher

**North Somerset Term Dates – 2025/2026:**

Term 4	Monday 23 February 2026 – Thursday 02 April 2026
Term 5	Monday 20 April 2026 – Friday 22 May 2026
Term 6	Monday 01 June 2026 – Wednesday 22 July 2026

**Bank Holidays (school closed to all learners) – 2025/2026:**

May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 04 May 2026
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**Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all learners) – 2025/26:**

- Friday 1st May 2026
- Wednesday 22nd July 2026