

Our vision

Valued - Inspired - Prepared

Our values

We shape our learners to be:

Safely independent - Respectful citizens

Inquisitive thinkers - Confident communicators - Resilient learners

Well, it certainly has been an interesting week! A prelude to further disruption in the future? Do we all need to prepare for more severe weather days? I hope you have all managed to stay safe and well over the last few days of extreme weather.

I want to thank you all for your support and understanding during what has been a very challenging week for everyone. Closing the school is the last thing I wanted to do, and it was a decision that certainly was not taken lightly. In the end, it comes down to keeping everyone safe, and with the MET Office issuing a Red Notice and stating 'severe threat to life', I had no option but to consult with the Local Authority, my Governing Board, and the Headteachers at the other North Somerset special schools and take the only viable decision.

The beginning of the week seems like a long time ago, but we did manage to have the most wonderful Upper School sports day, the turnout of parents and carers set a new record! I am delighted to announce that the overall winners of 'The Barlow Sports Shield' for 2026 is Water House! Congratulations to all of those wearing blue!

On Tuesday, thanks to Ms Wells, we managed to rearrange the timings for the driving lessons, which enabled everyone an opportunity to get behind the wheel.

And, this morning we had the most wonderful, tear-jerking, final assembly for our Year 11 and 13 leavers. It is always an occasion with mixed emotions, as we say goodbye and wish them well for their continuing journey. I am proud of them all, and wish them all the best for the future, whatever adventures present themselves.

The rest of the school have been brilliant today too, everyone doing their best to keep cool and as relaxed as possible. Let's hope that it is a little cooler weather next week!

Have a wonderful weekend, whatever you have planned.



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Update to School Meal Prices

We would like to inform you that the price of school meals will increase from £2.50 to £2.65 per meal, effective from 03 September 2026.

We remain committed to offering healthy, balanced meals that meet all nutritional standards and support our learners' wellbeing throughout the school day.

If your child is eligible for free school meals, this change will not affect them.

From September 2026 free school meals will also be expanded to all families on Universal Credit – if you think your family may be eligible for this please click on the following link: [North Somerset Free School Meals](#).



PTA NEED YOUR HELP PLEASE

Fancy baking a cake ???



We are looking for donations to sell on our cake stall at our Summer Fayre, if you can help please can donations be brought in on Friday 3rd July

North Somerset Term Dates - 2025/2026:

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| Term 5 | Monday 20 April 2026 - Friday 22 May 2026 |
| Term 6 | Monday 01 June 2026 - Wednesday 22 July 2026 |

Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all learners) - 2025/26:

- **Wednesday 22nd July 2026**

North Somerset Term Dates – 2026/2027:

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| Term 1 | Thursday 03 September 2026 – Friday 23 October 2026 |
| Term 2 | Monday 02 November 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 |
| Term 3 | Monday 04 January 2027 – Friday 12 February 2027 |
| Term 4 | Monday 22 February 2027 – Thursday 25 March 2027 |
| Term 5 | Monday 12 April 2027 – Friday 28 May 2027 |
| Term 6 | Monday 07 June 2027 – Friday 23 July 2027 |

Bank Holiday – 2026/2027:

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| May Day | Monday 03 May 2027 |
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Westhaven INSET Days (school closed to all learners) – 2026/2027:

- Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Friday 4th September 2026
- Friday 13th November 2026
- Monday 4th January 2027
- Tuesday 4th May 2027
- Friday 23rd July 2027