

Westhaven Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19 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

Well, here we are at the end of another academic year, it's true what they say, as we get older time does seem to go more quickly. I have been in the substantive role of Headteacher at this wonderful school for two years now and I can't quite believe where that time has gone. However, I do know how much hard work and dedication the staff team have put in, both behind the scenes and in the classrooms, with your children. I'm sure you'd want to join me in thanking them for all their efforts and wish them a restful summer break.

It has been a joy and a pleasure working with all the learners across the entire school this year, every day I smile as I drive home reflecting on all the positive interactions we've had and the progress that your children have made.

As always, we have concluded the term with our amazing assemblies, which are emotional at the best of times, but when we have to say goodbye to close friends and colleagues, it is even more so. However, as a wise person once said, "Don't be sad because it's come to an end, be happy that it happened at all."

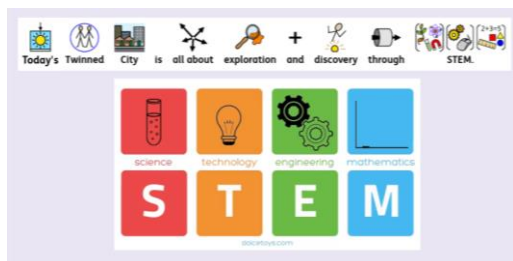
Have a wonderful summer break whatever you have planned, stay safe and well, and I look forward to welcoming your children back on Wednesday 4th September. Please note it is Inset days on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd.



Jamie Peacock
Headteacher

Across the School

We started the week with our twinned city STEM assemblies. Each teacher visited a different classroom to run a maths themed challenge with the learners. They all absolutely loved it and a huge thanks must go to Mrs Plume for organising it.



Our wonderful and very talented Miss Doran has been contacted by the professionals who lead upon Helicopter Stories to attend as a guest speaker at their next webinar. She has also been asked to be part of a new SEND research group. Well done, Miss Doran; we are very proud of you.

Please take a look at our website over the summer. We have been preparing some stories for you to enjoy!

<https://www.westhavenschool.org.uk/story-calendar/>



Lower School:

So here it is, my last ever post into the Westhaven newsletter.

As I prepare to leave this wonderful school, I am filled with a mix of emotions. The time I have spent here has been incredibly fun and memorable and it is with both gratitude and a heavy heart that I say goodbye.

From the very first day I started here in January 2016, I have been welcomed with warmth and kindness. The memories the team and I have created together, from class assemblies, sports events and school plays, to all the little moments in between, will stay with me forever.

The learners at Westhaven have all been truly fantastic and will continue to remain in my thoughts. Lower School is now in the safe hands of Miss Chaplin, who I know will keep me updated on their progress.

While it is difficult to part ways, I am also excited about the future and the new opportunities that lie ahead. I will carry the experiences and lessons from Westhaven with me, confident that they have prepared me well for the next part of my journey.

To my colleagues, learners, and everyone who is part of the Westhaven family, thank you. Thank you for making my time here so special.

Wishing everyone all the best for the future. Mrs Netto

Middle School:

This week I had the opportunity to show 8 SEN officers around the school. What we saw was true Westhaven Way – calm, quiet learning environments with a clear understanding of the needs of our learners to have a balance of “that end of term feeling” and continued structure and overlearning. Every room we went into was learning or consolidating learning, which at the end of a summer term was a delight to see.

In Middle School this week we have seen a few more reward trips- the park, the cafe, the beach, but all with purpose. It is a continued pleasure to lead Middle School and see how far learners come in the three years they are in KS3 and I truly take delight in their progress.

The Year 9s this week have been telling and showing me how ready they are for Year 10 and lots of learners are asking when the new Year 7s will start. I am proud as to how well the Middle School team have prepared all of our KS3 learners for their next steps and would like to thank them for their continued efforts.

Before we all move up a year – we must have a break! Whatever you are up to over the summer we wish you a safe and enjoyable summer holiday.

Upper School:

Upper School commenced the week with a Stem twinned city challenge of ‘keeping it cool’. The aim of the challenge was to work in groups to plan, design and make a lid to cover the opening of a cup to the ice melt slower in warmer summer months. A range of materials were given and it was interesting to see the different designs. Learners worked well in groups demonstrating fantastic listening, turn taking and teamwork skills.

Manchester learners enjoyed a trip to the Life Skills Centre (this was the postponed trip from earlier in the year). Particular highlights were learning about carbon monoxide and spending virtual money in a supermarket.

Despite being the last week of the academic year, learners have continued to show dedication and commitment to their learning, making every moment count.

We wish learners and their families a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to a new academic year in September.

Staff in the Spotlight: Mr R Horsey

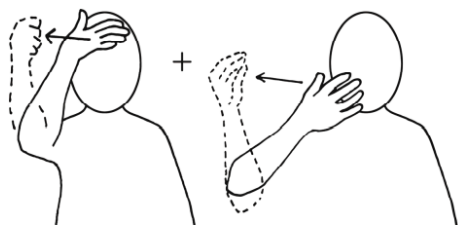
Favourite Book Quote	“Whilst Man, however well-behaved, at best is but a monkey shaved!” Charles Darwin – On the Origin of Species
Favourite Book to Read to Children	The Wee Free Men by Terry Pratchett

Favourite Childhood Book	Going Solo by Roald Dahl
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Word of this Week:

KS1	bare
KS2	desert
KS3, 4 and 5	barren

Sign of this Week: summer

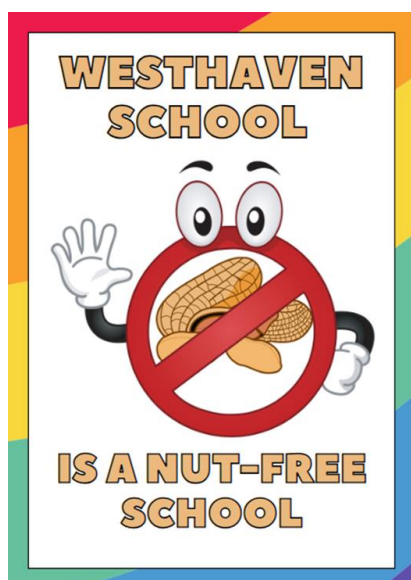


Sports Desk:

I cannot believe we are already at the end of another year. This year has been wonderful from a PE perspective, we've had so many highs from the Dance Festival to football tournaments and then most recently sports day. Can I say a huge well done to every single learner throughout the school year for smashing new personal bests consistently? I am very proud of all of them. Have a great summer and see you in September.

Headteacher Awards:

- Lewis in London class for his wonderful Maths work.



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.

SUBMERGED™

Explore The Future

JOIN A TEAM!

This year's *FIRST*® *LEGO*® League challenge is SUBMERGEDSM. This season, children will learn about how and why people explore the oceans. During the season, children will be exploring the theme and ideas, creating solutions, testing them, iterating and changing them, and then sharing what they've learned with others.

And it starts here, with you.

Westhaven needs you!

If interested, please contact Mr Burgess or Mr Orchard for more details!



Ages 9-16*
*Ages vary by country

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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

Register Here:
www.imaginationfascinationwsm.com

Together Pussycat CIC presents

Summer VIBES

Saturday 24th August

From 11am

The Italian Gardens & The Sovereign

Sponsored by



Weston-super-Mare
TOWN COUNCIL

SOVEREIGN

Freaturing **Action**

Live

Entertainment

Magic Show

Circus Skills

Inflatables

Rides

Interactive

Games

Mascots

Dinosaurs

Cludo Game

Local Traders

Competitions



Missing Cat Trio



Find out more about attraction and timings

www.facebook.com/actionkidsparties

Penny Party in the Park

Thursday 25th July - 11am to 2pm
Riverside Holiday Village, Bleadon

What can 1p buy you these days?

Penny Party in the Park offers three hours of amazing entertainment at the new venue at Riverside Holiday Village, Bleadon.

Included in the 1p entry fee:

- Live entertainment from Action Pussycat
- Live entertainment from Krazy Kev and Dinky Dino
- Circus Skills Workshop from The Hula Hoop Lady
- Street Dance workshop from Ann Marie School of Funk
- Junk modelling from Community Scrapstore North Somerset
- Forest School craft from Play Wild CIC
- Live entertainment from the Riverside Holiday Village Ents Team
- Live music
- Avon and Somerset Community Police
- Avon Fire and Rescue Service
- North Somerset Ambulance Service
- Rory the T Rex
- Toons the Tiger
- Chase from Paw Patrol
- Play area

Plus*

- Inflatables from Weston Entertainment
- Fairground rides from Weston Entertainment
- Fairground stalls from Weston Entertainment
- Make slime with Splat Messy Play
- Pottery painting from Lowe Pottery Painting
- Sand art from Rainbow Sands
- Craft from Elephant House Crafts
- Tombola from Weston Hospice
- Photo booth fun
- Local traders for some special gifts
- Swimming pool**

There will be drinks and refreshments available at the bar, hot and cold food from the restaurant, and ice creams to keep you cool. So, put the date in your diary, follow the event page by clicking www.facebook.com/actionkidsparty and we will see you there.

* individually priced

**You are advised to pre-book your swimming time by calling 01934 812342. Limited availability swim costs £2.50 per person and is for 50 minutes.

Together Pussycat CIC
Action Pussycat
Riverside Holiday Village

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Sponsored by



**Live Family Entertainment
Rides
Circus Skills
Face Painting
Demos - Craft Activities
Food and Drink
Swimming pool
On site parking
Local artisans
and more**

**Riverside Holiday Village,
Bleadon**

www.facebook.com/actionkidsparty



**WILD & WACKY
WEDNESDAYS
FREE ENTERTAINMENT**

JULY 24TH
BUMBLEBEE
ACTION PUSSYCAT

JULY 31ST
MARIO & LUIGI
ACTION PUSSYCAT

AUGUST 7TH
ANIMALS
INTERACTIVE
ARCHER THE
ALLOSAURUS

AUGUST 14TH
BUMBLEBEE
ACTION PUSSYCAT

AUGUST 21ST
MARIO & LUIGI
ACTION PUSSYCAT

AUGUST 28TH
TITCH THE T-REX
ACTION PUSSYCAT



PLUS sit-on baby
triceratops each
week

**Action
Pussycat**



SOVEREIGN

Summer Vibe

Saturday 24 th August - 11am to 4pm
The Italian Gardens and The Sovereign, Weston

Free Entertainment for Families in Weston Town Centre

Summer Vibe is a celebration in Weston on the August Bank Holiday
There will be an arena on the Italian Gardens which will include:

- Games and Magic from Action Pussycat
- Live Music from The Missing Cat Trio
- Magic Mind Reading from William Augustine
- Circus Skills Workshop
- Inflatable's
- Fairground rides
- Fairground stalls
- North Somerset Ambulance Service
- Rory the T Rex
- Toons the Tiger
- Chase from Paw Patrol

Inside the Sovereign, you will be entertained by

- Harii Bo from Wave Community Radio
- Live music from Rocking Johnny
- Live Music from Mini Concerts
- Dozens of local artisans selling gifts for all
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Plus, do not miss the Interactive Cluedo game. Find the clues hidden within the event to solve the mystery in this fun family activity. This is a great, free excuse to visit Weston Town Centre this August Bank Holiday for some free entertainment. Sponsored by Weston super Mare Town Council and The Sovereign.



Diary Dates:

Over the summer	<p>Summer Reading Challenge</p> <p>Summer Reading Challenge North Somerset Online Directory</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>
Wednesday 18 September 2024	Tulip Photography in

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

