



# Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:  
THANKFULNESS

## CALENDAR 2024/2025

### OCT

- 14th KS3 - Meet the Tutor (Online)
- 17th KS3 - Meet the Tutor (In School)
- 21st Y7 House Matches
- 21st Y5 House Matches
- 21st KS2 - Meet the Tutor (Online)
- 22nd Y6 House Matches
- 23rd Y8 House Matches
- 24th Last Day of Term
- 24th KS2 - Meet the Tutor (In School)
- 25th INSET DAY (School Closed)

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Thank you to all those parents and carers who provided permission for our pupils to receive their nasal Flu vaccinations. Somerset Saint, part of Somerset NHS, were brilliant and administered nearly 500 vaccinations which will hopefully help prevent the spread of this contagious respiratory virus, protecting them and others.

Well done to all our year 6 pupils who enjoyed an exciting geography field work trip to Ashford water treatment centre this week. Supporting their unit of work on Rivers, they explored the Wessex Water treatment plant to see how water, from the local reservoirs, is turned into clean drinking water. They also conducted research into water flow and cross sectional properties of the river running through the site. Some groups, sorry 6FL and 6JP, endured as much water falling from the sky as running along the river bed, however, all had great fun and enjoyed this opportunity to learn practically outside of the classroom.

Well done to all those pupils and staff who made the effort to wear something yellow to support World Mental Health Day on Thursday. Yellow isn't just a bright and cheerful colour but was chosen as it symbolizes happiness, hope, and optimism. By collectively wearing yellow we sent a message of support, love, and understanding to young people who may be struggling with their mental health and to let them know they are not alone.

Congratulations to our year 8 sports leaders for once again running a great First school tag rugby festival, our year 7 rugby team who beat Fairlands last week, the year 8 football squad who beat Robert Blake in the county cup and well done to our year 7 and 8 girls who worked really hard but were beaten by Writhington in the U14 county football tournament. Playing against older girls was always going to be hard but Mr McGrath was really pleased with the teams endeavour and togetherness. Well done to you all. We are looking forward to meeting face to face or remotely our KS3 parents and carers next week at our meet the tutor evening and hope we will see many of our KS2 parents and carers the following week. Finally, just a reminder to our Year 8 parents and carers that the deadline for your application to start Kings Academy in September 2025 is 31st October. Please do contact us if you need any help with this process.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes Paul Tatterton

## KS2 (Years 5 & 6) MEET THE TUTOR EVENINGS

The booking window for Parents/Carers to book on to the KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening opens **Friday 11th October** from 6pm and will close on Friday 18th October at Midday. Booking slots are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

All bookings are made through the SchoolCloud parents Evening Booking System. Please follow the link [SchoolCloud - Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#) and enter the details that you have registered with the school.

- KS2 Meet The Tutor Evening—Online Appointments - **Monday 21st October**
- KS3 Meet The Tutor Evening - In School face to Face - **Thursday 24th October**

**Any problems please email [school@hughsexey.org.uk](mailto:school@hughsexey.org.uk)**

The screenshot shows a web form titled "Parents' Evening System" for Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School. It includes fields for "Your Details" (Title, First Name, Surname, Email, Confirm Email) and "Student's Details" (First Name, Surname, Date of Birth). A "Log In" button is visible at the bottom.



### CHEDDAR FOOD BANK—HARVEST COLLECTION

Many thanks to Parents/Carers for all the donations so far, Cheddar Foodbank have given us a wish list of items that are preferable, but all items are gratefully received.

All donations to be brought to reception.

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| • Cereal                             | • Biscuits                        | • Shower Gel               |
| • Soup (inc Tomato)                  | • Pasta                           | • Shampoo                  |
| • Baked Beans                        | • Rice                            | • Ladies Hygiene Products  |
| • Spaghetti tins (small if possible) | • Tea (avg box 80 teabags)        | • Washing up liquid        |
| • Tomatoes                           | • Coffee / Drinking chocolate     | • Cleaning Sprays          |
| • Pasta sauce                        | • Fruit juice or Squash           | • Washing powder or liquid |
| • Vegetables                         | • Milk                            | • Pet food                 |
| • Meat                               | • Sauces/Mayonnaise/Cooking Oil   | • Baby food/nappies        |
| • Potatoes                           | • Crisps or Cheese biscuits       |                            |
| • Fish                               | • Jam/Honey/Marmalade/Choc Spread |                            |
| • Fruit                              | • Toothpaste                      |                            |
| • Rice Pudding/Custard               |                                   |                            |
| • Sponge Puddings or Jelly           |                                   |                            |

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CANCELLATIONS

- **Tuesday 15th October** - No Year 5 and 6 Rugby training after School. A select number of pupils from Year 5 and 6 will be going to Fairlands School for a Fixture at 15.30. Team to follow.
- **Thursday 17th October** - No Year 7 and 8 Rugby training or Hockey Training after School. Teaching staff are occupied with parents evening.

**\*\* FROM THURSDAY 24th OCTOBER AFTER SCHOOL HOCKEY CLUB WILL BE FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS \*\***

### FOOTBALL

#### KS3 GIRLS

The girls football team travelled to Writhlington to compete in an under 14s Cup match. The torrential rain and loss of a few key players didn't dampen the mood. It was 1-0 to the experienced Writhlington team for the majority of the game. The girls played with fabulous spirit throughout, typified by Tia in goal, Sophie in midfield, Captain Brook and player of the match Ana. As the game reached the final 10 minutes

Writhlington started to exert control and hit 6 quick goals. Thankfully Eve grabbed a deserved consolation goal at the end. The players should all be proud of their effort.



#### KS3 BOYS

Team photo "Successful start to the season with a 5 -2 win in the county cup against a strong team from Robert Blake School Bridgwater- goal scorers were Jack L/Jayden M/Louis E/Oskar W x2 and player of the match was Jack L.



### VACANCIES

- **Operations Assistant - Receptionist - 15hrs/week**

For full details please go to the vacancies page on the WLT website [Wessex Learning Trust](http://Wessex Learning Trust) or via the careers site on Eteach [Careers - Hugh Sexey Middle School](http://Careers - Hugh Sexey Middle School)



## HSMS SUPERSTARS

### GYMNASTICS

Year 5 pupils Sophia H and Poppy R secured a Bronze medal on Sunday 6th October at the Honiton Invitational. It's been a long time in the coming but very much deserved after some narrow misses previously.



### SWIMMING

Harlie K completed in the county development meet on the weekend and not only did she achieve personal bests in all of her races she also gained county swimming times in them, ready to compete in the county championships in February. Harlie won 1st place for 50m butterfly, 2nd place for 50m freestyle, 2nd place for 50m breaststroke and 4th place's for both 100m breaststroke and 100m I.M. It was a very long day and she did amazing. Earning herself joint Swimmer of the day for her club.



### SWIMMING

Willow C in Year 5 competed on Saturday 5th October for the first time at the Somerset County ASA County Development meet at Millfield School. Willow competed in breast stroke coming first in her heat and 11th out of 22 in her age group!



### SWIMMING

Madox W Y6 competed in a Somerset County Development Meet this weekend. He achieved 3rd in the 50m Breaststroke with a new Personal Best time - 10 seconds faster than his entry time. He also competed in the 100 Individual Medley, achieving a new Personal Best - 6 seconds faster than his entry time.



## HSMS Value in Action @ Home



NEXT WEEK  
IN PICTURE NEWS

Wb 14th October 2024

### What's going on this week?



UK Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer, has faced questioning and criticism recently for accepting free gifts. The Prime Minister has said he would continue to accept such gifts, despite the negative comments, stating that he is not doing anything wrong. Sir Keir, an Arsenal football fan, has also come under pressure for receiving thousands of pounds worth of football tickets. Although he is already an Arsenal season ticket holder, Sir Keir explained that security concerns mean he can no longer watch games from his usual seat in the stands.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Do you believe politicians should always be allowed to accept free gifts
- Can you make a list of the different times you give people gifts, and times you receive them?
- Do you prefer to give or receive gifts? Ask your people at home what they think.

### Invitation Prayer

Dear God,  
Thank you for the gift of Jesus, Thank you for the gifts we can give to others, Help us spread the gifts of love, joy, peace and friendship,  
Amen

### HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:

Love and Commitment

Bible Link:

Isaiah 9:6

British Value and Protected Characteristics:

Rule of Law and Race

UN Rights of the Child:

#41—Best Law For Children Applies

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