



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
JUSTICE

CALENDAR 2024/2025

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- 11th Remembrance Day
- 11th - 15th Y6 Mock SATs Week
- 15th Children in Need - MUFTI DAY
- 21st - 28th Book Fair
- 21st Y6 Judaism Visit
- 22nd Computational Thinking Cup
- 26th Rags 2 Riches Collection
- 26th Y6 SATs Prep Meeting

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8TH NOVEMBER 2024

Welcome back everyone, I hope that you all had a great break and enjoyed some quality time with your friends and family. As I have stated previously this first week is the start of a very busy and energy sapping term. Our school calendar is full of great events and activities as the pupils excitedly accelerate towards the Christmas festivities.

Well done to all those pupils in year 7 who visited the Cheddar Gorge and caves this week. The feedback from my colleagues was extremely positive and again demonstrates how lucky we are to have such a positive group of young people, keen to deepen their knowledge and understanding of the environment around them. Congratulations to our brilliant mathematicians in Key Stage 2 who represented the Hugh Sexey at the Wells Cathedral School Maths challenge on Wednesday. Competing against another dozen teams it was fantastic to find out, when picking them up, that they had won the competition but most importantly had a brilliant time. Well done to all 8 who took part. Still with KS2,

well done to our Cross Country runners who took part in the Downside School Stratton on the Fosse team event. There were some fantastic individual performances across both teams but the combined effort in the girls squad resulted in the team finishing 2nd overall. Cross country running is hard and your perseverance and commitment has been richly rewarded with this great result. Lets hope next time you can improve your time and go one better.

Well done and thank you to all our guests who helped make our wellbeing and mental health challenge day a great success. It is always nice to see our pupils engaging with activities outside of the core curriculum and explore difficult material in a very mature and positive way. I hope that our pupils have been able to take with them some proactive strategies and practical ideas which will help them reduce their stress and anxiety when faced with new or difficult challenges.

Next week we will be holding our Remembrance service, Children in Need MUFTI day and welcoming into school our Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS) inspector. This is a statutory inspection of Church of England and Methodist schools and is a requirement under section 48 of the Education Act 2005. The pupils will not be impacted in any way but as you will see from the attached letter they are seeking to gather a range of views, including yours. If you are free on Thursday and would like to share your views with the inspector, then please just contact the school office on Monday and we will try and facilitate a meeting with him.

Finally have a great weekend.

Best wishes Paul Tatterton



CHILDREN IN NEED 2024—Mufti Day Friday 15th November 2024

Spotty or yellow mufti is great if you have it, sensible mufti if you do not.

Please make all donations via the ParentPay/Children in need link below.

[CHILDREN IN NEED 2024 \(PARENTPAY.COM\)](https://www.parentpay.com/children-in-need)



WEDMORE BY LAMPLIGHT

We have been invited to perform at the Wedmore by Lamplight event at St Mary's church on Wednesday 11th December at 5.15pm. If your child would like to perform at this event they will need to attend the after school Singing Club on Wednesdays.



HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

Happy Healthy Holidays is back for the Winter, with exciting activities for Children aged 5-16 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals across Somerset

Parents/Carers of pupils who are currently in receipt of Free School Meals will receive further information from Monday 11th November.

Bookings go live [Happy Healthy Holidays Programme - Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership](#) on 18th November 2024

Y7 - CHEDDAR CAVES TRIP

Year 7 students were lucky enough to visit the beautiful Cheddar gorge and caves this week as part of their new Humanities unit on limestone landscapes. They were treated to a fantastic tour of the caves by the knowledgeable staff and learned all about cave formation and how the limestone features were created. Many of them were amazed to be standing in caverns that were millions of years old and they had lots of interesting and challenging questions for the tour guides - one commented that she had never been asked so many questions by a school group before! Thank you to all of the staff who accompanied us on the trip and to the admin staff for their time in organising such a wonderful opportunity for our students.



WELLS CATHEDRAL MATHS CHALLENGE

On Wednesday, 8 pupils from KS2 took part in the Wells Cathedral School Maths Challenge. The day consisted of a series of challenges, which included a Maths relay race, problem solving stations and multiple puzzles that encouraged high-level thinking. The children competed in teams of four and represented the school fantastically, demonstrating strong teamwork, togetherness and a determination to perform well.

Congratulations to Adam, Reggie, Woody, Henry, Daniel, Ben, Jago and Flossy for their effort, endeavour and mathematical understanding. Following the series events, overall results were shared and we are proud to announce that Adam, Reggie, Woody and Jago just missed out on the top 3 and our second team of Ben, Daniel, Woody and Flossy picked up first place and were the overall winners.

What an achievement from this group of pupils and they are looking forward to further opportunities to extend their interest in Maths.



YEARS 5&6 CROSS COUNTRY AT DOWNSIDE SCHOOL

With the mist and dusk both drawing in, our runners took on the challenge of the second country race at Downside School with both enthusiasm and a steely determination. Our team consisted of the 14 runners from the first race plus newcomer Indy.

A fantastic effort all-round including Tilly maintaining her amazing 2nd from the first race and several improved placings including Bea and Flossy both moving higher up the top 10 and Austin who was our lead runner in the boys race.





HSMS SUPERSTARS

SWIMMING

Madox W from 6IB competed in the City of Bristol Swim Meet over Half Term. He achieved 3 bronze medals from the 50m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke and 100m Freestyle and new Personal Best times in these strokes.



GYMNASTICS

Jemima C. (5EE), competed in the North Devon Dance Festival over the half term break. She travelled every day for 3 days to Bideford and went in super nervous but came away with 3 medals! She competed in 4 categories - Lyrical, Modern, Tap and Ballet in the age category 9-10 and won 2 Bronze medals for both Lyrical and Tap and a Silver for her Modern whilst being 1 mark off Bronze for



Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories. Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

WE ACCEPT CLEAN, GOOD QUALITY, DRY, REUSABLE CLOTHING

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED CLOTHES. PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS, BOOKS CDS OR ANY UNIFORM

Please use the clothing bag provided. You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

TUESDAY 26th NOVEMBER 2024

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



Next Week in Picture News

HSMS Values in Action @Home



Wb 11th November 2024

This year, Anti-Bullying Week takes place on 11th-15th November with the theme, 'Choose Respect'. As part of the week, Odd Socks Day is on Tuesday 12th November, with odd socks being worn to celebrate what makes us all unique. There are many other ways schools are raising awareness and taking action to tackle bullying, including several pupils working towards becoming Anti-Bullying Ambassadors.

Things to talk about at home ..

- What do you know about Anti-Bullying Week?
- This year's theme is 'Choose Respect', what is your definition of respect? Ask others at home.
- This week's story explores the role of Anti-Bullying Ambassadors. Do you think this a good way of tackling bullying? Can you think of any other strategies?



Invitational Prayer:

Dear God,
Thank you for creating each of us unique and special. Help us to show kindness and respect to everyone we meet, valuing their differences as much as we value our own. Teach us to follow the example of Jesus by loving one another and choosing respect in all we do
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Respect and Peace

Bible Link:

John 13:34-35

British Value and Protected Characteristic:

Mutual Respect and Tolerance / Sexual Orientation

UN Rights of the Child:

#2 No Discrimination

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