



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
JUSTICE

CALENDAR 2024/2025

DEC

- 16th Y7 Winter House Matches (P1 & P2)
- 16th Y8 Christmas Dinner
- 16th KS3 Cinema Club
- 16th Y5 Winter House Matches (P4 & P5)
- 17th Y7 Christmas Dinner
- 17th Y6 Winter House Matches (P4 & P5)
- 18th Y8 Winter House Matches (P1 & P2)
- 18th Y6 Christmas Dinner
- 19th Church Services
- 19th Y5 Christmas Dinner
- 20th KS3 Reports Home
- 20th KS3 Cinema Trip
- 20th Last Day of Term

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What a busy week. Thank you to all those parents/carers who delivered and collected over 530 pupils over Monday and Tuesday night as KS2 and KS3 celebrated the end of a fantastic term at the school disco. The pupils had a brilliant time and raised the roof as they sung along to their favourite tunes. I also wanted to express my thanks to my wonderful colleagues for giving up their time freely to ensure events like this can run and that our pupils can have these great experiences.

On Wednesday I was fortunate enough to listen to some of our fantastic pupils join Wedmore and Weare First School pupils at the Wedmore by Lamplight Church service. Their combined performance including some excellent solo's really elevated the telling of the Christmas story and building of the nativity scene. Thank you to Mrs Johnson and Mrs Harrison for supporting this event as well as taking our singers to Blackford Village Hall to sing carols at their Christmas café. It is fantastic for our pupils to give something back to this great community.

Thursday brought even more cheer to the school as lots of members of staff and pupils took the opportunity to wear Christmas jumpers to school. It was uplifting to see the variety of tops worn with a smile and excitement as the countdown continues to 25th!

As you will have hopefully seen, our school website is now up and running. We still have some pages to update as the transition is completed but most of the key information is available as and when you need it. We have made a change to the calendar page. You can view the whole term calendar to check term dates as a pdf, each day by day event on the website page or you can use the address supplied (<webcal://hughsexey.com/events.ics>) on this page to populate your own calendar and this will give you up to date events and activities planned for the year.

Congratulations to our KS3 cross country runners who competed at Brymore this week in the Sedgemoor Area race. Mr Jackson has shared how well they ran and the fantastic positions that they finished. Henry M (7RMK) won the Year 7 Boys race, Louis J (8AD) won the Year 8 Boys race and Bethany H (8PN) won the Year 8 Girls race by a distance. There were also brilliant performances from Bebe S (7RMK), Josh M (7ZC), Will W (7RMK) and Theo B (8AD) who also finished in the top 10 and have qualified to run for Sedgemoor in the Somerset county cross country in January. What an amazing set of results from our hard working runners. Keep up the training and good luck in the area race in the New Year.

Finally, I just wanted to thank Mr Sawkins, who will be leaving us at the end of this calendar year. Mr Sawkins has secured a new teaching job working in a school in Bristol and leaves us after joining us in September 2023. I know that he has been talking to his groups and that they are aware of his departure. We wish him every success in his new role and hope that he will remember his short time with us with fondness.

5 more school days to go. Both my staff and pupils are beginning to show the signs of fatigue but I know the great last week will keep everyone going. Have a great weekend.

Love and best wishes

Paul Tatterton

CLUB CANCELLATIONS

- Singing Club Wednesday 18th December
- There are **no** after school sports club next week, due to darker evenings and Y5 Nativity.

**CLUBS WILL RESUME WEEK COMMENCING
13th JANUARY 2025**



Extended rehearsal Tuesday 17th December
4:00pm –6:30pm

ALL CAST TO ATTEND





WINTER HOUSE MATCHES (Please see ClassCharts message 13.12.24)

- Y7 — Period 1 & 2— **Monday 16th** —Come in to school in PE Kit, change into school uniform after
- Y5 — Period 4 & 5— **Monday 16th** —Come in to school in Uniform, change in to PE kit at lunchtime
- Y6 — Period 4 & 5— **Tuesday 17th** —Come in to school in Uniform, change in to PE kit at lunchtime
- Y8 — Period 1 & 2— **Wednesday 18th** —Come in to school in PE Kit, change into school uniform after

BLACKFORD CAFÉ - YEAR 6

6FL took their festive cheer to Blackford Village Cafe this week to entertain the residents of the local community. They have worked hard over the last few weeks producing a well rehearsed repertoire.



KS3 CINEMA TRIP - REMINDER

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER

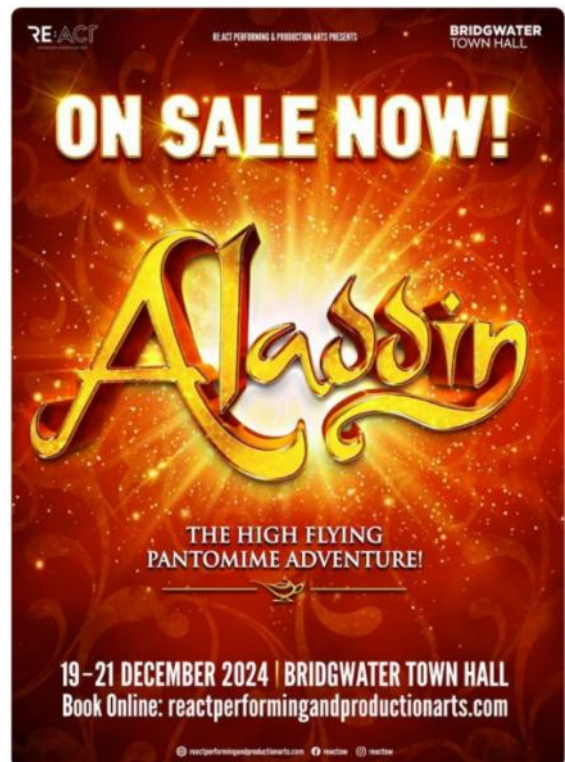


- Pupils should be in normal school uniform
- Pupils will need to bring a packed lunch as the school canteen will not be available on return - pupils in receipt of FSM can request a packed lunch.
- Please bring your own snacks to the cinema as the kiosks will not be open

HSMS SUPERSTARS

YOUNG FARMERS - READING COMP.

Jack Baker in Year 8 took part in a County wide reading competition last weekend representing Wedmore Young Farmers. Jack worked as part of a team to read aloud an extract from The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, which they performed to an audience. Although able to familiarise themselves with the text in advance, the group only found out the specific extract on the morning of the competition, having only 20 minutes to practice before being invited into the judging room. They were judged on numerous aspects including projection, fluency, expression and overall team cohesion. Jack's team placed first of the 4 teams that entered, and they will now go on to represent Somerset in a larger competition for the South-West! Huge Congratulations to Jack and his teammates who also happen to be HSMS alumni students, Grace Willcox and Harry Brice.



Featuring Parker S from Year 7 as the Genie
Tickets on sale now.



Christmas Card House Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Card House Competition

Yr. 5

- 1st Eleanor R- Saxon
- 2nd Charlotte B- Viking
- 3rd Sophia H- Viking



Yr. 6

- 1st Indy C- Norman
- 2nd Joyce H- Celt
- 3rd Fletch O- Saxon



Christmas Card House Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the Christmas Card House Competition

Yr. 7

- 1st Eve W - Celt
- 2nd Grace H - Celt
- 3rd Gabrielle M - Saxon



Yr. 8

- 1st Lily M - Viking
- 2nd Lily F - Celt
- 3rd Lauren P - Celt





FIXTURES & EVENTS

CROSS COUNTRY AT BRYMORE

A select team of 10 pupils from Years 7&8 ran at the Sedgemoor Cross Country championships hosted by Brymore Academy.

Great determination was shown by all our runners over a complicated course. Seven have been further selected to represent Sedgemoor at a Somerset county championships in January.

It was a day to remember with three of the four races we took part in being won by a Hugh Sexey runner. Big congratulations to Bethany, Henry and Louis for their amazing performances.



[Thought of the Week - 16th December](#)

BOOK FAIR UPDATE:

Huge thanks to all of the parents and carers who supported the school book fair.

We raised an incredible **£1515.87**.

This will give us significant rewards to spend with Scholastic for new books and will make a massive difference to the library.

Thanks also to our fabulous pupil librarians who gave up their time to help support this event.



HSMS Values in Action @Home



Next Week
in
Picture News

Wb 16th December 2024



How can we show others we care?

It is thought the number of cards sent this festive period will be lower than in previous years, as stamp prices have increased. The price of a first-class stamp rose by 30p in October, to £1.65. This rise (the fifth increase in less than three years) has also led to fears that the money reaching charities through card sales will be lower this year. Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experience of giving and receiving cards and ask someone at home about theirs.
- Fewer cards are being sent each year; talk about why you think this is the case.
- What other ways can you think of to show loved ones that you care and are thinking of them?

Invitational Prayer:

Thank you for the excitement and joy Christmas brings,
Help us to remember it began with the birth of Baby Jesus,
Thank you for your love, Help us to share love with others
this Christmas,
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Love and Christmas

Bible Link: 2 Corinthians 9:7

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Rule of Law and Religion or Belief

UN Rights of the Child: #14 Freedom of Thought & Religion