



# Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:  
JUSTICE

## CALENDAR 2024/2025

### DEC

- 2nd - 3rd Y6 Bikeability
- 3rd Shrek Rehearsal -  
Extended after  
school - 6:30pm
- 9th KS2 Disco (6-8pm)
- 10th KS3 Disco (6-8pm)
- 11th Blackford Christmas  
Café
- 11th Wedmore by  
Lamplight
- 12th Christmas Jumper  
Day
- 13th KS2 Brilliant Club -  
Film

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Thank you to all those year 6 parents and carers who joined us on Wednesday evening at our SATs information evening. I hope that you found it useful and addressed any concerns or misconceptions that you may have had. We will upload the presentation shared on to our website shortly. Following some great questions and feedback on the evening we will be sending home, with the pupils, a copy of their assessment outcome broken down by paper and skill and a covering letter explaining what this means for your child at this moment in time. We will also send home the assessment paper that they completed for you to get an insight into the type of questions asked and how your child responded. These should be coming home on Friday.

Website update — for those parents/carers with children in other Wessex Learning Trust schools you may already be aware that we will be changing our school website next week. This is to help parents navigate these great sources of information as you transition through the 3 tier system. It should make all our sites easier to navigate and provide a greater level of consistency when you want to access information. When it goes live we will quickly ensure that all our key information migrates across from our old

website so that you can find what you need quickly and efficiently. Please do offer us feedback if you have any difficulty. Whilst talking about cloud based systems, please accept our apologies for the frustration some encountered yesterday with ClassCharts. This was not a local issue and ClassCharts were aware and working hard to rectify all users accessibility to their platform.

Congratulations to our enthusiastic year 6,7 and 8 hockey players who travelled to Kings Academy to play Fairlands on their brilliant AstroTurf pitch. The surface encourage quick passing and accurate dribbling. The pupils and staff had a great time and really enjoyed the opportunity to put all their hard work into a competitive game situation. More news on this event can be found on page 2. Well done to Maddox (6IB), Maisie (5EE) and Stanley (7AT) on their fantastic individual achievements recently in swimming, gymnastics and carting. Keep working hard and improving those already brilliant skills and performances.

As mentioned recently in a previous update I can now share with you the formal SIAMS report received from the inspection team. You will find the link for this on page 5 and this will be upload to our website for your ease of access. Once again it pays tribute to our pupils great attitudes and behaviour and my colleagues continued commitment to providing our pupils with a great environment in which to 'flourish'.

Finally, after serving the Hugh Sexey community and supporting our SEND team since September 2013, Michala Walton leaves us to take on a new and exciting challenge. I am sure you will joining me in wishing her good luck in her new role. Have a great weekend and see you in December!

Best wishes Paul Tatterton

## ABSENCE

Thank you for supporting the wellness of our school community by keeping your children off when they are contagious and too poorly for school, it is much appreciated. We are noticing a big increase in absence and also a decrease in communicating this to school.

Please notify the absence line **daily** when your child is absent from school. If you are concerned about missed learning and are unsure whether to send your child back in, please contact our Attendance Officer or Reception who will advise accordingly.

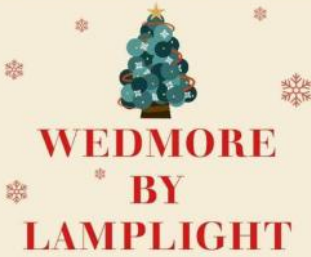
All notifications of daily absence must be reported via the school absence line 01934 714290, ClassCharts or school email on [school@hughsexey.org.uk](mailto:school@hughsexey.org.uk).



SUNDAY REHEARSAL 1st DECEMBER  
2024  
10am - 2pm

**CANCELLED**





### 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.

### FIXTURES

On Tuesday night 34 of our keen hockey enthusiasts from Years 6,7 & 8 has a chance to play in a match on the astro turf at Kings Academy.

We had 4 teams, 3 girls and 1 boys team who have been diligently practising every Thursday after school.

KS2

Our Year 6 girls played first against a Year 5 Fairlands team. They have been coached by Mrs Hart and look a very promising side. Final score 5-0 to HSMS

YEAR 7

Year 7 Girls

A very close match with equal opportunities to score for both teams. Fine performances from our keeper Chloe. Final Score 0-0, player of the match Eva.

Year 8 Girls

The team looked very professional with matching hair braids. They played a good match, showing some real promise and improvement, against a very strong and experienced Fairlands team. Final score 3-0 to Fairlands, player of the match Karin.

KS3 Boys

The boys have been training hard with their coach Mr Ninnis, showing excellent formation and team play. Final score 2-2, player of the match James.

Well done to all our pupils you all showed great enthusiasm, hard work and support for your fellow teams.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

NO CANCELLATIONS

### MILLFIELD COMPUTATIONAL THINKING CUP 2024

Millfield Senior School held their inaugural Computational Thinking Cup. The competition consisted of problem solving, code breaking and de-bugging challenges.

A total of 37 teams took part.

Three teams, consisting of three pupils each, enthusiastically represented Hugh Sexey. A great effort from Grace, Daniel and Oscar (Year 7 team) and Karin, Lily and Sophie (Year 8 girls team) and George, Monty and Theo (Year 8 boys team).



### HELP THROUGH WINTER - HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

Support for Somerset households with food and energy bills this winter

Somerset families and residents who are struggling to pay their bills this winter could be eligible for support with the cost of food, energy, water, and other essentials over the coming months. Somerset Council's 'Help Through Winter' campaign, funded by the Government's Household Support Fund, is supporting charities and organisations to help residents and families in need across Somerset between October 2024 and March 2025.

#### Support includes:

- Help with managing money, such as providing vouchers towards gas and electricity or food bills, providing 'move-in' grants via Somerset partners to fund essential furniture such as white goods, mattresses and carpets, and more.
- Funding for community hubs via Somerset Community Foundation. This includes financial support for food banks, paying for activities that you can enjoy with your families, and keeping designated Warm Spaces in your community open for those most in need.

Find out what support is available for the Somerset families and residents you are supporting this winter: [Somerset Household Support Fund – Help through winter](#)



# christmas disco

KS2 - MONDAY 9, DECEMBER  
KS3 - TUESDAY 10, DECEMBER  
6PM - 8PM

Please make a payment of £6 on ParentPay

Soft drinks, sweets and homemade gifts will be available to purchase on the night.

Please do not drop off your Child before 6pm and collection is only permitted from inside the school hall

Due to Health and Safety our numbers are strictly limited to 300

HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS MENU

ROAST TURKEY  
PIGS IN BLANKETS

OR

CAULIFLOWER BAKE  
QUORN CHIPOLATAS

WITH

ROAST POTATOES  
CARROTS & PEAS  
TOPPED WITH GRAVY

CHOCOLATE BROWNIE

OR

CHRISTMAS ICED SHORTBREAD BISCUIT

OR

MINCE PIE

SERVED WITH A DRINK

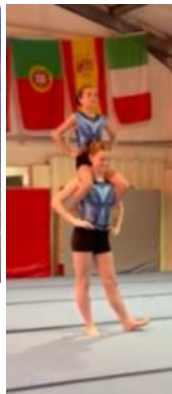
PLEASE MAKE A PAYMENT OF £4 AND SPECIFY YOUR CHILD'S MENU CHOICES ON PARENTPAY BY DEC 4TH

DEC 16TH	DEC 17TH	DEC 18TH	DEC 19TH
V8	V7	V6	V5

## HSMS SUPERSTARS

### GYMNASTICS

Sophia had a successful gym Club Competition, discovering that her and her partner Edie picked up a silver in their category.



### SWIMMING

Madox W from 6IB competed this weekend at the Bristol Open Meet, achieving 4 wins out of 5 races and new Personal Best Times in all of his races. With a massive 13.3 seconds off his 100m Individual Medley he's had a successful weekend.



### CHOIR

George R (8AD) and Mabel M(50M), who were part of the choir that sang with G4 at Wells Cathedral on Wednesday.





# Christmas Card House Competition



### Criteria:

You design must be on the template provided

An original idea

Interesting design

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmassy theme

## Win up to 25 house points!

1st place – 20 house points

2nd place – 10 house points

3rd place – 5 house points

Entry – 5 house points

1st place- win a chocolate bar, 20 house points and 10 copies of the winning design printed on card for you to take home.

Post your entry into the post box in reception

Entries close December 3rd

Each year group has a separate competition.

### VACANCIES @ HSMS

- Teacher of Humanities
- LSA

For all current vacancies please follow the link to

[Wessex Learning Trust](http://www.wessexlearningtrust.co.uk)

### REQUEST - CALPOL/PARACETAMOL



To try and combat the increasing sickness levels in the colder part of the year, please can we request parents send children in with a bottle of liquid paracetamol or tablet paracetamol to our school reception, this will be safely stored for their use throughout the year.

Thank you

**Christmas**  
with Cheddar Valley Community Church

15th Dec: 5.30pm Christingle  
22nd Dec: 5.30pm Carol Service  
25th Dec: 10.30am Christmas Day service.

All held at Draycott Memorial Hall.  
[www.cvcc.life](http://www.cvcc.life)



## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER  
All donations via ParentPay

If you have any unwanted/unloved Christmas jumpers please donate to our school reception so we can spread the festive cheer.



**WESSEX LEARNING TRUST  
ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SOMERSET SCHOOLS (2026/27) CONSULTATION**

The Wessex Learning Trust are consulting on their 2026/27 admission arrangements, it is statutory to consult every 7 years or when a change is made. To view and comment on the arrangements please click here [Somerset 2026-27 Admission Arrangements Consultation - Somerset Council - Citizen Space](#)  
Please note that the link will go live on 2 December 2024.

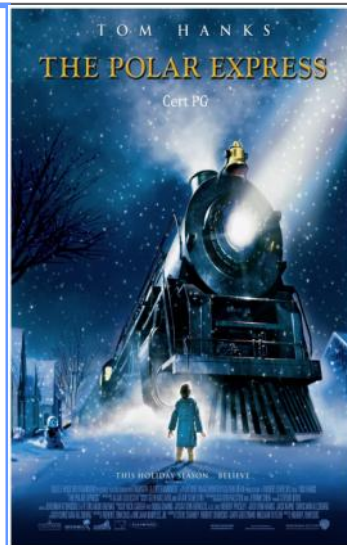
The consultation will start on **2 December 2024** and end on **20 January 2025** and the final determined arrangements will be published on the Trust and our School website by 15 March 2025.



A Christian presence in every community

Please see the report from our recent SIAMS visit.

[siams-report-hugh-sexey-middle-school-2024.pdf](#)



**EAST BRENT VILLAGE HALL  
SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER  
DOORS 5.00pm  
FILM 5.30pm**

**£4 Adults (on the door)  
£1 Children (accompanied)**

**BAR & REFRESHMENTS  
(Free bag of sweets for children)**

**PLEASE BRING CASH AND A CUSHION!**

Follow us on Facebook for updates  
East Brent Film Night

## HSMS Values in Action @Home



**Next Week  
in  
Picture News**

*Wb 2nd December 2024*



The Football Association (FA) has laid out new plans aimed at raising awareness and increasing participation in disability football. The strategy, called Football Without Limits, includes growing the Comets programme for young people aged 5–11. The FA says Comets will be the most inclusive format of the sport and will provide a safe and supportive space for children to start playing football.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your thoughts about the FA's plans to increase awareness of disability football.
- Can you think of a time when you have felt like you belonged (perhaps in a team or group)? What was it that made you feel included?
- Ask the same questions to someone at home. Ask people at home whether they, or someone they know, have benefitted from a similar programme.

**Invitational Prayer:**

Dear God  
Thank you that we are all different and special, Help us to consider others and find ways to make sure everyone is included, Thank you for loving us all,  
Amen

**HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:  
Compassion and Rights**

**Bible Link:  
Philippians 2:3-4**

**British Value and Protected Characteristic:  
Individual Liberty and Disability**

**UN Rights of the Child:**