



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
ENDURANCE

CALENDAR 2025

FEBRUARY

- 24th School Open
- 25th Y7 Football V Fairlands @ HSMS
- 26th Mini Police
- 26th Performing Arts - Innes Oliver
- 26th NEW DATE
Battlefield 2024—
Parent/Carer Info
Meeting - Main Hall
- 27th Y7 Boys Football V Worle @ HSMS

MARCH

- 3rd Wells Cathedral Trip
- 4th KS2 Cross Country - Downside

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Thank you all for your support and contribution to ensure that we and our pupils have had another fantastic term. It has been a really emotional term for me as I continue to work hard to keep improving the school, knowing that each milestone on the school calendar is the last time that I will experience it. I was delighted, as I am sure you are, with the Wessex Learning Trust appointment of Mr Drew as my successor in September. He and the other candidates had a gruelling few days as they navigated the intense recruitment process. As you are aware, Mr Drew knows and lives out our school ethos and values daily and will, I am sure lead the school to become even better moving forward.

Year 8 Kings Academy choices forms— As stated last week these need to be completed and returned directly to Kings by Monday 24th February to ensure that our pupils are timetabled to follow the curriculum options of choice.

Thank you to my year 6 team who arranged the inspirational visit of the storyteller, Clive Pig this week. He led workshops for our year 6 pupils and provided a fantastic stimulus for their ongoing Ancient Mayan civilisation work in humanities. The pupils that I have spoken to had a great session with him and came away with a deeper understanding of this culture and faith.

Well done to all our year 8 girls who attended the netball festival at Kings. They played some really competitive games against Fairlands and had the chance to put their skills into action in a pressured game situation. Like our work with our First schools, these are great opportunities for our girls to meet their peers at Fairlands and make connections with the staff and pupils at Kings as they begin their transitioning phase in to year 9.

Well done to all those year 6 pupils who attended our football and netball festival here at school and thank you to all those parents and carers who collected them at the end of school. When collecting pupils after 4.30pm from the loop at these 'big' events please do feel free to park at the front of school or in the staff car park, if there are spaces, so that we can keep the main road flowing as lots of you arrive to collect at the same time. Finally, we hope that you all have the opportunity to have a peaceful and fun half term break. The days are beginning to stretch out and the weather is becoming a little less damp. Next term is another really busy 6 weeks before we hit Easter and the start of the summer term. I know many of you, especially those parents and carers in year 5, will not believe that we are already half way through the academic year! Where does the time go?

Happy Valentines weekend. Love and best wishes

Paul Tatterton

YEAR 8—OPTIONS FORMS

Please ensure you have returned your Key Stage 4 Options form to Kings Academy by Monday 24th February at the latest.

Forms can be returned by email to data@kovessex.co.uk or post/deliver to our Main Reception at The Kings of Wessex Academy, Station Road, Cheddar, Somerset, BS27 3AQ)



PASTORAL SUPPORT

Valentines day was an eventful one for us at HSMS this year, with lots of budding relationships. Unfortunately however some pupil's have found it rather emotional and overwhelming, and we would like to take this opportunity to ask parents to have conversations at home that support us in dealing with these big feelings.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CANCELLATIONS

DIGITAL LEADERS—THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY
Due to staff training



TICKETS ON SALE NOW VIA PARENTPAY



Sunday Rehearsal - Sunday 9th March
ALL CAST MUST ATTEND
10am—15:30pm

Show Nights—Starting at 6:30pm
Wednesday 19th March
Thursday 20th March

If you have already purchased tickets these are still valid for the new dates, if you need to change the dates you attend please contact the school on school@hughsexey.org.uk

YEAR 6 - CLIVE PIG VISIT
MAYA

This week, we've had some amazing, immersive opportunities in Year 6! To support our understanding of the Maya, we have been tasting some foods which originated from Mesoamerica.

We tasted:

- Butternut squash
- Dark chocolate
- Black beans
- Tortillas
- Guacamole
- Dried corn
- Sunflower seeds.



We were also lucky enough to have a visit from acclaimed storyteller: Clive Pig. He came to each of our classrooms to tell us more about their cultures as well as some stories and legends of the Maya people. We learnt so much! What a great way to kick-start our Ma-



Y5—MINI POLICE

Y5 Mini Police were learning all about fingerprints this week. We learnt how each one is different and that you also have finger prints on your toes! We took our prints made bookmarks and keyrings.



NEW YEAR 6 LUNCHTIME CLUBS

After half-term, we will be offering a number of lunchtime clubs for Year 6 children. These will be run by Year 8 ambassadors and will have a maximum of 15 children per session.

Day	Time	Room	Club Name
Monday	1:10 – 1:30	Room 8	Colouring
Wednesday	1:10 – 1:30	Room 8	Lego
Thursday	1:10 – 1:30	Room 8	Board Games
Friday	12:45 – 1:10	Hall	Dance



CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Please see the updated clubs and activities schedule

[T3-Spring-Clubs-Activities-2025.pdf](#)

Clubs will continue from **Monday 24th February**





SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

Y8 NETBALL



The year eight girls travelled to Kings today for a netball competition ran by year 13BTEC pupils. The team were outstanding today. They played teams from Fairlands and Bristol Cathedral school. Shooting was very accurate.

The team consisted of Mia (captain) Kitty, Emily, Millaray, Verity, Bethany, Florence and Georgie, who are to be commended for their commitment to all school sport. The team came second today after a closely fought match against Fairlands. It was heart warming to chat to many ex Hugh Sexey's pupils today too. Well done - your chocolate eggs were thoroughly deserved.

MUSICIANS OF THE TERM

Congratulations to Felix, Henry, Xanthe and Flo



FRENCH

Madame Bryan would like to extend her thanks to all the students who sent in photos of them making crêpes, which was an optional (tasty) homework for all year groups. The French celebrate their 'pancake day', called La Chandeleur, on 2nd February which is when the Christian festival of Candlemas takes place.



Family Holiday Activities at Wells Cathedral

Medieval Masterpieces

17, 18, and 19 February 2025

Discover highlights of Wells Cathedral and make souvenirs to take home!

Monday 17: Wonderful Windows Take inspiration from the beautiful Cathedral windows to make your own artwork.

Tuesday 18: Cosmic Clock Experience the wonders of Wells Cathedral's Astronomical Clock and make a souvenir of your visit.

Wednesday 19: Clay Creations Explore the Cathedral carvings in wood and stone, then make a clay boss to take home.

FREE with adult entry.

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Sessions in the Education Room / Wells Cathedral

10.30am-3.30pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.

EXPLORE • CREATE • DISCOVER



Pancakes MENU

TUESDAY 4TH MARCH - SERVED ON GRAB & GO AT LUNCH

- BANANA CARAMEL
- CHOCOLATE & MARSHMALLOW
- STRAWBERRIES & CREAM
- RASPBERRY DRIZZLE & WHITE CHOCOLATE DROPS

£2.60

ACADEMY SWIM TEAM
BURNHAM-ON-SEA

SPACES AVAILABLE

We currently have spaces available for all squads - Whether you want to Compete or Swim for fitness we'd love to welcome new members to the club

JOIN NOW

Contact Us for a **FREE Trial**

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HSMS SUPERSTARS

PERFORMING ARTS

Olivia D and Gwen were in the Mendip Players pantomime, Rumpelstiltskin last week - they performed brilliantly.



SWIMMING

Connor was swimming at Millfield this weekend his first ever long course 50 metres pool. He did breaststroke on Saturday and he smashed it he took 4 second of his time and he got PB and he county time for next year. And he only went and made it in the final ☑. He was buzzing I've not seen him so happy in a long time. And today he did butterfly and he took 2 51 second off his time and another PB We are so proud of him and he wanted me to let you know.



Madox Winder from 6IB has achieved another Gold Medal at the Somerset County Swimming Championships. Madox is the County Champion in the 50m and now the 100m Backstroke for the 10 to 11 age group. He also achieved a new Personal Best time 10.25 seconds faster. He is 1 second off Regional Entry Times for his age group.

Y6 FOOTBALL/NETBALL FESTIVAL

Our year eight sports leaders led a successful football/ netball competition today . It was good to welcome so many of our year sixes to the event . Year eights played happily alongside the younger pupils . Well done and thanks to Mrs Hart for her support with the festival



HSMS Values in Action @ Home



Next Week
in
Picture News

Wb 17th February 2025



Global retail giant, Amazon, has announced its first UK drone deliveries will take place in Darlington as part of a trial. If successful, it could soon be rolled out across the rest of the UK. Amazon's drone delivery service, known as Prime Air, has been operating in the United States since 2022. Amazon said they are, "ready and excited to make drone delivery a reality for our UK customers".

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to this week's news with someone at home. Do you think drone deliveries are a good idea?
- Would you like to see drone deliveries in your local area?
- Can you make a list of the pros and cons of drones? What other ways could they be used?

Invitational Prayer:

Dear God
Thank you for creating us with the ability to imagine, design, and build new things. Help us to use our creativity for good, caring for each other and for the world you have made. May we always seek your guidance in how we use our gifts.
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:
Wisdom

Bible Link:

Genesis 1:27-28

British Value and Protected Characteristic:

Democracy and Sexual Orientation

UN Rights of the Child:

#16 Protection of Privacy