



Weekly Update

CORE VALUE:
COMPASSION

CALENDAR 2025

MARCH

- 3rd - 21st Foodbank Collection
- 3rd Y7 Wells Cathedral Trip 1
- 4th KS2 Cross Country - Downside School
- 4th Y7 Wells Cathedral Trip 2
- 4th Y8 Football V Fairlands @ HSMS
- 4th English - Reading Walkthru - Parent Mtg
- 5th Y8 Cannington Farm Visit
- 5th Mini Police
- 5th Y6 Parent/Pupil Maths Workshop

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As we wave goodbye to February and welcome March, with hopefully warmer and brighter days, the school accelerates forward at pace. All of our transitioning year 8 pupils should have now returned their option form to Kings Academy and we are excited to find out who will be joining our family as the first round admission application process concludes and places are offered at the end of the month.

The first week back after half term, like most weeks here, has been busy with our football teams taking on our partner middle school Fairlands and also Worle Community School from North Somerset.

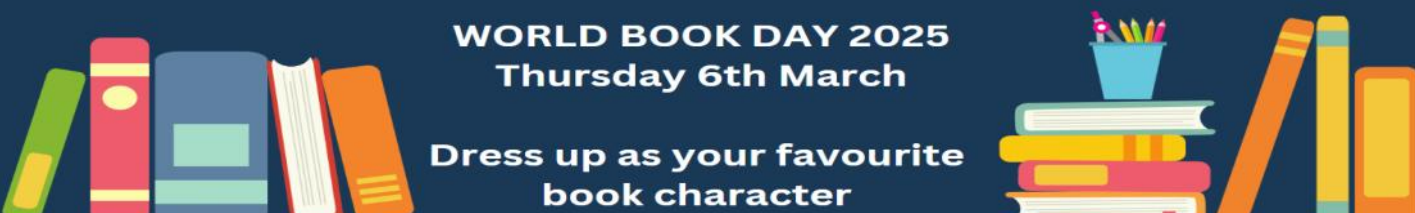
We also welcomed back a fantastic former pupil who led an inspirational performance arts workshop through the medium of dance and art. The pupils involved shared with me what a great time that they had and were really grateful for the opportunity and also the time that Innes had given up freely to provide this wonderful experience.

Thank you to those parents and carers who joined my colleagues at the Battlefields trip information evening. I hope that the detailed itinerary and insight offered has provided you with all the answers to the questions that you may have had. Having been on last years trip the pupils are in for tiring but brilliant time that will create memories that will live with them forever.

As always it was lovely to welcome a collection of brilliant year 5 AR readers who were nominated by their tutor to join me with their 'Golden ticket' for a hot chocolate, biscuits and a chat. It is always so uplifting to step out of the busy day to day running of a school to sit and talk for 15 minutes with our wonderful children. To hear how well they have settled in and for them to share with me their "what's going well" and "even better if" thoughts always fills me with a sense of joy but also provides a moment of reflection for both me and them. They have grown so much in the short time that they have been with us and I know the school will continue to go from strength to strength with young people who are so invested in their own development. They could not quite believe that they are closer to starting year 6 than starting year 5. Finally, as the days draw out and the evenings become lighter, if your child is considering walking or cycling to school could I ask that you ensure that they are safe and wear a cycle helmet if sharing the roads with other users.

Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes

Paul Tatterton



WORLD BOOK DAY 2025
Thursday 6th March

Dress up as your favourite book character

World Book Day 2025 is fast approaching and we will be celebrating on the official date - Thursday 6th March with a host of activities to promote books and reading for pleasure. We welcome pupils - and staff - to dress as their favourite book character (muggles are an acceptable choice!) The Scholastic Book Fair will arrive on World Book Day and remain in the Library for a week with all pupils having the opportunity to visit during their English lessons. More information on the titles available can be found in the Library or by speaking to Mrs Matthews. Please keep your eyes peeled for competitions and activities to take part in during the week of World Book Day and we look forward to seeing your fabulous costumes on the day itself!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUB CANCELLATIONS

- SPORTS LEADERS - WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH
- STEM CLUB - THURSDAY 6th MARCH

STEM CAREERS

We are looking for people who have a career that involves STEM, that would be willing to share a little about what they do.

If you, or someone you know, would be willing to share their career with us, please contact Miss Alice Parfitt with a short overview including:

Your name.

- Your favourite subject at school.
- Your dream job growing up.
- Your current or past job title.
- What a day in your job involves.
- The qualifications and experiences you needed.

This information will then be used as a part of our upcoming Science Week and shared across the school.



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 revised dates, if you need to change the dates you attend please contact the school on school@hughsexey.org.uk

HSMS Lent Foodbank Collection for Cheddar Valley Foodbank

Lent is a time of reflection, and an opportunity think about how we can support those who less fortunate by making a sacrifice for the good of others.

Many people choose to give up something during the Lent period to remember the time Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness as he prepared for the work God had call on him to do.

If you are able, please donate non-perishable food items or common household supplies, including pet food.

Start date: Wed 26th February

End Date: Friday 21 March





SPORTS & ACTIVITIES

DANCE

Some year 7 and 8 students had the opportunity this week to work with Joanna Spicer and past pupil Innes Oliver in an Art and Dance workshop. We really enjoyed watching their performance during KS3 assembly and engaging in a great afternoon of drawing and dance!



Hugh Sexey Middle School

Calling all Y6 parents!

Fancy having a closer look at SATs papers?

We'd love to invite you into school to participate in interactive sessions. During this time, you'll have the opportunity to ask questions see first-hand how teachers prepare your children with the techniques required to tackle the papers.

Each session will last an hour, and during that time, you will get the opportunity to view some previous exams and discover some of the strategies that teachers have been using in school. These sessions will also give you the opportunity to discuss exam techniques and ask any questions you may have about preparing your children for their SATs. If you fancy coming along, please don't forget to bring a pen and a highlighter!

Where and when?

- ✓ Tuesday 4th March - Reading - School Hall 4:30pm-5:30pm
- ✓ Thursday 6th March - Maths Reasoning - School Hall 4:30pm-5:30pm

SPACES LIMITED TO ONE ADULT PER PUPIL. CHILDREN ARE NOT ENCOURAGED TO COME ALONG IN ORDER FOR US TO ACCOMMODATE AS MANY ADULTS AS POSSIBLE. Please complete the attached form to secure your place.

Please complete the form below
[Interactive SATs Sessions](#)

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

COME TO THE BOOK FAIR

AND EARN FREE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL!

We are excited to announce that the Scholastic Book Fair will be running in the library from **Thursday 6th March to Thursday 13th March 2025.**

Pupils will visit the book fair during their library lessons as well as at break and lunch. They will be issued with paper slips to bring home with their book/stationary choice and the price(s) thereof.

If you wish to purchase the items, please pay via Parentpay by **Sunday 16th March**. Please include your child's name, tutor group and purchase details including the title, author and price of the book/stationary that you would like to order.

Books will be issued directly to the pupils week commencing 31st March 2025.

Please note a selection of 13 plus books will also be available at the Book Fair. These are aimed at our older pupils, however, there are no restrictions on buying these titles and this will come down to parental preference.



HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS... IS BACK FOR EASTER!

Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset

4 SESSIONS PER CHILD ONLY



GET A BOOKING CODE FROM YOUR SCHOOL

BOOKINGS OPEN ON 17TH MARCH

FOOD INCLUDED!



Find and book FREE local activities by visiting: www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays or scan the QR code!



Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays Easter!



Need help with booking? Watch this video



Bookings open on Monday 17th March at 10am



LOG IN

Login to Playwaze (same login as used at winter)



Enter the code your school has given you



4 sessions of provision per child only



Need help? Call or email our HHH team



hkh@sasp.co.uk ☎ 07843 816168 / 01823 653992 (Open 9am - 1pm)

Next Week in Picture News

HSMS Values in Action @ Home



Wb 3rd March 2025



The Times newspaper recently asked young people, aged between 18 and 27 (also known as 'Gen Z'), what they thought about their lives and life in the UK. The survey showed lots of views, including that 4 out of 10 young people are proud to be British, and around half feel that people in the UK are accepting and welcoming towards others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to this week's news. Are you proud of where you are from? Share your response with an adult at home, and ask them the same question.
- Can you think of some ways people might show they are proud of their heritage and where they are from

Invitational Prayer:

Dear God
Thank you for the places we call home and the people who shape our communities, Help us to see the good in where we come from and to celebrate what makes each place special, May we be a light in our communities, working together to make them strong, safe and welcoming
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:
Suffering & Compassion

Bible Link:

1 Peter 2:9

British Value and Protected Characteristic:

Mutual respect & Tolerance / Race

UN Rights of the Child:

#7 Name & Nationality

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