



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
TOGETHER WE BELIEVE; TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 3

19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,
If any of you are familiar with the drive from Wedmore to school, you will appreciate that the pot of gold at the end of this rainbow was indeed school!



Somehow, driving towards this the morning we welcomed our visiting students from Kenya made the message of community and hope feel especially poignant. It was a joy to see our visitors engaging so freely with our pupils and sharing their varied and diverse stories and experiences. Their visit is not only a cultural exchange but a reminder of our shared humanity and the importance of learning from others across the global community.

Huge congratulations to our Year 5 and 8 pupils, who have achieved outstanding reading results this week. Their progress and commitment to reading for both pleasure and academic success have been excellent, and we are incredibly proud of their efforts. Thank you to all parents and carers who continue to encourage reading at home – it really does make an enormous difference.

We were honoured to welcome Bishop Michael, who joined us this week for a Collective Worship broadcast across the Bath and Wells Diocese. It was a moment of great pride to see our pupils take part in such a special service, and I was personally privileged to meet Bishop Michael on behalf of our school community, as I begin my journey here as your new Headteacher. His warmth and encouragement were deeply appreciated by both staff and pupils.

A reminder that our Open Day is coming up this Thursday 25th September, and we are so grateful for your support in allowing your children to take part. This event is a real showcase of everything that makes our school community so special – and there is no better advertisement than the confidence, kindness, and pride shown by our pupils. Please feel free to invite friends, neighbours, or family members who may be considering school places for next year.

As always, I want to thank you for the key role you play in our school's success. Whether it's supporting learning at home, attending events, or simply talking to your child about their day, your involvement strengthens everything we do. It was fabulous to welcome more than one hundred parents and carers to our curriculum evenings this week and hear first-hand how well you feel the pupils have settled back into the new school year. If you can take the time to complete a very short survey on your impression of these evenings, I would be most grateful.

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This Sunday marks the International Day of Peace so as we head into the weekend, I encourage us all spare a thought for those around the world who are heading into a very different few days and reflect on the importance of compassion, love and unity within our school, families, and across the wider world.

Best wishes

CALENDAR 2025

SEPTEMBER

- 23rd Y5 Church Visits
- 23rd U13's Boys Football V Fairlands @ HSMS
- 24th Switch Rugby - Girls
- 25th Y6 Bikeability - Day 1
- 25th HSMS Open Evening (5pm - 7pm)
- 26th Y6 Bikeability - Day 2
- 30th KS2 Cross Country @ Millfield

OCTOBER

- 2nd Y6 Animals UK
- 2nd Y5 Bikeability - Day 1
- 3rd Y5 Bikeability - Day 2



**Kings
Academy**
Believe and Succeed

Kings Academy Open Evening

Wednesday 1 October 2025 between 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Headteacher's Welcome at 5.30pm or 6.15pm
in the Academy Hall.

There is an opportunity to experience GCSE subjects on a self guided tour throughout the evening



KS3 MATHS FOCUS

This is the list of equipment we shared with our students and suggested they should bring with them to their maths lessons. We have sent information already this week about purchasing a calculator. Being well equipped for every lesson means students are ready to learn as soon as they come into the classroom. This means they can then concentrate on **WORKING HARD**, and not having to lend or share equipment, which can be disruptive. Thank you for supporting your child with this expectation.

To help you be successful in maths, arrive on time with the following equipment.

- A sharp pencil
- A black pen
- A ruler
- A rubber
- A pencil sharpener
- A red pen
- A purple pen
- A calculator

Additional items could include a compass and protractor but teachers will provide these in lessons should you need one.



Non-negotiables
2 Black Pens
Sharpened Pencil
Ruler
Red Pen
Pencil Case

SINGING CHILDREN OF AFRICA

On Tuesday 16th September, the Singing Children of Africa Choir visited pupils and staff at Hugh Sexey. The choir of 20 young people from Jolaurabi School in rural Mombasa, Kenya are in the area as part of fundraising work undertaken by their charity organisation, Educate the Kids - a British run charity. The organisation provides sponsorship to almost 1000 young people leaving in extreme poverty in the local villages, providing education and food and the possibility of a bright future.

In Kenya, song and dance and music are an integral part of culture and tradition. During their visit with us, the Kenyan children treated our pupils to an amazing concert, singing in both English and Swahili and dancing together with enthusiasm. At lunch time, Hugh Sexey and Kenyan pupils played football together and chatted happily. In the afternoon, the Hugh Sexey music department put on a concert of their own, treating the Kenyan children to songs sung by Josie, Elena, Zante, Lucia, and Bailey. As parts of our global citizenship work, pupils participated in a question-and-answer session and learned a great deal about the lives lived by the children of the choir. It was really exciting to hear both our pupils and the young Kenyans sharing their ambitions for future employment with each other.

Many of our pupils have asked how they could help support the choir and the children at Jolaurabi School more. We are not currently running a charity collection, however, the link to the Educate the Kids website and their link to their 'Giving' page is attached below. Please do feel free to contribute. We will include work to support the charity at later points in the year, including our annual used shoe collection in July at the end of the school year.

[Educate the Kids/Giving Children the gift of Education](#)

WHAT WE DO
NEWS & UPDATES
EducateTheKids.com
SUPPORT A CHILD
MAKE A DONATION
MORE

YOU CAN HELP US TODAY
Even a little can make a difference
MAKE A DONATION

OUR VISION IS TO SEE THE CHILDREN IN AFRICA HAVE THEIR NEEDS MET, THEIR RIGHTS UPHELD, AND THEIR DREAMS FULFILLED. WE BELIEVE THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED THROUGH EDUCATION.

VACANCIES

HSMS

- Teacher of English - Part Time
- Teacher of Computing - Part Time
- Art & DT technician

WLT

- Estates Coordinator Role

For further information please follow the link below

[Vacancies](#)

WOW WORK

I wanted to share this piece of Wow Work that I encountered on the playground this week. A huge well done to our Year 5 pupil Connor who has produced this among other magnificent pieces.

Truly brilliant Connor, well done.

Matt Drew



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ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION

Somerset Saint School Immunisation Team will be attending HSMS on Thursday 9th October to administer the annual flu nasal vaccination, to opt in or opt out, please follow the link on the letter that was sent out via Bromcom email on Wednesday 17th September or on the letters page on the HSMS website via the link below

[HSMS-Letters](#)



Y5 CLASS TIMES TABLES BATTLE

Congratulations to 5EE for winning the Times Tables battle that took place over the summer holidays. The Times Tables Cup sits proudly in their classroom, following an emphatic win. The next Y5 battle is underway and runs, until Sunday 2nd November. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child to take part. Strong times tables knowledge is so important for their future learning in Maths.



KS2 SWITCH RUGBY COACHING & HOUSE MATCHES

Following the success of last year, we are pleased to inform you that Switch Rugby Coaching are back in school on Wednesday 24th September to deliver a day of sessions to all KS2 girls, during the school day. This will be a fantastic chance for girls in our school to develop their rugby skills, teamwork, and physical literacy through professional coaching sessions. Whilst girls are engaging with this opportunity, Y5 and Y6 boys will compete in house matches. When we welcome Switch back to school later in the year, boys and girls will swap over. Please read the kit and changing details below carefully.

Kit and Changing for Wednesday 24th September

Please ensure pupils have studded boots (trainers are allowed but boots preferred).

Year 5s can arrive to school in full PE kit and need to bring uniform to change into afterwards.

Year 6s must arrive to school in normal uniform and will change into full PE kit at lunchtime. Years 6s may go home in their PE kit and in the event of wet weather, bring a pair of joggers dry clothes to go home in.



ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON BROMCOM

All 'on the day' absence notifications can be sent in to school via the following

- Bromcom app,
- School absence line [01934 712211](tel:01934712211) or
- email school@hughsexey.org.uk

All future dated absences **must** be sent in via the school email as these need to be approved by the Headteacher.

Many thanks for your continued support



APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 9 - SEPT 2026

The online application window for places in Year 9 for September 2026 opened on 15th September 2025.

To apply for your child's place next phase of education please apply via the link below

[Somerset Council - School Admissions](#)

For further information please follow the link below

[Starting at a secondary or upper school in September 2026](#)

The application window closes on 31st October 2025

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Values in Action @ Home
WB 22nd Sept 2025



In the news this week

Guinness World Records is celebrating its 70th anniversary this year. The book was first published in 1955, and is now sold in over 100 countries. Each year, it collects unusual and amazing records, from the fastest runners to the tallest buildings and silliest challenges. To mark its birthday, the 'global authority' on record-breaking achievements shared some records that no one has tried yet and is encouraging people to have a go.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Ask someone at home whether they are familiar with the Guinness World Records. What records can they recall?
- Discuss the skills required to break records. E.g., hard work and ability.
- Think about something you would like to get better at this year. What goal could you set and how might you achieve it? Share with someone at home.

Dear God,

Please help us to persevere. When things are hard and we feel like giving up, help us to remember that you are with us. Give us the strength to try again, even when we make mistakes. Help us to be kind to ourselves and to others when we find something difficult. Thank you for the people who help us and cheer us on.

Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Thankfulness and Courtesy
Bible Link: James 1:12
British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty and Age
UN Rights of the Child: #31 Rest, Play, Culture, Arts