



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 2

12TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've made it to the end of our second week back —the autumn breeze has definitely arrived (along with a few soggy school shoes), but spirits remain high as the pupils settle back into routines, classrooms, and friendships.

It's been wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy again, and I've been especially proud of how many children are already living out two key school principles: Be Kind and Work Hard. We'll be continuing to remind them of the power in these simple words —I'd love your help reinforcing them at home too.

Next week, we look forward to welcoming our Year 6 and Year 7 parents and carers into school for our Curriculum Information Evenings (17th & 18th September in the School Hall). These evenings are a great opportunity to hear about what your children will be learning, meet some of the team, and ask any burning questions you may have. I will publish the presentations to our website for those families who cannot make the date.

A huge thank you to everyone for your patience as we roll out Bromcom and our new Information Systems. I am very aware it's not been 100% smooth sailing, but your understanding has made the transition a lot easier — and we're nearly there! I am so grateful to our amazing office and reception teams who have worked tirelessly to support each one of you to overcome any hurdles. For bus users among, you will be aware that we have started the year with various operator and driver changes; this in no small part due to the Local Authority diverting coaches to support the school in Minehead who continue to deal with the aftermath of the fatal crash during the summer term; please continue to feedback to us any service that falls short of our high expectations and rest assured the team will continue their work with the local authority and bus operators to trouble shoot any issues.

Lastly, a gentle reminder for drop-off and pick-up: in the afternoon, please turn left into the car loop and remember to use both lanes while queuing. It keeps things flowing, avoids unnecessary honking, and is critical for helping us ensure safe travel to and from school for our walkers and cyclists.

With a view to making collection of pupils by car more straight forward in the afternoon, I would be grateful to car users only if they would spend 30 seconds completing some questions using the following link.

<https://forms.office.com/e/WrwUKXK2Si>

With this information, it may be possible to direct individual families to a more appropriate collection point in order to alleviate volumes of traffic. Many thanks in advance for your time. Wishing you all a restful weekend — preferably with fewer forgotten PE kits and a little less rain!

Warm regards,

Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2025

SEPTEMBER

16th Singing Children of Africa

17th Y6 Information Evening (6pm - 7pm)

18th Y7 Information Evening (6pm - 7pm)

23rd Y5 Church Visits

25th Y6 Bikeability - Day 1

25th HSMS Open Evening (5pm - 7pm)

26th Y6 Bikeability - Day 2

OCTOBER

2nd Y6 Animals UK

2nd Y5 Bikeability - Day 1

3rd Y5 Bikeability - Day 2

Y6 & Y7 INFORMATION EVENINGS

On 17th and 18th of September we are holding 2 separate Curriculum Evenings. This is an opportunity for our year 6 and Year 7 parents/carers to come into school for one hour and listen to a presentation focused on their specific year group. The presentation will involve SLT and Year Leaders.

Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and will be given an insight into the year ahead including; statutory testing and pupil support, pastoral care, parent communication expectations (reports/parents evening etc.), behaviour expectations and welfare/safeguarding updates.

You do not need to book in advance, please turn up on the night.

Year 6 Wednesday 17th September 2025 6pm - 7pm

Year 7 Thursday 18th September 2025 6pm - 7pm

UNIFORM

At Hugh Sexey, we pride ourselves on our school uniform and know that it brings with it a sense of belonging and togetherness. With that in mind, we understand, and apologise for, any confusion related to the socks that pupils should be wearing to school. For clarity, 'Socks should be plain black only (ankle or knee length). No fluffy socks allowed.' This has been updated in our uniform policy on the website.

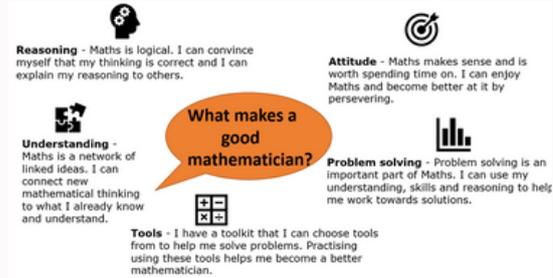


If this poses a challenge, please do liaise with your child's tutor. Thank you in advance for your support on this.

KS3 MATHS

It's been fantastic welcoming our students into our maths lessons this week. We have been really impressed with their attitude, punctuality, presentation of work, equipment and being ready to learn. The quality of maths talk in the classroom has been impressive. We'd like to share with you this image that we talked about with your young people in their first lesson back. We want all our learners at Hugh Sexey to be good mathematicians.

The Maths Team 😊



SINGING CHILDREN OF AFRICA

Not since COVID has Hugh Sexey hosted a visit from the Singing Children of Africa, but they will be back at Hugh Sexey on Tuesday 16th September to perform traditional African music and dance and to join our pupils for some international, inter-cultural social play. Pupils will have an opportunity to attend a short concert from the choir from Jolaurabi School in rural Mombasa, Kenya, and in the afternoon, as part of our reciprocal global citizenship work, the HSMS Performing Arts department will prepare a short performance of our pupils showcasing their musical talents, allowing the Kenyans to enjoy being the audience, for a change.

Jolaurabi school was set up and is funded by the UK charity, Educate the Kids. It sets out to help young people, living in a rural and very impoverished area of Kenya to gain an education. All the students are sponsored and some even live in the school's orphanage. We hope our young people will really enjoy the experience. If you would like to find out more about the charity or the UK wide fundraising tour that the choir is currently on, please check out their website or follow them on social media

[Educate the Kids](#) | [Giving Children the Gift of Education](#)

You can also see the choir perform at the Princess Theatre in Burnham on Sea, to book tickets please follow the link below.

[The Princess Theatre Ticket Booth](#)

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.

SINGING CHILDREN DATES SO FAR
This is a work in progress, more events and ticket information will be added when available. WATCH THIS SPACE - MORE TO FOLLOW!
POSSIBLE DATES & DATES: Thursday 21st August 7pm Vire Conference Centre Duffelline KY11 4JU Tickets adult £8 Child £4 Family of 4 £20vat the door call 07720 782314 or eventbrite Sachie Friday 22nd L.I

A HAND UP - NOT A HANDOUT
By educating the poorest children we have had a successful impact on the lives of thousands of children in the last 18 years. The poorest children in the world are the most in need. Please help us continue to help those who need it most.

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CELEBRATION TOUR!

BURNHAM-ON-SEA CONCERTS
JOIN US FOR UNFORGETTABLE PERFORMANCES BY THE SINGING CHILDREN OF KENYA!

THE PRINCESS THEATRE	LAKESIDE HOLIDAY PARK
MON 15 TH SEPT	TUE 16 TH SEPT
7:30PM	7:00PM
ADULTS £10PP UNDER 12S £6PP	£5PP INCLUDES FOOD
Performance Raffle Gift Shop	Performance Leaving Party Karaoke Games & More!

For Tickets Please contact Amber via:
Facebook Messenger
Email amberrandall12@outlook.com
In person At The Victoria Hotel
Or purchase limited tickets through the Princess Theatre

HSMS SUPERSTARS

EQUESTRIAN

Juno from 5ILH competed in the Eventing category at Bicon over the holidays. There were approximately 200 people taking part in each category and Juno was placed 10th in the jumping and 1st in the dressage. Well done Juno! What an amazing achievement.



MUSICAL THEATRE

Congratulations to Xanthe in Y8, who passed her Grade 3 Musical Theatre exam with Distinction



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PUBLIC

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MONDAY TO FRIDAY

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NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Values in Action @ Home
WB 8th Sept 2025



Why do we vote?

In the news this week

Schools in the UK will soon need to give more lessons on democracy, how voting works, and how the country is run. This is because the voting age for the general election is being lowered to 16. Many agree that young people need to be ready to make informed decisions. At first, these lessons will be for children aged 14 and over, but the plan is to begin teaching these issues from 11 years of age, so everyone has plenty of time to learn.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone older at home, and ask them to share their experiences of voting and their thoughts on the news that 16-year-olds will be able to vote.
- Can you think of times when you have taken part in a vote? What was the outcome?
- Do you believe it's important for young people to learn about voting and democracy? If so, what age do you think the lessons should start?

Dear God,
We thank you for giving each of us a voice. Help us to be courageous when we speak, and to always use our words to share kindness and love. Give us the wisdom to know that even our small voices can make a big, positive difference in the world.
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Thankfulness and Gratitude

Bible Link: Acts 18:9

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Democracy and Age

UN Rights of the Child: #12 Respect for Children's Views