



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 1

5TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer. It has been an absolute delight to see the school full of energy, smiles, and excitement once again as we launched into the autumn term.

The start of term certainly went off with a bang – quite literally! A lightning strike gave us a dramatic reminder of nature’s power, and left us in darkness for our second INSET Day. Thankfully no one was injured and it made for quite the talking point in classrooms on day one; it’s fair to say the atmosphere has been electric ever since! We were especially proud to welcome our new pupils this week. It was heartwarming to see so many smiling faces as they posed for their first day photos – a milestone moment for them and for us. They have settled in wonderfully already, and we are so pleased to have them as part of our school community.

A highlight this week has been the excitement among our Key Stage 2 pupils, enjoying their Rock Steady concerts. The enthusiasm in rehearsals has been contagious, and we can’t wait to see them shine on stage in the future. Music continues to be such an important part of school life here, and it’s brilliant to see the pupil’s confidence and creativity taking centre stage.

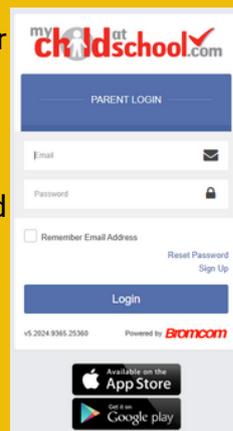
By way of polite reminder, when dropping off on the loop in the morning, please find alternative parking space should you need to leave the car to speak to reception; cars left unattended cause unnecessary hazards for other users. When collecting in the afternoon, please remember to only turn left into school, attempting to turn right blocks the road for other users and makes for dangerous cycling and walking conditions for our pupils and families.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We are looking forward to a fantastic term ahead, full of learning, laughter, and new opportunities. Here's to a brilliant start and an even better journey ahead.

My Child at School (MCAS)

At the start of this school year we fully migrated over to a new Pupil Information System called Bromcom, for Parents/Carers this meant moving over to My Child at School (MCAS) via the app or online, this new information system has replaced ParentPay and ClassCharts for all things school related.

If you have not yet activated your MCAS account or are having difficulties logging on please contact the school on school@hughsexey.org.uk.



RING IN THE NEW

To celebrate the changes at HSMS, the old clock tower bell will now be used to welcome in the new year and new starters.



Calendar 2025

SEPTEMBER

- 16th Singing Children of Africa
- 17th Y6 Information Evening
- 18th Y7 Information Evening
- 19th Y6 Bikeability - Day 1
- 20th Y6 Bikeability - Day 2
- 23rd Y5 Church Visits

- 25th Y5 Bikeability - Day 1
- 25th HSMS Open Evening
- 26th Y6 Bikeability - Day 2

OCTOBER

- 2nd Y6 Animals UK
- 6th Y8 WW1 Workshop

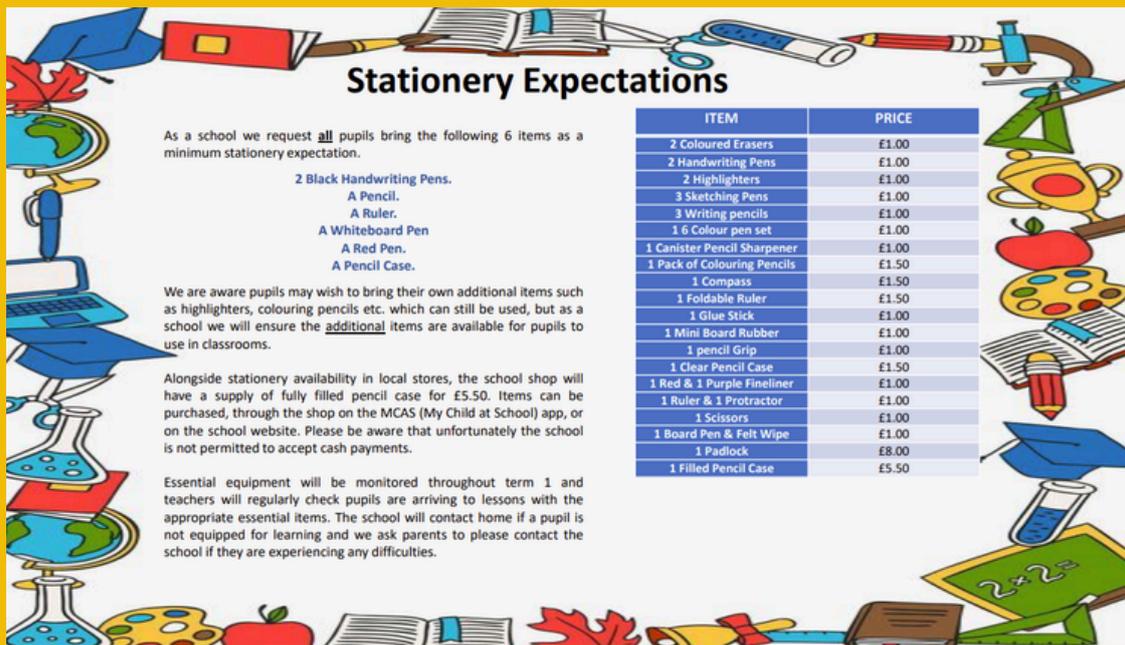
- 6th KS3 Meet the Tutor - In School
- 9th KS3 Meet the Tutor - Online
- 10th Y6-Y8 A2L Reports Home
- 13th KS2 Meet the Tutor - In School
- 14th Y6 Ashford Water Centre Trip 1
- 15th Y6 Ashford Water Centre Trip 2
- 16th KS2 Meet the Tutor - Online

EQUIPMENT EXPECTATIONS

Please can you make sure your child has the 6 essential stationary items each day as a minimum school stationery expectation.

These items are available to purchase from our school shop via My Child at School (MCAS), local supermarkets or stationery stores. Please see the poster below for our 2025-2026 school pricing and ways to purchase should you wish to purchase items from school.

Kind Regards,
Miss Keep



Stationery Expectations

As a school we request all pupils bring the following 6 items as a minimum stationery expectation.

2 Black Handwriting Pens.
A Pencil.
A Ruler.
A Whiteboard Pen
A Red Pen.
A Pencil Case.

We are aware pupils may wish to bring their own additional items such as highlighters, colouring pencils etc. which can still be used, but as a school we will ensure the additional items are available for pupils to use in classrooms.

Alongside stationery availability in local stores, the school shop will have a supply of fully filled pencil case for £5.50. Items can be purchased, through the shop on the MCAS (My Child at School) app, or on the school website. Please be aware that unfortunately the school is not permitted to accept cash payments.

Essential equipment will be monitored throughout term 1 and teachers will regularly check pupils are arriving to lessons with the appropriate essential items. The school will contact home if a pupil is not equipped for learning and we ask parents to please contact the school if they are experiencing any difficulties.

ITEM	PRICE
2 Coloured Erasers	£1.00
2 Handwriting Pens	£1.00
2 Highlighters	£1.00
3 Sketching Pens	£1.00
3 Writing pencils	£1.00
1 6 Colour pen set	£1.00
1 Canister Pencil Sharpener	£1.00
1 Pack of Colouring Pencils	£1.50
1 Compass	£1.50
1 Foldable Ruler	£1.50
1 Glue Stick	£1.00
1 Mini Board Rubber	£1.00
1 pencil Grip	£1.00
1 Clear Pencil Case	£1.50
1 Red & 1 Purple Fineliner	£1.00
1 Ruler & 1 Protractor	£1.00
1 Scissors	£1.00
1 Board Pen & Felt Wipe	£1.00
1 Padlock	£8.00
1 Filled Pencil Case	£5.50

PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

We'd like to kindly remind parents and carers of the best ways to communicate with the school.

If you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk something through, the most effective way is to contact the school directly on school@hughsexey.org.uk. We're always happy to help and are committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's wellbeing and learning.

While platforms such as WhatsApp or social media can be helpful for general parent-to-parent chats, they are not appropriate for discussing sensitive or school-related issues. Messages shared in these forums may not remain private and can easily be circulated more widely.

We respectfully ask all parents to take care when posting or commenting online. Please consider whether the information is accurate, necessary, and in line with the respectful and inclusive values of our school community. In some cases, sharing false or harmful information online can have legal consequences.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school environment.

HSMS SUPERSTARS



Esmée D in Year 6 represented the Southwest Saxons Touch Rugby team this summer.

It culminated in a national tournament in Nottingham, where after two tough days of rugby, her team got through to the final against the West England Wildcats and won!

The final was filmed and is on YouTube where she received several mentions for her long weaving runs.

NEXT WEEK
IN PICTURE
NEWS

HSMS Values in Action @ Home WB 8th Sept 2025



What makes a building special?



A church in Kiruna, which is one of Sweden's largest wooden buildings, has been carefully moved 5km to a new location. Many buildings in the city are being relocated because the ground is unstable due to iron ore mining. The church, built in 1912 and voted Sweden's most beautiful pre-1950 building, was slowly transported on special trailers. The process was watched by thousands of people. Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to this week's news story with someone at home. Why do you think the decision was made to move the church whole, rather than dismantle and rebuild it?
- Are there any well-known buildings in your local area? What is their purpose?
- What buildings are important to you? What is it about them that makes them important?

Dear God, Thank you for the places we live, work, and learn. Thank you for the people who designed and built them, and for the safe places they give us. Help us to remember that buildings are special because of the people inside them. Help us to treat everyone with kindness and love, so that every place we go can be a place where your love shines. Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Thankfulness and New beginnings

Bible Link: Ephesians 2:19-22

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Mutual Respect & Tolerance / Religion or Belief

UN Rights of the Child: #3 Best Interest of the Child