



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 7

17TH OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was a pleasure to welcome our School Improvement Partner, Nigel Clemens into school this week. It's always affirming to share the ongoing progress we're celebrating in teaching and learning in order to further develop a supportive and challenging learning community. Nigel has helped us reflect together on the strengths and next steps for our school. On Nigel's behalf I want to share what a positive impression our pupils gave during his visit – they spoke positively of their experiences and did themselves proud. Thankyou for all you do in support of them flourishing in our school.

Thank you also for continuing to support positive pupil conduct on school transport. Your consistent efforts in reinforcing expectations help ensure our pupils travel safely and responsibly, this really aids our ability instil an environment in which the pupils take ownership for their own conduct but are equally willing to speak up when things go wrong. Some pupils travel a significant distance to arrive here every day and we appreciate the choice of some parents / carers to allow pupils to carry mobile phones to permit music or entertainment during the journey. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to spend some time this weekend, checking devices with their children in order to maintain a safe online environment for our children.

Thanks to everyone who attended the recent Key Stage 2 Meet the Tutor Evening. Your positive engagement with teachers plays a key role in building strong relationships and trust, and we're grateful for your time and engagement. We'll be listening carefully to the feedback from this event as we look to strengthen and improve our offer in this important area of school life.

It's been another action-packed week in school. House rugby and hockey matches across year 5 have brought a real sense of community and friendly competition, and it's been fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved and supporting one another. Our Year 6 pupils have also been out completing their river study as part of their geography work—these kinds of hands-on learning experiences are so valuable, and I'm grateful to the staff who made them possible.

A gentle reminder that next **Friday 24th October** is an **INSET day** for staff and so school is closed for pupils.

Best wishes for a great weekend.

Matt Drew

WOW WORK

Well done to Jay R in Year 5, he has produced some amazing artwork of Dinosaurs.



CALENDAR 2025

OCTOBER

20th Y6 House Matches (B:Rugby/G:Hockey)

21st Y8 House Matches (B:Rugby/G:Hockey)

22nd Y7 House Matches (B:Rugby/G:Hockey)

22nd 1st Schools Tag Rugby Festival

23rd Y5 Clive Pig Visit - Victorians

24th INSET DAY

27th - 31st Half Term Holiday

CLUB CANCELLATIONS

No Sports Clubs on Thursday 23rd October due to external fixtures.

ROAD SAFETY SIGN COMPETITION

Project Title:

Design an Eye Catching Sign to Promote Safer School Routes for Cyclists and Pedestrians

Who can take part:

All pupils at Hugh Sexey Middle School

What we need:

We're asking you to design a bright, bold, and simple road safety sign to help remind drivers to slow down and watch out for children walking or cycling to school.

The winning signs will be displayed in gardens and hedges along the main school routes, so it needs to be easy to read from a car and eye-catching.

Your design should:

- Be bright and colourful
- Use bold shapes or symbols
- Include a clear message (e.g. "Slow Down", "Watch for Children", "Cycle Safe")
- Be easy to understand at a glance
- Fit on an A3-sized poster (portrait)

Top tips:

- Think about what would catch a driver's eye.
- Use strong colours like red, yellow, or orange.
- Keep your message short and clear.
- You can draw by hand or use a computer—whatever suits you best

Deadline:

Please hand in your finished design by **Monday 3rd November** to the Main Office.

Not only will the winning poster be turned into a sign for the school but the winner will also receive a prize of a "Safe Cycling" kit.



Here is an example of one of the winning designs from 2021.

KS3 MATHS FOCUS - SPARX HOMEWORK

Congratulations to 7A and 7D for having the highest completion rate last week – 100%! Keep it up! 😊

Well done to 8D for the biggest completion improvement – up 2.7% to 78.6%! Let's keep that rising!

Well done to the 189 students who reached a new XP Level, with 7E having the highest average XP per student at 795 XP. So far this year 63,293 questions have been answered correctly on Sparx Maths, and students have completed 392 hours of personalised learning. Well done everyone! 😊

HSMS CROSSCOUNTRY

SOMERSET Y7&8 CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS

Twelve pupils from Years 7&8 competed against the best cross country runners of their age group from across the county. Not only a brilliant effort from all our runners but great support for each other too. Tilly, Flossy and Bea all achieved top 15 places in the Year 7 Girls race on an undulating course at King's College in Taunton. Top 15 achievements too for William, Henry and Josh in the Year 8 Boys race.



HSMS HOCKEY

Y8 GIRLS HOCKEY TRIUMPH OVER WELLS BLUE – 4-1 VICTORY

The Year 8 girls kicked off their hockey season with an impressive 4-1 win against Wells Blue. From the first whistle, the team worked hard to attack against a well drilled Wells Blue defence, swiftly slotting in two early goals through sharp ball movement and clinical finishing.

Despite dominating possession, the girls found themselves confined to the middle channel, which allowed Wells Blue to push through and score just before halftime. Undeterred, the girls regrouped and came out stronger in the second half, strategically shifting play to the wings. This tactical adjustment paid off, resulting in two more well-earned goals and sealing a confident victory. A brilliant team effort with promising signs for the season ahead and some new skills learnt!

Goal scorers

Xanthe x3 Ana D x 1

Player of the match **Abi**



Y7 GIRLS HOCKEY DOMINATE WITH GRACE IN 18 - 0 WIN OVER WELLS BLUE

What a sensational start to the season for the Year 7 girls hockey team! In an outstanding 18-0 victory against Wells Blue, the girls not only showcased their skill and teamwork but also demonstrated exceptional sportsmanship and humility.

From the opening minutes, it was clear the match would be one-sided, with the team racing to a 5-0 lead within the first 5 minutes. Rather than pressing their advantage, the girls made the thoughtful decision to rotate positions, giving everyone a chance to contribute and helping maintain morale on both sides. This approach still gave them a 10-0 lead at half time. This gracious approach allowed every player to get on the scorecard, while still maintaining their dominance and finishing the game with an outstanding 18-0 result.

A brilliant display of talent, teamwork, and character — a proud moment for the team!

Goal scorers

Elisabeth x1 Lily x1 Elsa x1 Flossy x4 Olive x2 Tilly x4 Bea x5

Player of the match **Tilly**



Raise funds
by collecting
reusable clothes

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Our school is raising money by collecting reusable clothes.

Please help us by donating your unwanted reusable clothes and accessories.
Donated items become affordable clothing and accessories.

**WE ACCEPT CLEAN,
GOOD QUALITY, DRY,
REUSABLE CLOTHING**

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- Paired Shoes and Footwear
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**POOR QUALITY ITEMS SUCH AS
DIRTY, WET, RIPPED OR SOILED
CLOTHES.
PILLOWS, DUVETS, CURTAINS,
BOOKS CDS OR ANY UNIFORM**

Please use the clothing bag provided.
You can also use any additional bag if required.

Collection Date:

12th November 2025
Please drop all donations into Reception

Please remember - NO UNIFORM



CANTEEN - REPLACEMENT CARDS

For pupils who have biometric cards for the canteen (those who do not have biometric consent)

If your child loses their card a replacement will need to be purchased on your MCAS shop for £1



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL (Updated Oct 25)



PARENT EMERGENCY CLOSURE & BAD WEATHER CASCADE

In the event of the weather or circumstance being sufficiently bad to cause the school to be closed the following lines of communication will be put into effect by 7.30am

PUPILS	An email will be sent to all parents/carers from Hugh Sexey Middle School (HSMS) via Bromcom
WEBSITE WWW.HUGHSEXEY.COM	Please check the front page of the website.

You can find further information during the day on our website www.hughsexey.com as to the schools' closure should the weather or circumstance be severe.

Heart, Somerset Sound and Radio Bristol will also be broadcasting details.

**PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION SAFE
& DO NOT TELEPHONE THE SCHOOL**



2025/2026 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINICS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (From Reception up to and including Year 11)

If your child has missed their school flu vaccination please see the list of walk in flu community sessions via the link below these are being held across the county.

[Somerset Saint - Flu Vaccination Walk In Clinics](#)



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**



ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON BROMCOM

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

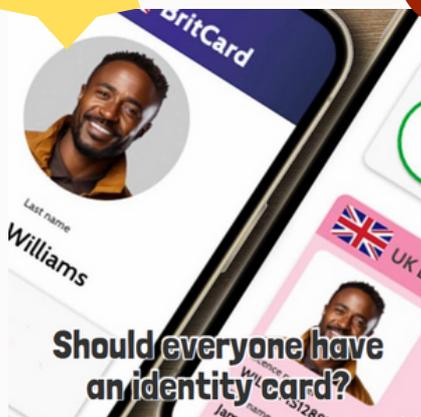
- Bromcom app,
- School absence line **01934 712211** or
- email school@hughsexey.org.uk

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

NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Values in Action @ Home
WB 20th October 2025



In the news this week

The UK government is planning to bring in digital identity cards, which people could keep on their phones or have as a physical card. The idea is that these new IDs would make it easier to prove who you are for things like work, travel, or applying for services. Supporters say they could improve safety and convenience, while others worry about privacy, fairness, and people without access to smartphones

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you make a list of some of the pros and cons of identity cards? Discuss these with someone at home.
- Do you think a digital card is better than having an actual card? Why?
- What do you think makes up your identity? Ask and share your response with someone at home.

Dear God,
Please give us the wisdom to explore and discover ourselves. Help us notice and celebrate the good in everyone we meet. Thank You for accepting us exactly as we are
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Thankfulness & Service
Bible Link: 1 Samuel 16:7
British Value and Protected Characteristic: Rule of Law and Race
UN Rights of the Child: #16 Protection of Privacy