



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 8

23RD OCTOBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week saw the conclusion of the house matches...results to follow! The effort from staff and pupils alike resulted in a hugely successful event to end the term – even the weather was (mostly) kind! Watching from the side was a real pleasure. The balance of genuine competition and widely encouraged participation resulted in a really healthy take up among pupils; what school sport should be about if you ask me.

In order to support ongoing events like this in school, I would like to take this opportunity to reinforce the need for mouth guards and shin pads for school rugby and hockey. Both the Rugby Football Union (RFU) and England Hockey ‘strongly recommend’ this protective equipment and we fully endorse this and regretfully reserve the right to withdraw pupils from these activities if they are not properly equipped. To that end, we will be restocking both items in the School Shop and ask for your support in preparing all necessary equipment for the start of start term 2.

As I am finally able to reflect on Term 1 as a headteacher. I feel a genuine honour and privilege to be involved with such a brilliant group of pupils, their families and wider community. I have thoroughly enjoyed it and want to take this opportunity to thank you for your support, whether in person, through meaningful communication with us to resolve differences or simply supporting and encouraging pupil involvement in school life and learning. “It takes a ‘village’ to raise a child” and I am hugely grateful to be a part of this one.

On that note, I wish you and your loved ones a very restful and happy half term break.

School reopens for pupils on Monday 3rd November – I look forward to welcoming the smiles back onto the car loop and hearing about their time way from school.

Warm regards,
Matt Drew

OCTOBER

CALENDAR 2025

24th INSET DAY

27th - 31st Half Term Holiday

NOVEMBER

3rd School Reopens

7th Challenge Day 1 - Wellbeing Focus

9th Y8 Production - Sunday Rehearsal

11th Remembrance Service

11th Cross Country @ Downside School

12th Rags 2 Riches Collection Day

19th 1st School Cross Country Festival

25th Y7 Cheddar Gorge Trip 1

26th Y7 Cheddar Gorge Trip 2

FOODBANK COLLECTION

A huge thankyou to all our pupils and families who contributed towards this years collection for Cheddar Food Bank



Y6 - ASHFORD WATER TREATMENT CENTRE

Last week, year 6 students visited Ashford Water Treatment Centre as part of their Humanities topic on Rivers and Mountains. They had a tour of the treatment centre, took part in a workshop with the Wessex Water staff and carried out a river profile. Despite the very low water levels, they were able to collect some excellent data to use when writing up their fieldwork enquiry. Well done to all of the students and thank you to the KS2 team for helping support the visit.



YEAR 5 HOUSE MATCHES

Well done to all the year 5 boys who helped contribute to an excellent House Rugby Competition. This was the first official House Competition the 5s have taken part in, although they did experience a taster in the football event several weeks before.

All of the boys should be immensely proud of their efforts. There was some thrilling rugby played and no shortage of commitment and endeavor. It is not hyperbole to say that on a different day any of the 4 teams could of won. Normans emerged champions after winning all of their games. The Saxons in 4th place were a match for every team and played some outstanding rugby but just struggled to get over the whitewash. All of the boys played well and showed immense signs of progress. Notable mentions to Elliot, Archie, Benji, George, Rhys, Noah, Elliot, Linton and Ned who all played with immense pride and have shown lots of development throughout the year.

I am already excited to see how the boys do in the Hockey next term.



Year 5 Tag Rugby	
NORMANS	1st
VIKINGS	2nd
CELTS	3rd
SAXONS	4th

HSMS RUGBY

MATCH REPORT: YEAR 8 RUGBY – HUGH SEXEY VS WELLS BLUE (16TH OCTOBER)

The Year 8 curtain raiser between Hugh Sexey and Wells Blue proved to be a thrilling spectacle from start to finish, showcasing the energy, skill, and passion of both sides. Played in the true spirit of the game, the match was filled with attacking intent, slick ball movement, and no shortage of crunching contact.

From the first whistle, both teams played with ambition, frequently stretching the field with expansive passing and exciting line breaks. Defence was tested across the board, but the sheer enthusiasm of the players made for a fast-paced and enjoyable contest.

The Hugh Sexey forward pack set the tone early. The front row trio of Toby, Oliver, and George combined strength and technique to dominate the scrums and offer valuable go-forward ball in tight exchanges. Behind them, Will and Fraiser worked tirelessly in the engine room, providing dynamism around the breakdown and making life difficult for Wells' defence. Will's all-action display was capped with an impressive hat-trick of tries, a just reward for his relentless effort and impact across the park.

In the number 8 jersey, Oliver led from the back of the scrum with composure and consistency. His powerful carries and dependable tackling helped anchor the team throughout the 60 minutes, providing a platform for the backs to shine. The forward dominance allowed Hugh Sexey's quartet of — Billy, Alfie, Joseph, and George — to control the tempo of the game. Their creativity and quick decision-making opened up space for the outside backs Arthur, Henry, Daniel, and Josh, who regularly threatened with pace and smart running lines.

Wells Blue, for their part, showed incredible determination and flashes of brilliance throughout the match. They approached the game with heart and enthusiasm, testing Hugh Sexey's defence at every opportunity and refusing to back down in the physical exchanges.

In the end, Hugh Sexey's experience and structure gave them the edge, but the match was far from one-sided. It was a genuine contest that both teams will learn from and look back on with pride.

Thanks to Wells Blue for making the journey and contributing to a memorable game played in great spirit. Here's hoping this fixture becomes a regular battle in the seasons to come.

FINAL SCORE Hugh Sexey 9 - 6 Well Blue



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

- Adults, Childrens & Babies Clothing
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Belts and Handbags

A full list of reusable items is listed on our website www.rags2riches4schools.co.uk

WE DO NOT ACCEPT

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



PE/GAMES LESSONS FROM NOVEMBER 3RD

- Boys will be switching to hockey. They will need their sports kit plus shin pads, gum shield, trainers
- Girls will be on rugby. They will need rugby tops, gum shields
- Polite reminder for health and safety reasons all hair needs to be tied up and earrings out. Gum shields and shinpads are required.
- PE lessons will either be gymnastics or games depending on what they have done this term.

ARCHBISHOP'S YOUNG LEADER AWARD

25 of Our Year 5 pupils have now begun their AYLA Award journey! The award encourages students to Aim high, show Leadership, and achieve personal and community goals.

This term, pupils are working on their leadership skills. Over half term, they are going to complete their first AYLA Act — meaningful actions that put these values into practice.

Over the year, pupils are to complete at least 5 challenges, taking photos for their scrapbook.

ENVIRONMENT CHARITY	Archie's Challenge Grid		COMMUNITY HOME
Litter pick in your local area	INVENT YOUR OWN	Collect or buy food to donate to a Foodbank, check to see what they need first!	Set up a book collection and donate them to a local hospital
Take part in a sponsored activity for a charity	Cook a meal for your family	INVENT YOUR OWN	Start a herb garden or grow some Herbs!
Collect clothes you don't wear and donate them to a local charity shop	Collect old blankets to donate to the local RSPCA centre	Write a letter or card to an elderly person you know	Make greeting cards to sell for a local charity
Organise a random act of kindness for someone	INVENT YOUR OWN	Volunteer for a worthy cause in your area	Help with making your bed and keeping your room tidy
Offer to read with a younger brother, sister or elderly relative	Write to your local MP about something in your area that needs to change	Offer to do a chore to help a neighbour	Give some of your toys to a local children's ward or hospice
			Make bird feeders or boxes and hang them in your garden
			Share 3 things you are grateful for each day with your family
			Leave bookmarks with friendly messages in your library books
			Make an environmentally friendly swap
			Write a thank you card to someone who helps the community

Which challenge did you choose?

How did it feel to complete it?

What leadership skills did you use?

Parent/carer signature:

We can't wait to celebrate their achievements once their acts are complete! 🙌🌟

GIRLS RUGBY
TOR RUGBY CLUB

4 FREE TASTER SESSIONS

U9-U11 (YEAR 4-6)

NEW TO RUGBY? JUST COME AND GIVE IT A GO!

STARTS TUESDAY 4TH NOVEMBER

6:30PM-7.15PM

GLASTONBURY BA6 9GY

SCAN THE QR CODE OR VISIT FINDRUGBY.COM OR EMAIL GIRLSRUGBY@TORRUGBYCLUB.CO.UK

HSMS SUPERSTARS

EQUESTRIAN

The amazing Hugh Sexey Middle School Equestrian team, pulled it out of the bag again.

After a very successful summer coming team 2nd and 4th Nationally in the school's British show jumping, the team qualified this time for the National School Equestrian Association [NSEA] National Championships two weeks ago with a team 1st.

The gifted pupils were Georgia K, who gained an individual 2nd place, Pippa D, Jessica Q and Thea P.

The Nationals were held in Buckinghamshire on Friday 17th October at Addington Equestrian centre which is a premier competition venue, a first for all involved.

This event consisted of many talented riders from Schools all over the country, the class was huge starting 9am till 3pm of the 37 teams in their class which finished, the girls came a respectable fourteenth.

Each member rode brilliant rounds giving the team a clear, but this just wasn't quick enough against the much larger horses.

No rosette's this time but amazing memories and friendships made.



WELLS CATHEDRAL HALF TERM ACTIVITIES

Half-term Activities at Wells Cathedral

25th, 27th, 28th, 29th October

Fun and creative activities for children of all ages with their parents or carers. Free with adult entry and no need to book.

[WELLS CATHEDRAL HALF TERM ACTIVITIES](#)

Half-Term Holiday Activities: Art Adventures

27-29 October 2025, 10:30-15:30

FREE **Playful blessings**
Stay and play family sessions

Wednesday 29th October 10.30am-12pm

Join us for games, crafts and refreshments. Please wear clothes you don't mind getting messy.

Bagley Baptist Church, Cold nose Lane BS28 4TG

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LIGHT UP THE NIGHT

DJ Set, Dancing & Games

OCTOBER 31ST
7.30-9pm
11-17 year olds
Free Admission

Don't miss the bright party of the year

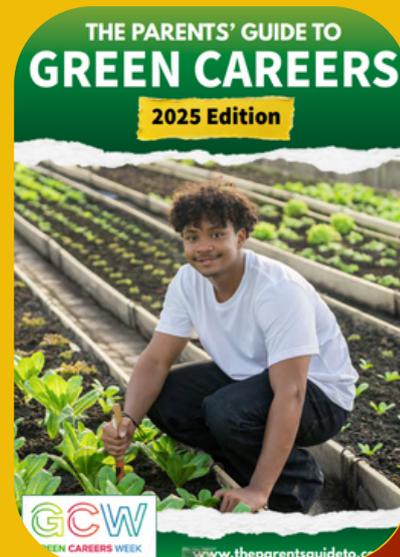
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GREEN CAREERS WEEK 3RD-8TH NOV

Now in its fourth year, Green Careers Week will take place between 3 and 8 November 2025 to provide young people with an insight into careers that protect the environment. Led by Green Careers Week, in partnership with a wide range of organisations including the Department for Education, Green Careers Week is an inspiring week, with plenty of information on how young people can get involved with green careers. Tackling climate change is a global effort. In 2019, the UK pledged to reach Net Zero by 2050. Everyone can play their part in contributing towards this goal and young people are especially important. As the future workforce, they need the right education and tools to support them in developing innovative ways of doing things better. We need to help them find rewarding and fulfilling career opportunities that positively impact the environment.

We will be looking at Green Careers through during some of our tutor sessions when we return from half-term, but the booklet attached, '[A Parent's Guide to Green Careers](#)', is a resource for families, to get conversations happening and spark the interest of young people in a really important employment sector.

If you have any questions about Careers or Employability Education at Hugh Sexey, or you represent an employer or labour market sector and feel you could contribute to our wider careers provision through assemblies or outreach opportunities, please contact Mrs Adair



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](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