



# WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

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Dear Parents / Carers,

It was fantastic to see so many of our Year 8 pupils representing themselves so well at the Kings Open Evening this week. Their enthusiasm, confidence, and willingness to engage with older students and staff was notable and having spoken to many of them on their return to school, there is a genuine sense of excitement about what the next chapter of their education might hold – that’s what learning is all about. Listening to Emily, one of our Year 8 leavers this summer address a hall of some 200 guests reminds me of the strength of character our pupils develop during their time with us.

Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have had a particularly exciting time bringing their learning to life with a visit from some special animal guests. Nothing quite sparks curiosity like real-life creatures in the classroom — it was a brilliant way to deepen their understanding and bring the curriculum off the page!

Our Year 5s have been hard at work too, developing their cycle safety awareness. These sessions are a vital part of helping our pupils stay safe and confident on the roads, especially as they become more independent.

On that note, with darker mornings and evenings creeping in, we kindly ask parents and carers to check that bikes are equipped with working lights and that any pupils walking or cycling to school are wearing visible (reflective) clothing.

Finally, a reminder that Meet the Tutor evenings are coming up next Monday and Thursday for our year 7 and year 8 parents and carers. We’re really looking forward to welcoming you into school, to discuss how the new school year has begun. Our Key Stage 2 evenings are being held the following week on the 13th and 16th October- booking for this opens this evening at 7pm.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards,

Matt Drew

## CALENDAR 2025

### OCTOBER

- 6<sup>th</sup> Y8 - WW1 Workshop
- 6<sup>th</sup> KS3 Meet the Tutor - In School Appointments
- 9<sup>th</sup> Whole School Seasonal Flu Vaccinations
- 9<sup>th</sup> KS3 Meet the Tutor - Online Appointments
- 10<sup>th</sup> Y6 - Y8 A2L Reports Home
- 13<sup>th</sup> KS3 Cross Country @ Kings College Taunton
- 13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Meet the Tutor - In School Appointments
- 14<sup>th</sup> Y6 Ashford Water Centre Rivers Trip 1
- 15<sup>th</sup> Y6 Ashford Water Centre Rivers Trip 2
- 16<sup>th</sup> KS2 - Meet the Tutor Evening
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y6 Ashford Water Centre Rivers Trip 3
- 17<sup>th</sup> Y5 House Matches (B:Rugby/G:Hockey) - P1&P2

## CLUB CANCELLATIONS

**YEAR 7 & 8 HOCKEY AND RUGBY ON THURSDAY  
(9TH OCT) DUE TO PARENTS EVENING**

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KS2 ROTATIONAL SPORT WILL BE RUNNING AS  
NORMAL

**NEW LUNCHTIME ART CLUB**  
Starting Wednesday 8th October!

Miss Wills is excited to announce the launch of our new Art Club: Art Attack!  
This will take place every Wednesday lunchtime from 12:30–1:00pm in the Art Room and is open to all year groups.

Art Attack is a fun and creative space where students can experiment with different materials, explore new techniques, and develop their artistic skills in a relaxed and welcoming environment.

I look forward to seeing lots of budding artists there!



**KS3 MATHS FOCUS**

In Years 7 and 8 the students complete a series of Ninja questions at the beginning of their maths lessons twice a week. They have five minutes to answer 36 questions and can earn themselves different coloured Ninja belts depending on their success. All students receive stickers once they have achieved a certain belt.

Congratulations to the following students who have already reached their black belts and Grandmaster levels.

BLACK BELTS	
Y7	Y8
Joyce H	Marley S
Theo L	Olivia H
	Evie K

GRANDMASTER LEVEL	
Y7	Y8
Ryker D	Daniel E
Flossy H	Max M
Ronnie H	Benjamin E
	Seren F
	Isaac B
	Declan P
	Arthur W



**ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION**

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

[HSMS-Letters](#)



## HSMS SUPERSTARS

### SWIMMING

Madox W from 7EF, competed last weekend in the Somerset Development Meet coming 3rd in the 200M Freestyle whilst also qualifying for the County Championships. This was the first time he has competed in a distance race and has done really well. Madox has also completed all of his Bronze Levels for his Rookie Lifeguard Award.



A group of swimmers from Academy Swim Team Burnham-on-Sea travelled to Millfield swimming pool at the weekend to compete in the Somerset Development Meet.

Medals:

- Maddox W - bronze for 200m freestyle
- Mollie S- bronze for 100m butterfly
- Ollie B- bronze for 50m butterfly
- Sophia H- gold for 100m breaststroke



### SWITCH RUGBY

Fresh off the excitement of the Women's Rugby World Cup, Switch Rugby brought their energy and expertise to our school, delivering an unforgettable experience for our girls.

Year 5 and 6 students threw themselves into a dynamic two-hour skills session, learning from passionate coaches and building confidence on the pitch. The enthusiasm continued with over 30 girls from Years 7 and 8 joining a fast-paced one-hour session, showcasing teamwork, resilience, and joy throughout. It was heartwarming to see so many smiling faces after the sessions, with lively conversations about local clubs and how to stay involved in the sport.

A brilliant day of empowerment, inspiration, and rugby spirit!

The excitement wasn't just for the girls—our Year 5 and 6 boys also had their moment to shine! They took part in some lively mock house matches that gave them a taste of the competitive spirit and camaraderie that lies ahead.

It was a brilliant opportunity for the boys to discover their house teams, build connections, and get a glimpse of the events to come. The pitch was buzzing with energy, teamwork, and plenty of goals—setting the stage for a fantastic year of sport and house pride!

Girls & Boys SWITCH FREE RUGBY ACADEMY TASTER

U12 to U14 Player Development Programme

Comprehensive Training Programmes  
Designed for Aspiring Players  
Looking to Excel on the Field!

Contact us

Email: [hello@switchrugby.com](mailto:hello@switchrugby.com)

Phone Number: 0117 2337513

Venues

[www.switchrugby.com](http://www.switchrugby.com)

🌟 Isle of Wedmore U14 Girls Football Team! 🌟

Are you ready to kick off your football journey & currently in school year 8 or 9? We are looking for players of any ability to join our U14 girls team at Isle of Wedmore Football Club!

🏆 What We Offer:

- \*A fun and supportive environment
- \*Experienced coaching staff
- \*Training every Tuesday 6:40-7:40PM
- \*Games every Saturday morning as part of the Somerset Girls Football League

For more information or to sign up, contact us at [iowfootballclub@gmail.com](mailto:iowfootballclub@gmail.com)

### Y5 BIKEABILITY

This week it was Year 5's turn for a two-day Bikeability course. 12 more pupils were improving their cycling skills and road safety awareness. Well done to all that participated.



## YEARS 5 & 6 CROSS COUNTRY AT MILLFIELD

Millfield Prep School hosted the first junior cross country event of the season. A fantastic effort all-round from our 14 runners including seven debutants from Year 5 and top 10 finishes (out of about 100 runners) from Antonia, Sophia, Austin, Kieran and Reuben.



## KINGS FITNESS & LEISURE - HOLIDAY CLUB

Kings Fitness & Leisure are thrilled to be running a second Holiday Club this October Half Term, based at Wedmore First School! This club will run the same as their Club over in Cheddar, just based in the grounds of Wedmore First School! Children will participate in a range of sports, outdoor adventure activities, and arts and crafts! Contact Kings Fitness & Leisure at 01934 744939 to book on. More information can be found on their website: [Junior Activities](#) | [Kings Fitness & Leisure](#)



As part of the NHS 10 year plan we are focusing on early diagnosis and prevention of sight problems in children. We know how important vision is for a child's development and we are keen that all those involved in children's development and education know how to best help children in achieving and maintaining good vision.

As part of our mission for promoting eye health, we have designed an information flyer including information on access to free sight tests at local opticians for children.

Please follow the link below for our flyer

[Children's Eye Health](#)

## THE BIG SING

On Wednesday, a group of singers from Hugh Sexey travelled to Portishead to participate in a singing celebration with the Kenyan choir, who had visited with us the week before. The choir is currently touring North Somerset, and because we had hosted the choir here at Hugh Sexey, we were invited to join in the event with schools from across the Lighthouse Schools Partnership. Held at Gordano school and led by their music teacher, all the children rehearsed 2 songs they had been learning, and it was really beautiful hear the Hall filled with lovely children's voices. The older students from Gordano school performed 2 pieces for the younger students and the Kenyan choir showcased some of their wonderful singing and dancing. At the end of the session, after a few practices runs, all the children recorded two songs together, 'Count On Me' by Bruno Mars and a beautiful song by Elton John and Rina Sawayama called 'Chosen Family' which reminds us that families aren't just our blood relations; they can also include the many people who love us, care for us and understand us. Hugh Sexey pupils feel really privileged to be a special part of the Jolourabi School family now.



## KS2 MEET THE TUTOR EVENINGS

The booking window for Parents/Carers to book on to the KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening is open from 7pm on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

All bookings are made currently through the SchoolCloud parents Evening Booking System (**Not Bromcom**).

Please follow the link [SchoolCloud - Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#) and enter the details that you have registered with the school.

- KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening - In School face to Face - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (from 4pm - 6:30pm)
- KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening - Online Appointments - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025 (from 4:00pm - 6:30pm)

Any problems please email [school@hughsexey.org.uk](mailto:school@hughsexey.org.uk)

**Bookings will close on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 8am. Booking slots are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.**

The screenshot shows a web form titled 'Parents' Evening System' for Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School. It includes sections for 'Your Details' (Name, Email, Children's Email) and 'Student's Details' (Child's Name, Surname, Date of Birth). There is a 'Book' button at the bottom.

## FREE PARENTING CAFE

### Top tips for successful coparenting for separated parents



Learn how you can reduce conflict and build a stronger coparenting relationship with your ex-partner.



To book your place:



Thurs 16 Oct



1:30 PM TO 3 PM



Coffee@TheHub Cheddar



## 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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Values in Action @ Home  
WB 6th Oct 2025



What can we learn from people who prove others wrong?

### In the news this week

Ellie Goldstein, a 23-year-old model from Ilford, has been announced as a contestant on Strictly Come Dancing. She is the first person with Down's syndrome to take part in a full series of the show, having already made history as the first model with Down's syndrome to appear on the cover of British Vogue. Ellie says she's excited for the challenge and hopes to show that people can do amazing things, even when others don't expect them to.

### Things to talk about at home ...

Have you ever seen Strictly Come Dancing on TV? Do you enjoy watching programmes that show competitions? Ask others at home whether they do. Why do you think Ellie decided to take part? Is it something you would like to take part in? Can you remember a time when you were told you couldn't do something? E.g., finish a puzzle or reach the top of a climbing frame. Share how you felt, and what happened. Things to talk about at home ..

Dear God,  
Thank You for making each of us unique and special. Help us to see the special gifts and talents You have given to us. Remind us that we are all one community and help us to use our own gifts to serve others. Let us be kind, helpful, and appreciative of everyone's unique abilities.  
Amen

**HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:** Thankfulness & responsibility

**Bible Link:** Romans 12:4-6

**British Value and Protected Characteristic:** Mutual Respect & Tolerance / Disability

**UN Rights of the Child:** #2 No discrimination