



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: JUSTICE

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 9

7TH NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It always amazes me how dark the end of the school day seems now the clocks have gone back! Further to my reminder last term, thanks to those families who have checked bike lights and reflective clothing for walkers and cyclists – you will see we have listened to pupil feedback and weather proofed the bike sheds to hopefully prevent wet bottoms on the homeward journey! I was privileged to join Wedmore Parish Council representatives this week to judge a mountain of Road Safety posters – results to follow soon along with news of who will see their signs appear on parish roadsides...

With the change in weather, I would like to remind families to ensure that pupils come to school with a suitable coat each day. The playground and outdoor spaces remain open during social times, and having a warm, waterproof coat makes a real difference to pupils' comfort and wellbeing as they enjoy some fresh air between lessons – it is our aim to be outside wherever we can, your support in this is really helpful. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium funding and assistance with school uniform would be of benefit, please feel free to reach out to your Form Tutor who will be glad to help.

Next week, as a school, we will come together for our annual Remembrance observance. This is always a poignant and meaningful time in our calendar – an opportunity for us to pause, reflect, and remember those who gave their lives in service of others. During Collective Worship and class discussions, we help our pupils understand that remembrance is not just about looking back, but about recognising the values of courage, sacrifice and resulting peace that continue to shape our world today.

Our pupils never fail to show great respect during this time. Whether through the making of wreaths, moments of silence, or thoughtful discussions; they demonstrate empathy and gratitude that remind us all of the importance of remembering together. As we approach this period of reflection, I hope that families will find a moment to talk together about what remembrance means to them. These conversations at home help to deepen the understanding and compassion we strive to nurture in school every day.

Thank you, as always, for your partnership and support.

Matt Drew

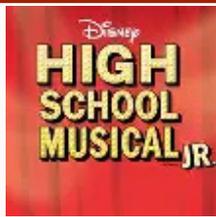
CALENDAR 2025

NOVEMBER

- 9th Y8 Production - Sunday Rehearsal
- 11th Remembrance Service
- 12th Rags 2 Riches Collection Day
- 19th 1st School Cross Country Festival
- 20th - 26th Travelling Book Fair
- 25th Y7 Cheddar Gorge Trip 1
- 26th Y7 Cheddar Gorge Trip 2
- 27th Y6 Iris Segall Visit
- 29th Wedmore Christmas Fayre
- 29th Wellington Maths Challenge

CLUB CANCELLATIONS

No KS3 Rugby Club or KS2 Rotational Sports Club on Thursday 13th November due to a fixture.



YEAR 8 PRODUCTION REMINDER
 SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER REHEARSAL
 10:00am - 2:30pm

Drop off and pick up from front of school

Bring packed lunch and suitable warm clothing

HAPPY HEALTH HOLIDAYS

WINTER 2025

The Happy Healthy Holidays programme will be running from 22nd December - 2nd January for families in receipt of Free School Meals.

Information will be sent out from Monday 10th November
 Follow the link below to see what's on

[HHH Winter 2025 - What's On](#)



VICTORIAN DAY

We had a terrific day with gruesome tales from Clive Pig, applying for a job as a sewer hunter, designing our own fabulous fashion and exploring our upcoming text – Cogheart, all while adhering to the strict rules imposed by Victorian culture courtesy of Mrs Le Hunt's school of crime and punishment.

The children shared their interests for our upcoming unit on Victorians ranging from wanting to explore how towns grew, how people moved around due to the new train system. The children had so many questions by the end of the day, hopefully many will be answered as we enter the Victorian Era (topic).



CHALLENGE DAY - WELLBEING FOCUS

All pupils were off timetable today to take part in our first challenge day of the year, with the focus being on wellbeing. Pupils were engaged in activities such as Yoga, Poetry, Orienteering and first aid. A huge thank you to all our guest speakers for their part in the day.



Y8 HUMANITIES

A group of year 8 students have spent this term working on a very special History project. To mark the 80th anniversary of VE day and the end of WWII, Wells Cathedral invited schools to contribute to a Remembrance Exhibition which will be on display in the spectacular surrounds of the Chapter House from 3rd - 30th November. The group chose to commemorate the 'Hugh Sexey Heroes'; those soldiers who were educated at Sexeys School and sadly lost their lives in WWI. The students spent their lunchtimes working on the project, researching the soldiers and putting together a display board with their findings. Mr McBride and Mrs Godwin were so impressed with the work that they have put into this project, and we can't wait to see it as part of the exhibition in November.



Y8 History project shown in Wells Cathedral

TT ROCKSTARS

Congratulations to the latest group of Y5s, who have 'Gone Green' on TT Rockstars. To Go Green, you have to answer all times tables questions in under 4 seconds, which turns their heatmap completely green. This is a fantastic achievement so well done to all of you.



BATTLE OF THE BANDS

Y5 pupils have taken part in a Times Tables battle that started in the first week of Y5 and the results are in. Congratulations to 5EE, who retain the Times Tables trophy, following their summer holiday challenge success. Good luck to all our Y5 classes in the battle that takes place next half term - details pictured below. Thank you for encouraging your children to be proactive with their times tables and we look forward to giving out more certificates and awards in January.

AUTUMN 1 Y5 TT BATTLE RESULTS

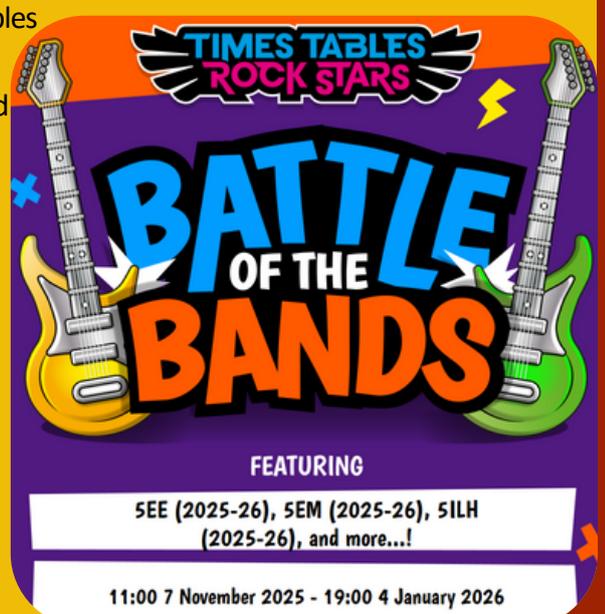
1ST PLACE: 5EE (3624 POINTS)

2ND PLACE: 5ILH (2595 POINTS)

3RD PLACE: 5EM (1813 POINTS)

4TH PLACE: 5RM (1749 POINTS)

5TH PLACE: 5LP (1118 POINTS)



KS3 MATHS FOCUS

This week, 3-7 November, is Number Confidence Week. Please look up this free resources, test out your number skills and give your confidence a boost. We will be encouraging all our students to think about their number skills in their lessons and where their numeracy skills can help in real-life. As parents, we'd love you to join in and do the same. Please also find attached to this newsletter some ideas to try with your young people around budgeting.

Take 10 minutes to give your number confidence a boost!

How do you feel about maths?
Pick the one that best describes how you feel about maths.

N National Numeracy
NUMBER CONFIDENCE WEEK

HOMWORK HAUNTING YOU?

One in three UK adults (32%) say they would not feel confident helping a child with their maths homework

HELP YOURSELF TO HELP OTHERS

Get free resources and advice by scanning the QR code or searching Number Confidence Week.

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WHAT'S ON THIS NOVEMBER AT THE WELLBEING BLEND

COFFEE @ THE HUB, 1-2 LOWER NORTH STREET, CHEDDAR, BS27 3HA
THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACESOMERSET.ORG.UK

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS	SATURDAYS
18TH 10AM-12PM SOMERSET PARENT CARER FORUM DROOPIN	10AM-11.30 EVERY WEDNESDAY PARENT CLUB SUPPORT, ADVICE, INFORMATION ON GETTING THE MOST FROM YOUR CHILDREN	6:30PM-8:30PM EVERY THURSDAY YOUTH CAFE AGES 10-18 * SEE BELOW FOR DETAILS	15TH 6:30PM (7PM START) QUIZ NIGHT (£25 PER TEAM MAX 6 PEOPLE) RAISING MONEY FOR THE SPACE
18TH 7PM-8:30PM MENOPAUSE CIRCLE TIME TO SHINE WELLNESS 55 PER SESSION LED BY AMANDA - JOIN THE SUPPORTIVE CIRCLE MONTHLY	DO YOU HAVE A GROUP OR AN ACTIVITY BASED AROUND CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH OR THAT COULD STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY? NEED A SPACE? WE HAVE YOU COVERED!		22ND 6:30PM FROM MERRY & BRIGHT NIGHT SHOPPING, STALLS, MULLED WINE AND CHRISTMAS SPIRIT!

GET IN TOUCH
THEWELLBEINGBLEND@THESPACESOMERSET.ORG.UK

YOUTH CAFE:
THURSDAY 6TH LIVE MUSIC
THURSDAY 13TH CHILL SESSION
THURSDAY 20TH LIVE MUSIC
THURSDAY 27TH CHILL SESSION

BOOKING REQUIRED
FOR YOUTH CLUB AND EVENTS VISIT

YOUTH CLUB: SCHEDULE FOR NOVEMBER

TUESDAY 4TH 12.00-1.00 FAMILY FRIENDLY NIGHT PETIT PASTORALS	TUESDAY 11TH ENTERPRISES NIGHT
TUESDAY 18TH GAMES NIGHT	TUESDAY 25TH CHRISTMAS CREATIONS
TUESDAY 30TH KINGS ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET	

HELD AT CHEDDAR METHODIST CHURCH | 6:30-8:30PM | EVERY TUESDAY

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE YEAR 5S IN...

Groovin' The Nativity

TWO PERFORMANCES:
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER
10AM & 2PM

£2.50 PER TICKET INCLUDING A FAB PERFORMANCE, A Mince Pie AND CUSTOM-DESIGNED PROGRAMME.

TICKETS LIMITED TO 2 PER PUPIL

BOOKING INFORMATION TO FOLLOW NEXT WEEK

Raise funds by collecting reusable clothes

RAGS 2 RICHES
Schools Clubs Groups

Illustration of children and a bear holding a bag of clothes.

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
- Paired Shoes and Footwear
- Jewellery and Accessories
- Belts and Handbags

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

HSMS SUPERSTARS

GYMNASTICS

Jemima C (year 6) competed in the North Devon Dance Festival in Bideford over the half term and did incredibly well! She won Gold and a trophy in Tap, Silver for Lyrical and Bronze for both Modern and Character as well as achieving high marks for her ballet performance!



SWIMMING

Madox W in Y7 took part in the City of Bristol Swim Meet over Half Term. He won a Gold Medal in the 200m Backstroke, a Bronze Medal in the 100m Individual Medley, achieving a new Personal Best time and he qualified for County Championships Entry.



HSMS FIXTURES

KS2 CROSS COUNTRY AT DOWNSIDE

Our KS2 cross country team braved much wetter and muddier conditions for the second race of the season at Downside School. Testament to them that this did not 'dampen' their enthusiasm. Several outstanding performances including three girls in the top seven (well done to Antonia, Lottie S and Sophia) and a personal best of seventh from Kieran. A great effort from all our runners.



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

NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS



HSMS Values in Action @ Home
WB 10th November 2025



In the news this week

The 2025 United Nations Climate Change Conference, known as COP30, will be held in Belém, Brazil, from 10th to 21st November. At the meeting, country leaders and experts will discuss how to protect the planet by reducing pollution, saving forests and working together. After the meeting, countries will need to share how they will keep the climate promises they made, and stay on target to meet their goals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home about what they know about COP30.
- What do you know about climate change?
- If you could speak to the leaders at the COP30 summit, what would you say?

Dear God,
Thank You for our plentiful world. Remind us not to take more than we need and give the land and nature time to rest and recover. May we always remember that even the smallest helpful action matters
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Thankfulness & Service
Bible Link: Leviticus 25:3-5
British Value and Protected Characteristic: Rule of Law and Race
UN Rights of the Child: #13 Sharing Thoughts and Feelings