



WEEKLY UPDATE

AUTUMN TERM ISSUE 12

CORE VALUE: JUSTICE

28TH NOVEMBER 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the days grow ever shorter and December rolls in next week, there's no denying that the excitement of Christmas is building quickly in school. From rehearsals of seasonal songs echoing down the corridors to the enthusiastic discussions about nativity costumes, Christmas Jumper Day choices and school disco outfits; this time of year truly brings out the best in our school community.

Amid the sparkle and anticipation, it's also a wonderful moment to pause and remember what makes this season so special. Christmas is, at its heart, is a time of kindness, generosity, and looking out for one another. Our pupils are already showing this spirit in the small acts we see every day—helping a friend, sharing resources, or simply offering a smile when someone needs it most.

As we enter this festive period, we gently encourage families to join us in supporting our pupils to think of those who may find this time of year challenging. Not everyone experiences the season with abundance or ease, and a little empathy can go a very long way. If circumstances allow, we invite you to consider contributing in whatever way feels right, whether that's supporting a local charity, donating to a community collection, or simply encouraging kindness in day-to-day interactions. Even the smallest gesture can make a meaningful difference. This year we will be supporting a local charity, The SPACE - Cheddar through whom we support many of our pupils as well as Save the Children as our national charity.

The run up to the end of term is especially busy this year and we are delighted to welcome our Year 5 parents/carers into school to enjoy the Nativity with us. Please do keep an eye out for information to support the smooth running of the discos, cinema trips and Christmas lunches. We are still learning Bromcom and My Child at School so do feel free to contact the school office if you aren't sure of anything.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support, warmth, and partnership. We look forward to sharing the joys of the coming weeks with you and your children.

Best wishes,
Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2025

NOVEMBER

29th Wellington Maths Challenge

DECEMBER

1st KS2 Rocksteady Concert

3rd Phil Dalton - Wildlife Photographer

8th Y5 House Matches (P4&P5) B:Hockey/G:Rugby

8th KS2 Disco (6-8pm) - Tickets on MCAS

9th Y8 House Matches (P1&P2) B:Hockey/G:Rugby

9th KS3 Disco (6-8pm) - Tickets on MCAS

10th Blackford Cafe

10th Wedmore by Lamplight

11th Y7 House Matches (P1&P2) B:Hockey/G:Rugby

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After school Sports clubs **will not** continue from week beginning 1st December due to poor light.

Apologies - Sports Leaders has now finished for this term and not as previously advised in last weeks newsletter

BEYOND SKATE PRESENTS

KINGS FITNESS AND LEISURE CHEDDAR

4-5.30pm

CHRISTMAS ROLLER DISCO

13TH DEC DISCO LIGHTS, MUSIC AND A CHRISTMAS GOODY BAG

[HTTPS://BOOKWHEN.COM/ANDREWROSE/E/EV-S4G3Y-20251213160000](https://bookwhen.com/andrewrose/e/ev-s4g3y-20251213160000)

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Wedmore 1st School are presenting a Parenting In The Digital Age talk at the Post and Wicket next **Friday, 5th December at 9:15am**. This will be a 45-minute presentation exploring the impact of technology on children's mental health and wellbeing. It covers topics such as smartphones and social media and examines the influence of algorithms, screen use, and online content on adolescent development and identity. The talk will be led by Youth Mentor and Smartphone Free Childhood Advocate Cordelia Fellowes.

Parents will receive guidance and resources to help their children navigate the digital world safely and responsibly. The talk includes advice on encouraging healthy screen habits and creating a balanced digital environment at home.

The presentation will be followed by ample time for Q&A, and Cordelia will also be available afterward for one-to-one conversations with parents who may have specific concerns.

ONE COLLECTIVE POWER **SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD**

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Supporting parents and schools navigating smartphones, social media and addictive technology with children. Providing non-judgemental, research-backed solutions to help families cultivate healthier digital habits with modern technology.

A talk with Youth Mentor and Smartphone Free Childhood Advocate **Cordelia Fellowes**

Friday 5th December 9.15am
Wedmore First Academy, Playing Fields, BS28 4BS

CHRISTMAS DISCO

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE!

Please purchase via the **STORE** on MCAS under "tickets"

KS2 DISCO MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER @ 6PM
KS3 DISCO TUESDAY 9TH DECEMBER @ 6PM

BOOK FAIR - PAYMENT DEADLINE

If you have ordered books from the Bookfair please make sure that payment is made to [Scholastic - Book Fair - Payment](#) by 12pm Sunday 30th November

Please also notify school which books you have ordered via the form below

[Ordered Books - HSMS - Book Fair](#)

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY @ HSMS - FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

Hugh Sexey Middle school will be supporting a National and Local charity on Christmas Jumper day this year.

- Our Local Charity is The SPACE in Cheddar who are a Children's mental health charity that support many children and families within the Wessex Learning Trust community. If you would like to donate towards this worthy charity, please follow the link [Donate - The SPACE-Cheddar - Jumpers for Joy](#)
- Our National Charity is Save the Children, this charity supports children across the world who are victims of famine, war, trafficking to name but a few, if you would like to donate, please follow the link [Donate - Save The Children - Christmas Jumper Day](#)

HSMS FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Under 13's progress following penalty shootout drama!

In a David versus Goliath clash the under 13's travelled to Priory school in the Somerset county cup.

The squad made up of a mix of year 7's and year 8's were on point from the first minute taking an early lead against the run of play. With a solid defensive performance and some excellent link up play we more than matched the might of the opposition.

At full time, the game ended 2-2 and we were thrust into a penalty shootout! Some composed penalties and the imposing figure of Alfie between the sticks we were victorious with a 4-3 win.

Two goals from Ben G and a solid defensive display from Will W earned the two boys' man of the match awards.

Well done to the whole squad for their hard work and commitment to the game.



HOCKEY

Hugh Sexey v Fairlands– Key Stage 3 Hockey 3-0

Despite last-minute changes to the Hugh Sexey lineup and uncertainty about whether the game could go ahead, Hugh Sexey delivered an outstanding performance, winning 3-0.

From the start, Hugh Sexey dominated play with sharp passing, excellent use of width, and clever positioning at the back post. Their teamwork and tactical discipline kept Fairlands under constant pressure.

Half-Time: Hugh Sexey led 1-0 thanks to a well-taken goal from Theo.

Full-Time: They extended their lead with two more goals thanks to 2 tap ins from Henry.



HSMS SUPERSTARS

SHOOTING

On Friday Thea P, Harry B and Russell S travelled down to Leweston School in Dorset to represent Hugh Sexey School.

It was a very busy and intense competition, for their first attempt as a team they came a respectable team 8th with over 15 other teams. They all shot brilliantly on target. Thea's score was high enough to qualify for the championship in February as an individual so she will be off to Birmingham to represent the school.



KARTING

Joshua recently attended Silverstone Circuit for the Superone Karting National Awards. He won the Honda 8 - 13 years class and has now moved into the Inter Rotax class. Well done Joshua!



MY CHILD AT SCHOOL PARENT GUIDANCE

All communications are sent to Parents/Carers via Bromcom, either by email or through the message section on MCAS (My Child at School).

Further guidance can be found via the link [My Child At School \(MCAS\) - Parent Guide](#)

If you are having any problems or are yet to sign up to the app then please contact the Admin team on school@hughsexey.org.uk

ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON MCAS

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

LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD - VACANCIES

We currently have 2 vacancies for a volunteer role of Parent Local Partner (Formerly Governor) at the school. If you feel you have the enthusiasm, time and energy to join our Local Partnership Board and put something back into the school then please apply via the attached forms which contain all the information in relation to the role.

[HSMS - Local Partnership Board](#)

NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS Values in Action @ Home
WB 1st December 2025



How important is it to feel a sense of togetherness?



In the news this week

On Friday, the Princess of Wales will host her annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness, connection, and community. The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds, and beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided. It encourages everyone to think about the power of togetherness and the importance of supporting one another with compassion and joy.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk to someone at home – are they interested in this concert? Do you or they believe it will achieve its aim in bringing people together?
- Are there any services, concerts, or events that you will be attending during the festive period?
- Talk about what 'togetherness' means to you and your people at home.

Dear God,
Thank You for our groups and communities.
Help us be the first to step forward when we see someone who needs a friend or a helping hand. Let our kindness spread from one person to the next.
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Justice & Rights

Bible Link: Matthew 25:34-36

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Mutual Respect and Tolerance

UN Rights of the Child: Freedom of Thought and Religion