



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: ENDURANCE

SPRING TERM ISSUE 3

23RD JANUARY 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

The transfer window in the education system traditionally follows that of the football season and as such it is often the time of year we begin to welcome new staff and learn that some colleagues will be leaving us for pastures new in time for the next academic year. This year is no different and I am delighted to confirm that Mrs Jenny Williams will be joining us from April 20th to support the pupils of 5LP through the summer term. Mrs Zoe Nyamunda, who was successful in securing the permanent teaching position in year 5 from September 1st will also be joining us from April 20th to support Mrs Williams and the year 5 team.

Whilst we welcome some new members of the team, it is time also to acknowledge an advanced farewell. Mrs Fox has announced that she will be retiring at the end of academic year. Anna has committed many years of loyal service to the team here and will be greatly missed. I am sure you will join me when the time comes in wishing her the very best for the future.

It was a real pleasure to meet so many of you during the recent parent-teacher evenings, a chance to celebrate successes and acknowledge the hard work and positive learning habits evident among the vast majority of our pupils. A notable success this week for our pupils saw them exit the Somerset Football Cup on penalties to a formidable opposition from Millfield School in Street. Having scored first to lead the game 1-0, a wonder strike from distance saw the game levelled only to result in us going out of the competition on penalties. Well done to all involved on what was doubtless the wettest afternoon this year!

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and warmly thank Mr Gavin Ball our CEO following news of his retirement, marking the end of a period of exceptional leadership and service to Wessex. Throughout his tenure, his clear moral purpose, strategic vision and unwavering commitment to children and young people have shaped the Trust into the strong and values-driven organisation it is today. Under his leadership, Wessex has grown in both capacity and ambition, with a relentless focus on improving the quality of education, strengthening school communities and ensuring that every pupil is given the best possible chance to succeed. The developments he has championed have had a tangible and lasting impact on outcomes for pupils here at Hugh Sexey and crucially on their wider life chances. We are deeply grateful for the legacy he leaves behind a Trust rooted in high expectations and care for others. On behalf of our whole school community, I extend sincere thanks and best wishes to him for a happy and fulfilling retirement when the time comes.

I hope the rain stays off long enough this weekend for you all to enjoy some down-time.

Best wishes,
Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2025

JANUARY

26th - 29th Y6 Mock SATs week

FEBRUARY

1st Y8 Production Rehearsal (Sunday)

5th Y8 House Matches (B:Football/G:Netball)

6th Y8 Production - Technical Rehearsal

9th Y6 House Matches (B:Football/G:Netball)

10th Y7 House Matches (B:Football/G:Netball)

10th Y8 Production Dress Rehearsal - 1st Schools Performance

11th Y5 House Matches (B:Football/G:Netball)

CLUBS

ALL CLUBS ON AS NORMAL



Kings
Academy

Year 9 Choices Evening

Tuesday 3 February 2026
5.00pm - 7.00pm

We warmly invite Year 8 Students and Parents/Carers
to attend for September 2026 entry



Welcome meetings will be
held in the Main Hall at
5.00pm for surnames A to H and 6.00pm
for surnames I to Z

Subjects will be open from
5.00pm – 7.00pm



You are invited to visit each option subject. Our subject specialists
will be delighted to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to meeting you



Y8 PRODUCTION 2026

TICKETS SALES OPEN

Monday 26th January on Bromcom

PERFORMANCES

Wednesday 11th February

Thursday 12th February

6:30pm Start

Ticket Price - £6

HSMS SUPERSTARS

PERFORMING ARTS

Amelia O in Year 7 just before Christmas travelled to Bristol to take her LAMDA Acting grade 2 exam and Speaking Verse and Prose. She has achieved a distinction in both exams. She will also be performing at Taunton Festival of Arts in 2 weeks. Amazing Amelia



SOMERSET SCHOOLS AA CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS SUCCESS

This Saturday saw three of our talented Year 7 athletes, Darcy, Freya, and Flossy, take on the Somerset Schools AA Cross Country Championships at RNAS Merryfield, Ilton. The course was challenging: muddy, demanding and relentless. Despite the tough conditions, all three girls showed incredible determination and represented the school brilliantly.

A special congratulations goes to Flossy, who delivered an outstanding performance, finishing 8th overall. Her fantastic result has earned her a place representing Somerset at the South West Schools AA Championships next month in Exeter. This is a remarkable achievement and a testament to her hard work.

We are equally proud of Darcy and Freya, whose commitment and effort carried them all the way to this high-level event. Reaching this stage is an accomplishment in itself and they should be extremely proud of what they've achieved.

Well done to all three girls for their resilience, determination and exceptional performances.



PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Please join us at Hugh Sexey's school for a Parenting In The Digital Age Talk. 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.

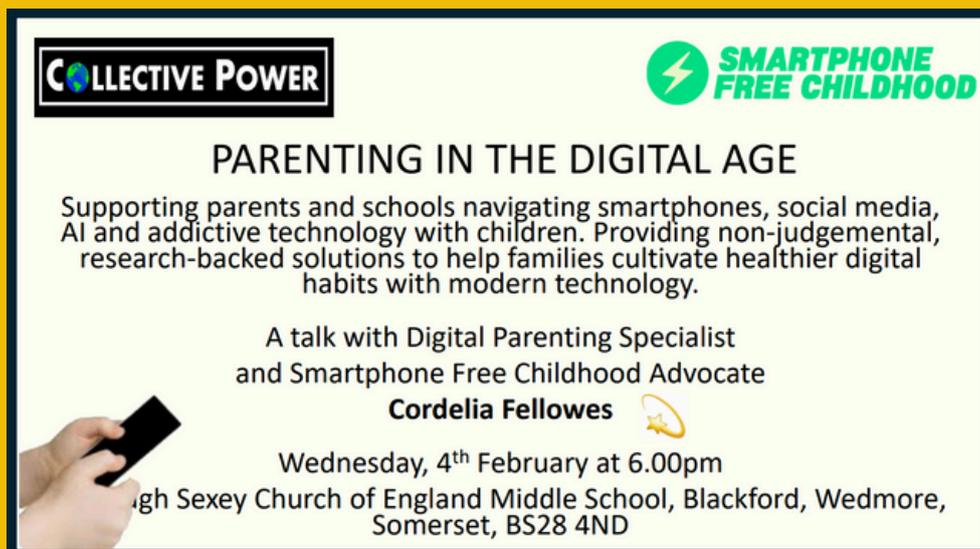
Parents will receive guidance and resources to help their children navigate the digital world safely and responsibly. The talk includes advice on encouraging healthy screen habits and creating a balanced digital environment at home.

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.

Please see flyer attached for further details.

Please complete the link below to give an expression of interest in attending this event (please complete one for each adult interested).

[Expression of Interest - Parenting in the Digital Age](#)



COLLECTIVE POWER

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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

A talk with Digital Parenting Specialist
and Smartphone Free Childhood Advocate
Cordelia Fellowes

Wednesday, 4th February at 6.00pm
Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School, Blackford, Wedmore,
Somerset, BS28 4ND



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**JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PASSPORT
RELOADED!**

BE THE BEST VERSION OF YOURSELF
BELIEVE AND SUCCEED

KINGS LEISURE

JUNIOR ACTIVITIES PASSPORT RELOADED

Track your activities, collect your stickers, and earn rewards

To find out more watch the You Tube video via the link
YouTube Video Link: [The Junior Activities Passport 2 is here!](#)

Pick up your passport from Kings Leisure Centre



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

REMINDER: PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled with their name.

This includes jumpers, coats, PE kits, shoes, water bottles, and any other belongings brought into school.

Clear name labels help us return lost items quickly and reduce the amount of unclaimed lost property.

Thank you for your support!



HSMS FIXTURES

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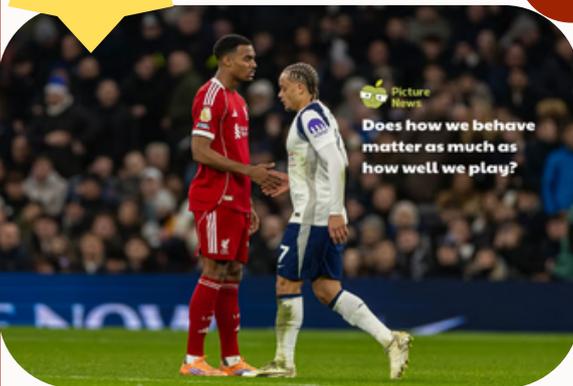
The girls travelled to Wellsway for what turned out to be a fantastic and spirited game of football. The final scoreline didn't reflect the effort, enthusiasm or determination shown by every player on the pitch. They were simply unlucky to come up against a side with two exceptionally strong players, and at times we were a little hesitant to challenge them.

Despite this, the team never let their heads drop. They kept smiling, supported one another and showed real resilience from start to finish. Players were willing to try different positions, adapt to new roles, and embrace every challenge that came their way.

Their sportsmanship was outstanding throughout, and they should be incredibly proud of the way they represented the school.

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME WB 26TH JANUARY 2026



In the news this week.....

The Football Association (FA) has published a review looking at behaviour in football across England. It wants to ensure football practice and matches are safe, fair, and enjoyable for everyone, including players, referees, and fans. The review encourages all involved in the sport to play their part in supporting and following values of positive behaviour

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your experiences of sporting or other competitive events with someone at home. Have you ever felt strong feelings when watching or taking part?
- Do you believe players and fans should have the same rules about respect?
- Discuss what you think might happen if winning becomes more important than respect.

Dear God,

Thank You for making every person in our world unique and important. Give us the wisdom to listen and understand how to show true respect. Please help us to remember to treat others with the same kindness and respect that we wish to receive ourselves.

Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Endurance & Patience

Bible Link: Matthew 7:12

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Rules of Law & Sexual Orientation

UN Rights of the Child: #31 Rest, Play, Culture & Arts