



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE; TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: COMPASSION

SPRING TERM - ISSUE 10

20TH MARCH 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

The last few days of winter have been a real treat, the sun has been shining, accompanied by lots of happy energetic pupils; if I had a pound for every pupil who's asked me "when will the field be open?" I'd be flying to Barbados over the Easter break....! If the weather is dry over the weekend, we will aim to open it on Monday.

As Friday's non-uniform day in support of Comic Relief kicked off the first official day of spring, it seems like a sensible time to remind parents/carers of our summer uniform expectations.

From April 20th (first day back after Easter holiday), pupils are invited to wear the Hugh Sexey Church of England burgundy polo shirt. This is not mandatory; shirts and ties remain the preference for some pupils and all other expectations, (including black socks not white) remain unchanged. Polo shirts can be purchased from Deane and Sons in Cheddar in the usual way or via the link to their website.

<https://www.deaneandsons.co.uk/homepage?v3rYm4dVaR5=HCsMJqF4G5UD8937N3hxnuJfX4GpYBecRZhDUd3PLI%3D>

Parents/carers who were part of the Hugh Sexey family last year will recall a changed logo on the summer polo shirts and school jumpers. There is no obligation for pupils to wear the newer version of the polo shirt – the old ones will be phased out over time. We have a decent number of pre-loved polos in our School Shop for £3 each so please pop in to see the team on the front desk or send an email in with your requirements if this is of interest. If the 'big Easter wear test' in your homes throws up any garments that no longer fit, we would gladly accept any donations back through the pre-loved shop.

It was a real pleasure to welcome Y5 and Y6 pupils and parents from Brent Knoll school this week for a pair of very well contested football matches played in excellent spirit, thanks to Mr Burman, pupils and supporters for making the trip across. Our netballers were also in action both home and away with some excellent skills and attitude on show. All teams, wore the HSMS badge with pride this week; well done. Continuing with sport, well done to Fraiser W (Y8) who finished 16th out of 102 competitors at the Somerset Schools Golf Championships at Weston-Super-Mare. After 'duffing' his drive on the first, he informs me that he recovered well to shoot one under his handicap.



Finally, as more pupils decide to cycle and walk to school in the better weather, the importance of Car Loop etiquette is even more critical. To maintain a safe space for children at the end of the school day, I remind all our parents to please not park in the staff car park and always enter the site by turning left into the loop as opposed to crossing the lane of queuing traffic. Thanks as ever for your patience and recognising the part we all play in maintaining a safe environment for our pupils.

Best wishes,
Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2026

MARCH

- 21st Clash of the Choirs
- 23rd Y6 Bikeability Day 1 (Selected Pupils)
- 23rd Lunch Time Mile - All welcome
- 23rd Y7 Parents Evening - In School Face to Face Appointments
- 24th Y6 Bikeability Day 2 (Selected Pupils)
- 24th Y8 Netball (Girls) Tournament @ HSMS
- 25th All Years Cross Country Relay @ Millfield
- 26th Y8 SEND KOW ELP Visit
- 26th Y5/Y6/Y7 Football Fixture @ HSMS
- 26th Y7 Parents Evening - Online Appointments

CLUBS

- NO SINGING CLUB UNTIL SUMMER TERM
- NO SPORTS CLUBS UNTIL SCHOOL RESUMES FOR THE SUMMER TERM - CLUBS WILL RESTART WEEK COMMENCING 27.04.26

SUMMER TERM CLUBS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON THE WEBSITE [Extra Curricular Provision](#)

LUNCHTIME FUN MILE RUN



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On Monday 23rd, don't forget to bring your PE kit and take part in Kings Leisure's Fun Mile during lunch. You can run, jog, or even skip your way around the course — whatever pace suits you. It's open to everyone, and it's all in support of promoting their upcoming Aquathon.



Y7 PARENTS EVENINGS

The booking window for Parents/Carers to book on to the Y7 Parents Evening will open from **7pm on Friday 13th March**. All bookings are made currently through the SchoolCloud parents Evening Booking System (**Not MCAS**). Please follow the link [SchoolCloud - Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School](#) and enter the details that you have registered with the school.

- Y7 Parents Evening - In School face to Face - Monday 23rd March 2026 (from 4:00pm - 6:30pm)
 - Y7 Parents Evening - Online Appointments - Thursday 26th March 2026 (from 4pm - 6:30pm)
- *Mrs Cameron will be available on Wednesday 25th for her online appointments**

Any problems please email school@hughsexey.org.uk

Bookings will close on Monday 23rd March at 9am.

Booking slots are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment

A screenshot of the 'Parents' Evening System' booking form. The form is titled 'Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School' and 'Parents' Evening System'. It includes a welcome message and a note that appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation. The form has two main sections: 'Your Details' and 'Student's Details'. 'Your Details' includes fields for Title, First Name, Surname, Email, and Confirm Email. 'Student's Details' includes fields for First Name, Surname, and Date of Birth (with a dropdown for month and year). There is a 'Login' button at the bottom.

HSMS - SUPERSTARS

Amber Lynham year 7 has been selected and offered a place on the England Foundation Trampoline Squad 2026. This is a huge achievement and representing your country is an incredible privilege.



HSMS FIXTURES

NETBALL

Our Year 7 netball team enjoyed a fantastic afternoon at Oakfield, taking part in a lively and competitive tournament. Across six fast-paced games, the girls showed real grit, teamwork, and impressive defensive play that kept spectators cheering throughout. They finished the day with 2 wins, 3 draws, and just 1 loss, securing a well-deserved 4th place overall—a brilliant achievement in a strong field of teams.

What stood out most was the consistency of their effort. Whether they were chasing down loose balls, intercepting passes, or pushing forward in attack, every player contributed to a spirited team performance.

POM:

Selwood game = Olive

Wells Blue 1 game = Elsa

Oakfield 1 game = Olive

Oakfield 2 game = Ruby

Wells Blue 2 game = Isabelle

Gillingham game = Olive

Another fantastic afternoon of netball saw our Year 7 and Year 8 teams take on St Dunstons and Fairlands in a well-spirited triangular friendly. Both teams produced some excellent passages of play, showing great movement, teamwork and determination throughout. The standard of netball on display was brilliant, with plenty of accurate shooting, strong defensive play and confident passing.

The results were as follows:

Year 8 v Fairlands = 3-2

Year 8 v St Dunstons = 3-6

Year 7 v Fairlands = 2-1

Year 7 v St Dunstons = 2-2

CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to the KS2 Cross Country team who put in a strong showing at Downside School in the 3rd Round of the Mendip Junior Schools Competition. It looked a fun and challenging course with plenty of hills to contend with over the 2,100m distance. It was a beautiful day and our pupils hopefully gained a lot from the experience.

In the girls group Antonia finished 7th, Sophia 9th and Lottie 13th. Lily, Georgia and Dotty also put in commanding performances and finished well.

For the boys, Bodhi finished 6th with Kieran not far behind in 7th. Beau was 19th and Ollie put in a strong finish to finish within the top 50.

The following week the team, with a few new additions, travelled to Millfield to take part in a competition against other Schools in the Mendip region. It was another gorgeous day. The course of 2,250m didn't have too many hills to contend with but still presented a suitable and fun challenge.

Antonia finished 5th in a very fast field with Sophia not far behind in 6th. Both girls ran great races and had excellent finishes looking very strong on the last leg. Lottie was 19th and Georgia really built upon her last performance with a solid 22nd. A really strong run from Georgia and a massive improvement. Testament to all the hard work she has been putting in.

For the boys, new addition Reuben had a cracking race. He was heavily strapped up at the start line and ignored my race advice of easing into it and then looking to build in the second half depending on how he felt. He said "I'm going to go flat out and see what happens". It worked. Kieran continued his good form with a 12th place finish. Beau ran a great race and finished 14th. It looked like he really enjoyed the race. Bodhi, Ollie and Austin all had to contend with challenges throughout the course but showed good resilience to finish in the top 50. If Cross Country was easy everyone would be doing it.

Well done to all those involved. You did the School proud.



LOCAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD - VACANCIES

We currently have a vacancy 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 contact Miss McKenzie, Clerk to the Local Partnership for further information

CLPG@hughsexey.org.uk



ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON BROMCOM

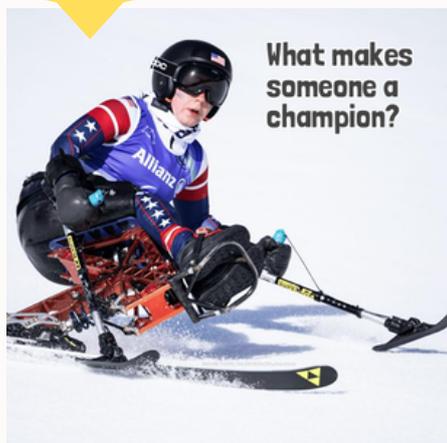
All 'on the day' absence notifications can be sent in to school via the following

- Bromcom app,
- School absence line [01934 712211](tel:01934712211) or
- email school@hughsexey.org.uk
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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



What makes someone a champion?

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME

WB 23RD MARCH 2026



In the news this week.....

Athletes from around the world have been competing in the Winter Paralympic Games in Italy. The Paralympics are an international sporting event for athletes with disabilities. This year's competitors took part in events such as skiing, snowboarding, wheelchair curling, and ice hockey. Many athletes train for years to compete at this level. Some have overcome injuries or health challenges, while others were born with disabilities. Using specialised equipment and incredible determination, they compete for medals.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Who do you find inspiring in sport? Ask someone at home about who they find inspiring.
- What does being a champion mean to you?
- What helps people overcome challenges? Talk with someone about their experiences.

Dear God,
Thank You for making every person unique and special.
When others feel left out, help us to be kind. Please teach us that we are stronger together, and that no one is more important than anyone else.
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Compassion

Bible Link: Corinthians 12:12

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

UN Rights of the Child: #23 Children with disabilities

Mark Youth Theatre presents

SCHOOL of ROCK

THE MUSICAL

Young Actors Edition

Thursday 26th to
Saturday 28th
March 2026



Blakehay Theatre, Weston-Super-Mare

For ticket information, visit www.blakehay.org.uk

Based on the Paramount movie by Mike White

Music by
Andrew Lloyd Webber

Book by
Julian Fellowes

Lyrics by
Glenn Slater