



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: COMPASSION

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Dear Parents / Carers,

World Book Day

Another jam-packed week in school saw arguably the strongest costume display for World Book Day in many a year. Mary Poppins and Peter Pan walked the corridors for a day accompanied by a cacophony of Muggles and their associates. A lot of fun was had by all, thanks again to parents and carers for supporting this event with us to help the children hold on to the importance of reading, continuing to form and sustain positive habits.

Careers Week

Saw nearly 150 of our pupils benefit from excursions to Cannington and Weston Colleges as well as Bath University. It is so heartening to hear our pupils enthused on their return about the prospects of education beyond their GCSE courses. It is clear we have future scientists, agricultural managers and engineers in our midst. Thanks to Mrs Adair for organising this busy schedule of activities for the pupils.

Youth Speaks

Six of our key stage pupils competed in the Cheddar Valley Youth Speaks competition this week which saw 8 teams from local schools battle it out for the title. Well done to Darcy, Harry and Sam who made up the year six team and Charlie, Archie and Isobel, the year five team. This year was our first entry into the competition, and I am delighted to share that Harry in the year six team was awarded Best Vote of Thanks across the whole evening: well done Harry. Thanks to Mrs Drew, Mrs Miller and Miss Edrich for giving of your time to facilitate this for the pupils.

Football & Netball Competitions

Finally the weather has been kind and enabled us to run the spring House Matches; it is early days, but I am delighted to announce the Saxons have picked up some gold medals this time around and it is looking possible that my beloved house finish somewhere other than 4th! I must add that there are 3 other equally important houses that also took part in the competitions...! Most importantly, well done to all pupils for the obvious effort and hard work invested in these events. Thanks to Mrs Pople and the PE team for your organisation.

Parking During School Pick-up

In order to maintain safety on the roads in the vicinity of school, I invite any parents/carers who choose to park adjacent to the vets opposite the school to join the parked cars on the tennis courts at the end of the day. Over the past week, several of our neighbours have alerted me to near-misses involving our pupils, on or near the cross-roads and down the narrow lane to the Veterinary Surgery car park. Over time, the grass verge has deteriorated along with safe walking areas for pedestrians; I appreciate your support in this matter.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2026

MARCH

9th Y5 Bikeability

9th - 13th Y6 Mock SATs

10th Y8 HPV Catch Up Session

11th Y7 Airbus - Trip 1

16th Y8 Battlefields - Parent Information Evening - 6-7pm

17th Rags 2 Riches Collection

17th Bishops Online Collective Worship

18th Kings Leisure - Junior Biathlon Assembly

19th Y6 Heights & Weights

CLUBS

Cancelled

KS3 Football training on Tuesday 10th March

Due to fixtures

CAREERS WEEK

National Careers Week: Exploring Future Pathways

This week, as part of National Careers Week, our Year 8 pupils had the opportunity to begin exploring the many exciting pathways available to them as they think about their futures.

Pupils visited two local further education providers — Weston College and the Cannington Campus of Bridgwater and Taunton College — where they were able to learn more about the wide range of courses and career routes available after school. These visits helped pupils to see how their interests today could develop into future opportunities.

In addition, almost 100 Year 8 pupils travelled to the University of Bath, where they explored the campus and gained an insight into what learning at university might be like. For many pupils, it was their first experience of a university environment and a chance to imagine themselves studying there in the future.

We were incredibly impressed by the thoughtful and perceptive questions pupils asked throughout the visits. Their curiosity and engagement demonstrated a real enthusiasm for learning about the possibilities that lie ahead.

If these visits have sparked conversations or questions at home, families are warmly encouraged to speak with tutors or contact our Careers Lead, Roberta Adair, who will be very happy to offer further guidance and support.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2026

Some amazing costumes from pupils and staff for World Book Day 2026.



YOUTH SPEAKERS COMPETITION

Six of our key stage two pupils competed in the Cheddar Valley Rotary Youth Speaks competition this week which saw 8 teams from local schools battle it out for the title at Kings of Wessex Academy. Speaking for 15 minutes to a large audience, these children were incredible. From Food Around the World and Benefits of Exercise to What makes a Leader, the topics were varied and utterly fascinating to all who listened.

Well done to Darcy, Harry and Sam from our year six team who spoke passionately about How Children Can Change the World using examples from global, national and local causes. Archie, Charlie and Isobel (our year five team) really made the audience reflect with their speech, If Endangered Animals Could Speak, What Would They Say?

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We look forward to entering again next year!



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



It's time to clear out your wardrobe and donate any unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding and accessories to our Rags2 Riches collection. Our next collection is on **Tuesday 17th March**. Please deliver your items in a black bin bag or tied plastic bag to our main reception.

No school uniform please, please donate this to the preloved shop



£25 per day or £85 for the full 4 days

[Book Here](#)

Booking of **fully funded places for those in receipt of Free School Meals** is open through the Happy Healthy Holidays programme.

Please ask your school or referring organisation for a code.

Visit Happy Healthy Holidays

As part of the Happy Healthy Holidays programme Somerset Youth Theatre cic are running an Easter Holiday workshop "Play-in-a-Week - Full Spring Ahead" for ages 6 - 16 at the Princess Theatre & Arts Centre Burnham-on-Sea from 7th - 10th April 2026.

Funded places through SASP's Happy Healthy Holidays Programme can be booked using this link

<https://www.saspv2-test.co.uk/event?guid=7f2c498d-6779-4bd7-943c-46ed4fafc1ba>

We have paid places for those who are unable to access the funding these can be booked here

<https://somerset-youth-theatre-cic.classforkids.io/camp/19>

HSMS - FIXTURES

NETBALL

Wednesday marked the start of our netball season, with both Year 7 and Year 8 teams hosting Wells Blue. Both teams showed real determination and moments of excellent play, but early-season nerves crept in at key moments, allowing Wells Blue to take the win in both fixtures.

Despite the results, the girls demonstrated great teamwork and resilience. We're already looking forward to getting back into training to make the required changes to our game.

A huge well done to both teams.

POM Year 7: Olive

POM Year 8: Gaby

Final scores:

Year 8 7-10

Year 7 6-14

HOUSE MATCHES

What a week for house matches! It's been a fantastic few days of sport, with all boys taking part in the postponed football fixtures and the girls giving their all in netball. The effort was outstanding across every game—top-corner goals flying in and netballs swooshing cleanly through the hoop from all around the semi-circle. The sunshine made it all the better.

Well done to every pupil who took part, especially our house winners after some incredibly close contests. A huge thank you as well to the sports leaders, who stepped up brilliantly and showed real confidence and maturity in their officiating.

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME

WB 2ND MARCH 2026



In the news this week.....

During China's Lunar New Year Gala, one of the world's most-watched TV shows, humanoid robots danced and performed kung-fu moves on stage. The robots could spin, jump, and move in time with music, showing how fast robotics technology is developing. Other Chinese-designed robots appeared at New Year celebrations in New York, USA. The performances have sparked global conversations about how robots might be used in future entertainment and everyday life.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Have you ever seen a robot before? Where was it?
- Do you think robots should be used for entertainment, work, or both?
- What are some of the things that people can do that robots can't?
- If you could design a robot, what would it do and why?

Dear God,
Thank You for the skills that allow us to build and invent.
May we see the true value in one another that goes far beyond any object we can make. Help us to use our inventions with wisdom, and to treat every person with the kindness and respect they deserve.
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Compassion & Protection

Bible Link: Psalm 115:4-7

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty & Religion or Belief

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