



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: COMPASSION

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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week saw our pupils in action beyond the school curriculum but clearly applying their skills to great effect. I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate several of them.



Firstly, a massive well done to Emily Hector who, as part of the Somerset Young Farmers public speaking team, scooped the award for Best Speaker at the South-West YFC area rally. This is particularly impressive as Somerset finished in silver medal and Emily was competing against many pupils significantly older than her. I am thrilled that the whole Somerset team (pictured) is comprised of past and present Hugh Sexey pupils; Emily was ably supported by Grace Willcox and Millie Carson (who was awarded best vote of thanks). The team now progress to the National Finals later this year. Well done Emily, well done all.



Second, a massive well done to Margot in 6FL. She recently won a prestigious acting award at the SFD David Beech awards night last week. She was up against all youth productions in the southwest and was awarded Best Under 13 Female Actress, this is a tremendous achievement and testament to the hard work and effort she invests in her pursuits outside of school. Final well done this week goes to Jess Lindsey who spent 2 days at Crufts. Jess took responsibility for the timing of several rounds on Thursday for the inter-regional Rally competition; then on Sunday appeared in the Agility final and came 1st in her age group. A huge achievement on this nationally renowned stage.



Continuing the theme of Girl Power...well done to our Under 12 footballers who convincingly saw off opposition from Wadham School this week to reach the Somerset Cup Final. The whole team played their part but a special mention to Olive in year 8 & who smashed in a hat-trick! Traditionally the Somerset Cup Finals are played at Street FC, so keep your eyes peeled for the date. I will communicate this out as soon as details emerge and hope to see as many supporters as we can muster.

I look forward to welcoming our year 7 parents/carers into school in a couple of weeks to meet subject teachers, this is an excellent opportunity to celebrate all the great things our pupils are demonstrating in the classroom as well as a chance to have constructive conversations where needed.

Finally, this week, a huge well done to our year 6 pupils who have shown incredible maturity and determination in showcasing their learning through a week of practise SATS. The progress evident is testament to their hard work, supported by their teachers and parents/carers throughout the year. We are really proud of you – well done!

Best wishes,

Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2026

MARCH

- 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 - Week B Sports Leaders on Wed 18th March due to a fixture

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

Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School

Parents' Evening System

Welcome to the Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School parents' evening booking system.
Appointments can be amended via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title First Name Surname
Email Confirm Email

Student's Details

First Name Surname Date of Birth
1 January 2010

Log In



Please follow the link below for contact information in relation to Mental and Wellbeing Help for Young People and Families.

https://www.cypsomersethealth.org/resources/2025_Mental_Health_Young_People.pdf

Y8 BATTLEFIELDS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Monday 16th March, from 6.00–7.00pm in the School Hall.

During the evening we will talk through the trip itinerary and timings, outline the documentation you will need to provide, share a recommended packing list, and answer any questions you may have.

BOOKFAIR

Bookfair orders will close at 12pm on Monday 16th March

Y7 AIRBUS BRISTOL TRIP

Year 7 pupils recently enjoyed an exciting and inspiring trip to Airbus Bristol, where they were able to see first hand how engineering and STEM subjects come to life in the real world. During the visit, pupils explored areas where aircraft landing gear is rigorously tested and where wings for planes are manufactured, gaining a fascinating insight into the scale, precision and teamwork involved in modern aerospace engineering.

The day also included a hands on STEM challenge, where pupils worked together on a lunar landing task, applying problem solving, creativity and teamwork to complete the mission. It was an incredible experience that helped pupils see how the skills and knowledge they learn in lessons can link directly to real careers. The trip provided a valuable glimpse into the world of work and the kinds of opportunities that could be open to them in the future.



PARENTS/CARERS IN RECEIPT OF FSM HOLIDAY VOUCHERS IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FSM HOLIDAY VOUCHER SCHEME

We have received an announcement from Somerset Council that the FSM holiday voucher scheme will end on 31 March this year. This means that there will be no food vouchers for the Easter holidays.

You can read the full announcement at: [Important changes to holiday food voucher provision in Somerset](#) | [Support Services for Education](#)

We understand that this change may cause some concerns to you, if there are any problems please contact school@hughsexey.org.uk and we will pass this on to our Pastoral Support Team.

Help is also available **through the below links**

- [The Local Pantry](#)
- [Help4All](#)
- [Community Hubs](#)
- [SASP - Happy Healthy Holidays](#)
- [NHS - Healthy Start](#)
- [Cost of Living Support](#)
- [Universal Credit](#)
- [Child Benefit](#)



HSMS FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

The U12 girls stepped onto the pitch on Wednesday ready for a battle as they faced Wadham in the School Cup semi-final. From the first whistle, Hugh Sexey took control, pressing high and keeping the ball in the attacking half. Several early chances narrowly missed the target, but the relentless pressure soon paid off when Olive slotted home the opening goal.

Wadham responded quickly, equalising to make it 1–1 but the girls refused to let the setback shake them. They pushed straight back onto the attack, and Olive struck again to give Hugh Sexey a 2–1 lead heading into half-time.

After a quick tactical regroup, the team came out firing. Joy, Amber

and Elsa. made some fantastic attacking runs, keeping Wadham's defence under constant strain. Skylar put in an exceptional defensive shift, tightly marking one of Wadham's strongest players and making herself a real nuisance to shut down their attacks. Persistence paid off once more when Amber finally found the net after several close attempts, extending the lead to 3–1. In the closing minutes, Olive sealed the victory, placing the ball into the top right corner just before the final whistle.

It was a superb performance from start to finish, with every player contributing to a well-deserved win.

Player of the Match: Olive



HSMS - SUPERSTARS

GYMNASTICS

Megan W and Lilly Mae S, in year 6, competed in the southwest schools acrobatics competition in Honiton representing Hugh Sexey Middle School. The girls showed great tumbling skills within a very large age group of 34 gymnasts. Lilly Mae came a close 4th place, also gaining the highest score for her 2nd tumble out of 34 Tumblers. Megan also came 18th out of 34 with some very clean Tumble runs, both girlstrain with Splitz gymnastics and their coach, Sharon Benham was incredibly proud of their efforts on the day.

NETBALL

Olivia, Gwen and Lana (6OM) all play netball for Mendip Juniors u12s. They recently played Tor and won 13 - 3. Their coach said "Well played U12s!

Great teamwork and super passing. Also, some excellent shooting.

HUGH SEXEY'S
MIDDLE SCHOOL





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



ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON BROMCOM

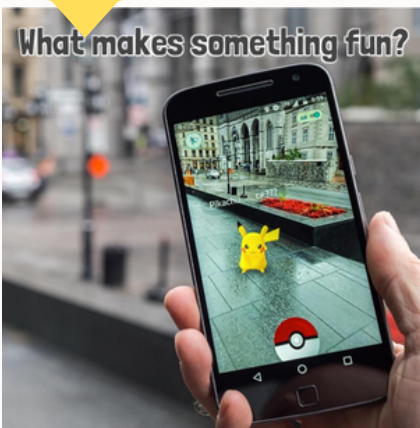
All 'on the day' absence notifications can be sent in to school via the following

- 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 something fun?

Dear God,

We thank You for the gift of joy. Teach us how to play, have fun and laugh with others.

Give us the wisdom to choose what is right, so that our happiness makes those around us happy too.

Amen

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME

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In the news this week.....

This week's news is about Pokémon, which is celebrating 30 years since it was first created. First released as a video game in 1996, it has since grown into TV shows, films, trading cards and apps enjoyed by millions of people around the world. Today, both children and adults continue to enjoy Pokémon in many different ways.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think Pokémon has stayed popular for 30 years?
- How do games, stories, or hobbies bring people together at home?
- Do you think something can be fun for both children and adults? Why?
- What are some of the things you find fun to do?

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Compassion

Bible Link: Ecclesiastes 11:9

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Rule of Law & Religion or Age

UN Rights of the Child: #15 Setting up or Joining Groups

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