



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: COMPASSION

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I've been "pinched and punched 'cus it's the first of the month" hundreds of times, watched our staff netball team give the year 8s a lesson in teamwork, danced the afternoon away at the silent discos and tried to roll back the years on the rugby pitch this week; being headteacher for this wonderful community of people is the best job in the world...

As we approach Easter, we find ourselves afforded an opportunity to pause, to notice, and to give thanks. In the life of our school, Easter is not only a story we tell, but something we live. It is found in the everyday kindness of our pupils, in the quiet dedication of staff and in the generosity and care shown in families. These are the small, faithful acts that shape a community rooted in hope and trust. At its heart, Easter speaks of new beginnings, it reminds us that even after the longest nights, light returns; that growth can come from places we least expect; and that each day offers us the chance to begin again with compassion, with courage, and with renewed purpose. I feel blessed to be surrounded by such a rich community of people who embody these values; whether through a warm welcome at the school gate, support for one another in challenging times, or the shared joy in pupil's achievements, we see glimpses of something deeply good and life-giving among us.

The promise of new beginnings is tinged with sadness today as we reflect on the last working day for two of our team. Mrs Stitch leaves the Hugh Sexey family after 5 years with us and Mrs Best completes her temporary support of 5IS. We wish them both a happy and successful summer term and beyond. We very much look forward to welcoming Mrs Williams and Mrs Nyamunda alongside Miss Porter who returns to the helm in 5LP.

A final reminder that pupils are invited to wear the Hugh Sexey Church of England burgundy polo shirt during Term 5 and Term 6. This is not mandatory; shirts and ties remain the preference for some pupils. [Dean & Sons - Summer Polo Shirt](#)

Following some timetabling adjustments within our Modern Foreign Language provision and Humanities Faculty, some amendments to pupil timetables will be evident on MCAS over the Easter break; where necessary, paper copies will be made available for pupils on their return to school. There are currently no adjustments outside of these subject areas but I encourage you all to check and double check timetables ready for the start of term in order to help support pupil readiness. One change to the curriculum is a reduction of the current two hours of Modern Foreign Languages at Key Stage 3, one hour will transfer to Citizenship and Finance enabling continued French teaching by specialist teachers.

Finally, we will be focussing with the pupils on readiness to learn and taking personal responsibility for their progress next term. I would be very grateful if parents/carers could take the time to check pencil cases, reading books, drinking bottles and PE kit so we can all hit the ground running for a short but action-packed term 5; especially important for our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for SAT Tests and our Year 7s who consider their applications for pupil leadership opportunities next year.

Wishing you and your families a peaceful and joyful Easter, filled with hope, renewal, and the promise of new beginnings.

Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2026

APRIL

- 20th - School Reopens - Summer Term
- 20th - KS2 Parents Evening in School
- 21st - Airbus Trip 2
- 22nd - SATS English Preparation - Parent Workshop
- 22nd - Young Musician Rotary Competition @ KOW
- 23rd - Airbus Trip 3
- 23rd - KS2 Parents Evening Online
- 28th - Y8 Battlefields Trip
- 29th - Maths Challenge
- 29th - 1st School Netball Festival

CLUBS

• SPORTS LEADERS - DATES

22/04/2026	All Sports Leaders
29/04/2026	First School Festival-All that can attend
06/05/2026	No Sports Leaders
13/05/2026	Group A
20/05/2026	Group B

**SUMMER TERM CLUBS WILL
BE ANNOUNCED ON THE WEBSITE**

[Extra Curricular Provision](#)

HSMS - SUPERSTARS

TRANSLATION BEE



Round 2 of the second annual edition of the Wessex Learning Trust Translation Bee took place this week, with our 17 winners from round 1 travelling to Kings to go head-to-head with their KS2 and KS3 counterparts from Fairlands, Nailsea and Kings. Their task was to translate as many words from English into French as possible in 1 minute. Competition was tough, with a highest overall score on the day being an incredible 47 words, but 8 Hugh Sexseys pupils made it through to round 3. The

final round will be hosted by PGCE staff and trainee teachers at Bath Spa University in the Summer Term. Well done to all those who took part!

'The Hugh Sexey Middle School Musical Theatre Singing Club were a highlight of the Clash of the Choirs. Confident, well rehearsed and a delight. They entertained the 320 audience with style.'

A big bravo to Siobhan. She and the singers are a great advert for the school

David Hopkins - Clash of the Choirs

GIRLGUIDES

Charlotte K in Year 7 travelled to Northern Ireland for an International Community Exhibition (ICE). Charlotte was selected to represent Girlguiding South West for demonstrating leadership, teamwork and resilience skills. She will take part in various community action projects, including tree planting for the National Trust, meeting local Guides to help build a sense of global citizenship and visit the Titanic Museum in Belfast.



KS2 PARENTS EVENING

Parents Evening Bookings will go live at 7pm on Friday 3rd April on School Cloud - [School Cloud - Parent Login](#)

Monday 20th April - In School Face to Face

Thursday 23rd April - Online appointments

DARTS CLUB

This week saw the trial run of our new Darts club which will be run by Miss Edrich and Mr Whittaker. Further information will follow early next term on how pupils can sign up.

Quotes from the pupils:

"The boards and equipment we've been given are really impressive, we're very grateful!"

"It's such a unique club, we're very lucky to have been given this opportunity."

"It was pretty cool, being able to learn a new skills and improve our maths as well!"

Quote from the staff

"We've had a fantastic time running Darts Club this week! It has been a great opportunity for the children to learn a new skill and enjoy a different kind of game in a fun and supportive environment. A big thank you for the equipment, which has made it all possible, we are very grateful."



HSMS FIXTURES

STAFF V PUPILS YEAR 8 TAG RUGBY

It was a closely contested battle from start to finish with Year 8 showing real determination and taking the lead on several occasions. Their pace and enthusiasm kept the staff under constant pressure and for long stretches it looked like the younger side might pull off a memorable win.

But when the game reached its decisive moments the staff's experience began to show. Year 8 couldn't quite hold onto their advantage when it mattered most, allowing the staff to edge ahead late on and secure the victory.



STAFF V PUPILS NETBALL

What a way to end the term. With the entire school making their way over to the courts, the atmosphere was buzzing. After last year's tough loss, the staff team arrived with one thing on their minds: redemption. You could feel the determination from the moment they stepped onto the court.

From the first whistle, the staff came out firing. Quick passes, sharp movement and a level of intensity that suggested they'd been thinking about last year's defeat for far too long! Their early momentum paid off as they took control of the game, moving the ball around the court with surprising ease.

But the Year 8s weren't going down quietly. They showed grit, energy and some brilliant defensive work, pulling off several impressive interceptions. Unfortunately, they struggled to convert those turnovers into goals and the staff capitalised on every opportunity that came their way.

By the final whistle, the staff had secured a commanding 13–0 victory, earning the redemption they'd been chasing and finishing the term on a high.

A fantastic effort from both sides and a brilliant reminder, from the year 8s, of the power of perseverance.



House Matches

Another fantastic week of sport, with house matches in full swing. This time it was the turn of girls football and boys netball. Both delivered some brilliant moments.

The girls played outstandingly, showing great skill while remaining polite, positive and supportive of one another. With the boys, we saw a range of participation levels, but the majority were enthusiastic, eager to play, and listened well to instructions.

A huge thank you to all our Sports Leaders and the additional staff who came out to help — your support makes these events possible.



EASTER HOLIDAY COACHING COURSES - now live to book !

Easter Holiday Cricket Courses from Somerset Cricket Foundation, taking place at venues across the county. Please find the link below, and further details (including booking) can be found here:

[Children's Coaching - Somerset Cricket Foundation](#)



PRIMARY MATHS KANGAROO 2026

Well done to all the pupils that participated in the Primary Math Kangaroo, we eagerly await the results which will be published on Monday 20th April, we will update you as soon as we know more, keep an eye on the newsletter when we return.



UKMT TEAM MATHS CHALLENGE AT SIDCOT SCHOOL


Congratulations to Grace, Oscar, Harry and Dan who represented HSMS at the recent Regional Finals for the UKMT Junior Team Maths Challenge held at Sidcot School. The challenge promotes mathematical dexterity, teamwork and communication skills. There were 20 teams of four students competing across four rounds, including a group, crossnumber, shuttle and relay round, where students changed into trainers and raced across the hall to deliver questions to each other as fast as they could. The competition was of high quality, with most teams coming from private schools across the region, and often entering Year 9 students, so our team did extremely well to come 15th, and should be proud of their achievements. It was an absolute pleasure to accompany them for the day and they remained positive and great ambassadors for the school throughout. Well done! Mrs. Cameron



CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY

Careers and Employability Education Update:

An opportunity for parents and carers to find out more about apprenticeships. Click the link to find out more. Building Futures: A Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships in STEM & Service Careers- free virtual event to hear from leading employers, & discover how apprenticeships can lead to rewarding, long-term careers. 21 April 6 – 7:30pm.

[FUTURE PATHWAYS - A Parent's Guide to Apprenticeships in STEM & Service Careers](#) 



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

Wessex Community Carousel

Everything You Need, All in One Place: **Support for Parents & Families**

What's On

You're invited to attend the Wessex Community Carousel, a supportive, welcoming event bringing local organisations together in one place to help you to access advice, guidance and practical support.

Support on offer



HDurrant@wessexlearningtrust.co.uk

www.wessexlearningtrust.co.uk



Date:

Wednesday 29th April

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Venue: The Post & Wicket
Wedmore