



# WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: KOINONIA

SUMMER TERM - ISSUE 1

24TH APRIL 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back! I hope you all managed to find some time to rest, recharge and spend some time with your loved ones away from the 'norm'.

Welcoming our pupils back with the magic three has been a real privilege; summer uniform, bright sunshine and an open field has kicked the new term off with a hugely positive energy, just what we all need in this, the shortest but in some ways busiest term.

## Parking and Loop

In order to maintain a safe environment for pupils during collection from the car loop, I kindly ask again that you all play your part, specifically:



1 – Please don't park in the staff car parking areas either at the front or rear of the school.

2 – If you are collecting children on foot to walk off-site, please do so from the grassy area adjacent to new year 5 gate and walk down Wells Way to the main road. Pupils should not be collected from the pupil loop gate or front reception unless expressly arranged with myself or another member of the team. This maintains sufficient space and visibility for our cyclists at the rear of school and prevents pedestrians crossing the bus park.

3 – Those of you who are able, please delay arrival to the Car Loop until 3:50pm or so to avoid the need to queue.

4 – Please continue to be courteous to all other loop users, only turning left into the loop to collect children from as far forward in the loop as possible. I really appreciate your commitment in supporting us to keep your children safe at this busy time during the school day.

## Parents Evening

Thanks to those parents/carers who joined us this week at Key Stage 2 Parents Evenings and SATS Preparation Evening, also to those of you who responded to the poll earlier this year with regards to Parents' Evenings next year. It is clear that there remains an appetite for a blended offer of face-to-face and virtual meetings, I will be sure to factor this into the calendar in due course.

A busy first week has seen our year 7 pupils visit Airbus in Bristol whilst many of our year 8 pupils prepare to head to Belgium for the Battlefields trip in the early hours of Tuesday morning. I wish pupils and staff a safe journey next week and I'm sure you will join me in thanking staff for giving of their personal time to allow such a valuable trip to take place.

Best wishes,  
Matt Drew

## CALENDAR 2026

### APRIL

- 28<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> May Y8 Battlefields Trip
- 29<sup>th</sup> Maths Challenge
- 29<sup>th</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Schools Netball Festival @ HSMS

### MAY

- 4<sup>th</sup> BANK HOLIDAY - SCHOOL CLOSED
- 6<sup>th</sup> Y8 Cricket Cup @ Churchill
- 6<sup>th</sup> Y8 Rugby 7's @ KOW
- 7<sup>th</sup> U12 Girls Football Finals @ Bridgwater
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Y6 SATs Week

## CLUBS

SUMMER TERM CLUBS WILL COMMENCE WEEK BEGINNING 27<sup>th</sup> APRIL  
THE FULL SCHEDULE CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE AND ATTACHED  
TO THIS NEWSLETTER

[Extra Curricular Provision](#)

## KS3 SUMMER TERM REVISION & ASSESSMENTS

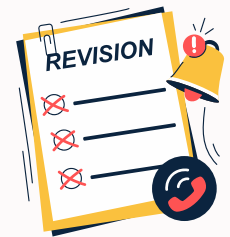
As with most terms, KS3 pupils will have in-class assessments in many of their subjects throughout the Summer term. For these low-key assessments, we have asked pupils to log into their year group revision page on Teams (using the shared code) to access revision materials. These materials will be available from the end of day on **Monday 27th April** and teachers will speak with pupils to walk through how to use the revision materials and re-iterate this on Teams through the supporting text.

Revision techniques can take many formats, and this may be the first time your child has been asked to carry out some revision independently. To support your child, we will hold one assembly (on Monday 27th April) that outlines key revision methods and a follow-up collective worship session which delves a little deeper into how to use those methods effectively.

The assessments that are taking place will be in their usual classrooms and explore current work. Their teachers will make pupils aware of when the test will take place with plenty of time to look through revision notes at home. The assessments are not anything your child should worry about. The focus here is for your child to access teams and try out some of the revision techniques we have explored with them through; their subjects, during collective worship and what has been explored in assembly - in order to find out what works well for them.

Should your child have any questions about revision techniques, they always have the option to talk to their subject teachers or Miss Keep who can help and guide them along the way. This is a great opportunity to try things out, learn new skills, and explore their preferred revision methods in a safe and unpressured way.

Miss Keep



## DONATIONS WANTED: GARDEN FURNITURE

We are currently looking for unwanted or unused garden furniture to support our outdoor space. If any families have items such as tables, chairs, benches, or similar that they no longer need, we would be very grateful to give them a new home.

Please contact the school office if you are able to help. Thank you for your continued support.

Please let us know on [school@hughsexey.org.uk](mailto:school@hughsexey.org.uk)

## MINI LONDON MARATHON IN SCHOOLS – GET INVOLVED!

We're delighted to announce that our school will be joining thousands of others across the country in this year's Mini London Marathon in Schools. This national event encourages pupils to get active by running, jogging or walking a 2-mile route — a brilliant opportunity to build confidence, enjoy movement and celebrate being part of a nationwide challenge.

Our school's Mini Marathon will take place on: **Thursday 30th April 3:40pm – 4:50pm**

All pupils are welcome to take part.



## OUTDOOR LEARNING

On Wednesday, some KS3 pupils took part in some outdoor learning in our Forest Area with Mrs Wills and Mrs Joyce. The task this week was to forage, explore and make bug hotels followed by untangling a human knot and transporting treasure in a team. All three tasks focused on effective teamwork, working co-operatively and listening/reacting to others.

It was a great hour - just look at those smiling faces! I can't wait to see what moves into those very luxurious mini hotels.

Well done team, you were amazing!

Miss Keep



## HSMS - SUPERSTARS

### ROTARY YOUNG MUSICIAN COMPETITION

Congratulations and a big well done to Margot and Adam on winning the Rotary Young Musician competition this week. Margot sang 'It's Possible' and 'Where is Love' and Adam played 'Catch of the Day' and the Theme from Agatha Christie's Piorot on the Alto Saxophone. We are proud of you



### WEDMORE YOUNG FARMERS

Tabbi M in Year 6 had an outstanding day at the Wedmore Young Farmers' Show 2026, achieving remarkable success across multiple classes. She was especially proud to be awarded champion titles for both her pig and her lamb, a testament to her dedication and hard work. In addition to these top honours, Tabbi collected a wide range of certificates for her other entries, reflecting her consistency and skill across the show. A particular highlight for her was the performance of her young calf, Spicy, who impressed on her very first outing in the show ring. It was a memorable and rewarding day, celebrating Tabbi's commitment and passion for her animals.



### FOOTBALL

Harriet C-D in Year 8 has had a fantastic football season with North Somerset's U14 Girls team, playing a year above her age group. The team finished their league campaign unbeaten. They now head into the play-offs with the chance to qualify for the National Championships.



### THE WESSEX COMMUNITY CAROUSEL

The Wessex Community Carousel will be taking place next Wednesday, 29th April, from 2:00–4:00pm at The Post and Wicket in Wedmore.

This is a supportive drop-in event for parents, providing access to a wide range of services all in one place. Attending services include Citizens Advice, housing support, PCSO, The SPACE, Wessex PFSAs, School Nursing Teams, Public Health, YGAM (gaming support), Somerset Parent Carer Forum, Inclusion Activities Team, SASP, and many more.

## 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



### Date:

Wednesday 29th April

Time: 2:00pm – 4:00pm

Venue: The Post & Wicket Wedmore

**JUNIOR AQUATHLON**  
**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 1pm - 5:30pm**  
**@ King Leisure Centre - Cheddar**

**What is the Junior Aquathlon?**

The Junior Aquathlon is a fun and engaging event combining swimming and running, with varying distances for both swim and run to suit a range of athlete abilities. Each athlete will be given a coloured band at event registration, which will indicate different distances they are required to travel!

**How to book a space on the Aquathlon:**

Call the Kings Fitness reception on 01934744939, or visit the Leisure Centre, where a member of the team can book and reserve a spot for the athletes.

For more details follow the link [Junior Aquathlon](#)



**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](mailto: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



The Wedmore Festival returns from 9–17 May with one of its most diverse programmes yet, offering a vibrant week of literature, music, comedy, film and history at the heart of the village.

Ticket sales open on 14 April online via the link below (booking fees apply) or in person (cash only) from Wedmore Store.

<https://wedmorefestival.co.uk/2026-events-list/>

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

**HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME**  
**WB 24TH APRIL 2026**



**In the news this week.....**

New AI-supported glasses to help people with dementia or memory problems have won a £1 million prize. The glasses, made by the company CrossSense, can recognise objects and show labels or give spoken instructions to help people remember what things are and what to do. They use an AI assistant that learns how each person lives and adapts to their needs over time. Early tests show these glasses could help wearers feel more confident and independent in their daily lives.

**Things to talk about at home ...**

- Share your overall opinion on the glasses, do you think they are a good idea?
- In your opinion, is it better for people to get help from technology or from other people? Why?
- How might these glasses make someone feel more confident or independent?
- What technology do you use at home to help you? How does it help?.

**HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Respect**

**Bible Link: Revelation 7:9**

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

**UN Rights of the Child: #23 Children with Disabilities**

Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of community and for teaching us how to care for others.

Help us to be a source of comfort and light, so that everyone we meet feels loved and valued.

Open our eyes to those in need, so that no one is ever left behind.

Amen