



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: KOINONIA

SUMMER TERM - ISSUE 3

8TH MAY 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head into another busy and exciting week at school, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the many reasons we have to feel proud of our children.

Firstly, a huge congratulations to our girls' football team for reaching the final of the Somerset Cup. This is a fantastic achievement and one that reflects not only their skill and determination, but also their teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the competition. They have represented our school brilliantly and we could not be prouder of them.

Next week marks the beginning of SATs for our Year 6 pupils. We recognise how much effort, commitment and perseverance the children have shown over many months, and I want each and every one of them to know just how proud we are of them already. These tests are only one small part of their journey, but the determination they have demonstrated is something truly special. One final effort from Monday through to Thursday next week and they will all be able to look back on their hard work with immense pride and confidence in what they have achieved.

Today provides an opportunity for reflection, as Sir David Attenborough celebrates his 100th birthday. Few people have given so much of their lives to helping others understand and care for the world around us. His dedication, curiosity and compassion are qualities we hope to nurture in all of our children — reminding them that small actions, kindness and responsibility can make a lasting difference to the future of the communities we live in.

Of course, amidst all the hard work, there is also much excitement ahead. Year 6 Fun Friday is fast approaching, alongside the eagerly anticipated residential. These moments are so important, providing opportunities for pupils to relax, laugh, challenge themselves in new ways and simply enjoy spending time with their friends, creating memories that will stay with them for years to come.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school community. Together, we help our children grow not only academically, but also into thoughtful, resilient and caring young people.

With best wishes,
Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2026

MAY

- 11th - 14th Y6 SATs Week
- 15th Y6 Fun Friday
- 18th Y8 (Selected) Puppet Workshop @ KOW
- 19th Waterstones Trip (Selected Pupils)
- 19th Y7/Y8 Rounders @ Wells Blue
- 19th Y8 Cricket @ Oldfield School
- 25th - 29th HALF TERM HOLIDAY

JUNE

- 1st Y8 Bake Off Final @KOW

CLUBS

No cancellations W/C 11th May 2026

HSMS - SUPERSTARS

CRICKET

Well done to our Y8 Cricket Team who beat Churchill by 15 runs in the latest round of the Cup, stand out performances from Billy R 34 runs Alfie S 4 wickets and a superb catch from Ben G.

HSMS will take on Oldfield School in Bath in the next round on the 19th May.



RUGBY

Esmae was picked to play for North Somerset School team to play at the Schools Touch Rugby Championships, hence she wasn't at school yesterday.

Her team, all Y6's played up against Y8 & Y9's group but still won championship going unbeaten.



FOOTBALL

Under 12 Somerset Football Runners up!

The girls competed across four rounds from September to March, scoring 12 goals and conceding just 6, even winning a penalty shoot-out to secure their place in the final.

They travelled to Bridgwater College for the Somerset Schools Final against Gordano School, delivering a performance defined by determination, discipline and exceptional team spirit. From the outset, the girls showed real intent, competing for every ball and supporting one another throughout a fast-paced and highly competitive match.

Olive demonstrated remarkable composure when stepping up for her penalty, showing calmness under pressure. In goal, Jess produced an extraordinary display, making more saves in this single fixture than across the entire competition — a performance later recognised with a special commendation from the Somerset Vice President.

Defensively, Skylar remained a constant source of stability, repeatedly clearing danger. The midfield & upfront unit — Sophia, Jess and Joy — worked tirelessly, driving the team forward with relentless energy and refusing to let the tempo drop.

The defensive trio of Flossy, Maisie and Molly showed outstanding commitment, shutting down attacks and protecting the goal with discipline and determination. On the wing, Elsa and Amber, pushed themselves throughout, contributing both offensively and defensively and giving everything until the final whistle.

Although the scoreline did not reflect the quality of the performance, the girls' camaraderie, resilience and refusal to let their heads drop were exemplary. Their unity and attitude were as impressive as their football. Gordano proved to be exceptional opponents and were gracious in their victory, demonstrating strong sportsmanship throughout.

A huge thank you to all the parents and supporters who attended and to linesman Ben for his help on the day.

Awards

OPOM: Olive

TPOM: Joy

Special Mention (Somerset VP):

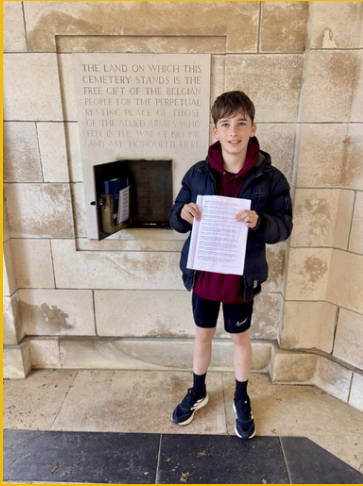
Jess for her phenomenal saves



BATTLEFIELDS TOUR 2026

Last week, 45 of our year 8 pupils left Hugh Sexeys in the early hours to travel to Belgium for the 2026 Battlefields Tour. The 4 day trip was an opportunity for students to develop a personal connection to the First World War by visiting different historical sites, including battlefields, memorials, cemeteries, and museums. The students conducted themselves brilliantly and came away with memories that will hopefully last a lifetime.

Huge thanks to all of the staff who accompanied them and to those who helped to organise the trip



WEDMORE ARTS & CRAFTS FESTIVAL

Students from Hugh Sexey's Middle School Art Club are proud to present 'Somerset Murmuration', a collaborative installation created for the Wedmore Arts Festival and currently on display in St Mary's Church. Inspired by the spectacular starling murmurations seen near Glastonbury Tor and across the Somerset Levels, the artwork combines a vibrant painted sunset with lots of 3D origami birds to capture the movement and beauty of these natural formations. Created collaboratively by students of different ages, the piece celebrates creativity, teamwork, and the local landscape through painting, paper craft, and design.



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

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

OUT OF CATCHMENT TRANSPORT 2025/2026

If you are out of catchment and require school transport or are currently using the existing private school transport provision and will require this service from September 2026 please complete the form below

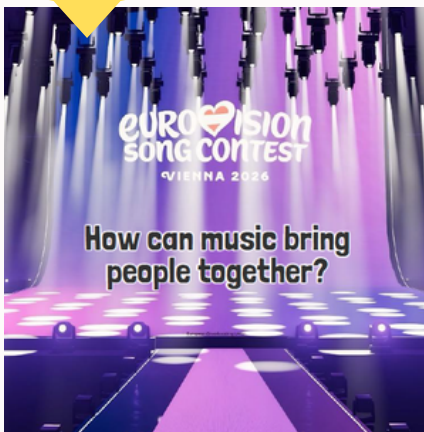
[Out of Catchment Transport Survey 2026-2027 - Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School](#)

SUMMER TERM CLUBS & ACTIVITIES 2026

Please see the revised timetable below, this is also available on the school website

[Hugh Sexey Middle School - Extra Curricular Provision](#)

NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS



Dear God,
Thank You for the gift of music that brings us together.
May our voices join in unity to share a message of kindness and joy.
Help us to listen to one another and remember we are always stronger when we stand together
Amen

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME WB 8TH MAY 2026



In the news this week.....

This week, countries from across Europe and beyond are taking part in the Eurovision Song Contest. Each country performs a song, and millions of people watch and vote for their favourites. The contest celebrates different styles of music, languages, and cultures from around the world.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What kind of music do you enjoy most, and why? Does everyone in your house enjoy the same music?
- Why do you think people from different countries enjoy listening to music together?
- Do you believe competitions like Eurovision are fair? Why?
- In your view, does music bring people together, or can it sometimes divide opinions?

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Humility

Bible Link: Colossians 3:16

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Democracy/Mutual Respect & Tolerance - Race

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