



# WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: KOINONIA

SUMMER TERM - ISSUE 4

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week! Having overslept a little on Wednesday morning, a visit from the SATS Inspection Team was not the subject of the phone-call I was hoping for at 8:26am having not yet switched the computer on in my office! It seems there are some perks to living close by! Needless to say, our visitor went away from school immensely impressed with the attitude and effort on display amongst year six. They have really pushed themselves to strive for their best during this week and have richly earned the right to kick back a little and relax during Fun Friday.

A huge thankyou to all our parents and carers who have supported the preparation so positively. The life lessons the children will have learned through this process will prove invaluable to them as they move into Key Stage 3 and beyond.



Fun Friday feels like the end of the penultimate lap, with 8 weeks to go until the end of my first year, I cannot believe where the time has gone. I encourage you all (along with your children) to take time to pause and reflect on the positive contribution you have on our community here each day. Our focus, soon enough, will turn to transition and preparing the children for the next phase of their educational journey either within the Wessex learning Trust or beyond. For now, let's take a breath and enjoy the last weekend before the Whitsun sunshine...

I am delighted to confirm two appointments to our Key Stage 2 teaching team this week. Miss Lauren Porter will be re-joining the year 5 team on a permanent basis from September 1st and Miss Olivia Handel will be joining us in Year Six.

We are all looking forward to the opening of the school pool over half term. By way of reminder, pupils will have the opportunity to swim in some PE / games lessons and also during social times (timetables to follow). In order to walk from the changing rooms to the pool and back, pupils will need a towel and some suitable footwear that can get wet (sliders, flip flops or old trainers/shoes are fine). Goggles are optional but preferred by some children, we recommend swim hats for long hair also. Here's hoping the sun shines on us sufficiently to maximise this wonderful resource.

Whether you are watching the FA Cup Final or cycling the Somerset 100, I wish you all a great weekend.

With best wishes,  
Matt Drew

## CALENDAR 2026

### MAY

18<sup>th</sup> Y8 (Selected) Puppet Workshop @ KOW

19<sup>th</sup> Waterstones Trip (Selected Pupils)

19<sup>th</sup> Y7/Y8 Rounders @ Wells Blue

19<sup>th</sup> Y8 Cricket @ Oldfield School

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> HALF TERM HOLIDAY

### JUNE

1<sup>st</sup> Y8 Bake Off Final @KOW

## CLUBS

**Cancelled** - Year 7 & 8 rounders practice on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May due to a year 7 & 8 fixture.

## RAGS2RICHES

With the half term holiday fast approaching, why not have a clear out of your winter clothes for our Rags 2 Riches Collection on **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June** further details in next weeks newsletter.



## BREAK TIME COOKIE CLUB

Following a rigorous application process, the Bluebird Cafe, based in Wedmore, has notified us that we have submitted a successful application and will receive some supportive funding towards our outdoor garden named by pupils as 'The Chill Zone'. Our application was submitted against 16 other worthy causes so we are elated to be successful based on our pupils' hard work and commitment to their school and its provision.

The Bluebird Cafeteam carefully reviewed every application and informed us on Wednesday that we will receive funding towards our project. How exciting!!! We will find out more at a later date but congratulations to the 'Cookie Club' members who wrote a letter of application, visited the cafe to present their plans with Mr Drew and are due to receive their cheque later in May.

Well done Cookie Club and a big thank you to Scottie and John at The Bluebird Cafe, Wedmore.

## HSMS - SUPERSTARS

### RUGBY

On the weekend of 2–3 May 2026, Burnham-on-Sea RFC hosted the Living with the Lions tournament, welcoming teams from across the country. Freddie captained the Under 12s squad alongside Luke and Mason, competing in nine matches over the weekend.

Although they narrowly missed out on both the Cup and Shield, the boys delivered outstanding performances against top-level opposition, showcasing great skill, determination, and teamwork throughout.

A highlight of the weekend was a fun adults vs kids match, which turned into a lively and laughter-filled contest, along with meeting Bristol Bears captain Fitz Harding.

The following weekend saw the club's end-of-season presentation. Freddie received the TREDs award for his leadership and commitment, Luke was named Player of the Tournament and Players' Player, and Mason was praised for his fearless tackling. The team finished the season as Team of the Year and, moving up to Under 13s, are certainly one to watch.



### JUNIOR BAKE OFF

Willow & Indy C (Year 7) got through to the final interview round of this year's Junior Bake Off. While they sadly didn't make it over the last hurdle, they did progress through all the phone interviews and were invited up to London for a trial day of filming. They also had to complete a technical challenge as well as baking a 'show stopper' - a minimum of a 3 tiered cake, showing where they see themselves in 20 years time. They will be back to try again next year!!



### SWIMMING

Madox (7EF) recently competed in the Regional Swimming Championships for the first time—an achievement reached by only the top 13% of swimmers. He was the only under-15 from his club to qualify this year.

Across four days of competition, Madox swam six events, achieving several personal bests. A standout moment was reaching the 50m Backstroke final, where he finished an impressive 6th in the region.

A fantastic achievement, showing great determination and resilience throughout.



## KINGS AQUATHON

Edith, Lilly and Lily competed in the aquathlon at Kings Leisure Centre on Saturday, completing a 200m swim followed by a 2km run.

Ava also took part alongside her brother, swimming 200m and running 1.2km, proudly earning her medal.

A fantastic effort from all involved!




## FREE PARENT WORKSHOP: TUNING INTO PARENTING



### EMOTION COACHING OUR CHILDREN

Support your child's emotional wellbeing with this free, evidence-based programme designed for parents and carers. Learn practical strategies to better understand your child's emotions, improve communication, and manage behaviour with empathy and connection—all in a supportive, welcoming environment.

 Starts: Wednesday 3rd June

 Time: 10am–12pm or 5pm–7pm (based on demand)

 Location: Coffee @ The Hub, Central Cheddar

 Duration: 5 weekly sessions

Following a successful first course, we're excited to run this programme again—don't miss out!

 To register your interest, contact Sue: [ssummers@thespacesomerset.org.uk](mailto:ssummers@thespacesomerset.org.uk)

## HSMS - SUPERSTARS CONT.....

### FOOTBALL

Harry's U12 Banwell football team won the Somerset County Cup on Sunday.

Labelling them the best U12 team in Somerset.



## GROWING TOGETHER DURING CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

As part of this year's Christian Aid Week, pupils have been exploring themes of community, compassion and sustainability through collective worship. They reflected on how communities around the world can work together to nurture and grow food resources, helping people to become more self-sufficient and resilient in the face of poverty and hardship.

Inspired by these discussions, pupils at Hugh Sexey have launched a whole-school sunflower growing challenge. Each tutor group has planted sunflower seeds and will now take responsibility for nurturing them over the coming weeks. We are excited to see which tutor group — and ultimately which year group — can grow the tallest and healthiest sunflowers by the end of the challenge.

The activity has already generated great enthusiasm across the school and provides a wonderful opportunity for pupils to demonstrate teamwork, patience and care while connecting with the wider themes of Christian Aid Week.

Of course, a little healthy competition never hurts, and sweets and treats will be awarded to the groups achieving the most impressive growth!



## HARRY POTTER - TV SERIES

Aurora and Linton W, recently had a very exciting experience as they were invited to appear in a promotional video for the new Harry Potter TV show, Finding Harry: The Craft Behind the Magic. Both Aurora and Linton had an incredible experience and a real insight into how TV programmes are made.



## 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)

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 timetable below, this is also available on the school website

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

NEXT WEEK IN  
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME  
WB 18TH MAY 2026



Do we learn  
more from  
winning or  
losing?



In the news this week.....

Last weekend, football teams Manchester City and Chelsea competed in the Men's FA Cup Final at Wembley Stadium. The FA (Football Association) Cup is one of the oldest football competitions in the world, with teams from across England and Wales taking part each year. Millions of people watched the match, supporting their teams and hoping to see them win the famous trophy. For the players, reaching the final is a huge achievement after months of hard work. Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you think of a time when you won something – what did you learn?
- What about a time you didn't win – what did that teach you?
- In your opinion, why do some people keep trying even after losing?
- Talk together about how you believe we should behave when you lose.

Dear God,  
Thank You for the talents you have given us.  
Give us the strength to work with perseverance,  
knowing that our efforts are valued.  
Help us to always choose to do what is right.  
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: **Faith/Sharing**

Bible Link: **1 Corinthians 9:24-25**

British Value and Protected Characteristic: **Rule of Law & Mutual Respect & Tolerance / Religion or Belief**

UN Rights of the Child: **#13 Sharing Thoughts Freely**