



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: KOINONIA

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another hectic week brings us to the end of Term 5.

Thanks firstly to Miss Tuck for accompanying our Year 8 pupils to Kings of Wessex for the Surfers Against Sewage workshop; this was a great opportunity for the pupils to visit their next school in a meaningful way to collaborate with some Year 9 students on a joint project.

Despite the weather interrupting some planned cricket fixtures, it didn't spoil a visit to Waterstones for some of our avid readers, made possible through generous donations from the Wells Literature Festival. Thanks to Mrs Drew for organising this visit and continuing to foster the very positive relationship we have developed with Wells Festival.



I was delighted to accompany Charlie and Sam (Y6) to the Bluebird Café in Wedmore on Thursday evening to receive a very generous donation of £500. Following a visit where they pitched their idea to the café owners and subsequent application process, the boys are really looking forward to developing the 'Chill Zone'; a quiet space, designed by them which will be situated in a small walled area in school. The space will be used by pupils at social time as a purposeful alternative to active play. This venture is a great example of pupil voice shaping developments across our school, something I am keen to continue over the coming years.

It looks as though the weather is set to be kind to us over the half term break; fingers crossed for a continuation of the fine weather for the year six residential that departs on Tuesday June 2nd. It is with sadness I share the news that this residential will be Miss Parfitt's last here at Hugh Sexey. Miss Parfitt leaves us at the end of the academic year, a highly respected and enthusiastic member of the Year 6 team and 2nd in Science and Technology Faculty. I am sure when the time comes, you will join me in wishing her well for her future.

I hope you all manage to find some time to rest and relax next week. 35 busy school days will go in a heartbeat! Term 6 concludes for pupils on Friday 17th July.

Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2026

MAY
25th - 29th HALF TERM HOLIDAY

JUNE
1st Y8 Bake Off Final @KOW
2nd Y5 Zoo Trip 1
2nd Y7/Y8 Cricket @ HSMS
3rd - 5th Y6 Residential
4th Y5 Zoo Trip 2

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 12th June** further details in next weeks newsletter.





PUPIL LEADERSHIP TEAM

We are delighted to announce an exciting opportunity for pupils to become part of our newly established Pupil Leadership Team (PLT). The Pupil Leadership Team will play an important role in helping to shape and strengthen our school community from September 2026. We are looking to appoint: Four Year 8 Pupil Leaders (currently Y7s) and two pupils from Y7 (currently Y6s), Y6 currently (Y5s) and Y5 (currently Y4s), giving us a team of 10. The current Y4s will apply for their positions in September.

Application forms have been emailed to current Y7, Y6 and Y5 families and paper copies are available from Mr McKechan. Please return applications to Mr McKechan by Wednesday 3rd June. Interviews will commence in the following week.

HSMS - SUPERSTARS

TAE KWON-DO

After a long week of SATs Kieran (6JP) competed in the Welsh Tae Kwon-do championships in Cardiff this weekend and took gold in the U16's. His little brother, Fin also in this photo, won Silver (he will be starting HSMS in September)



FOOTBALL

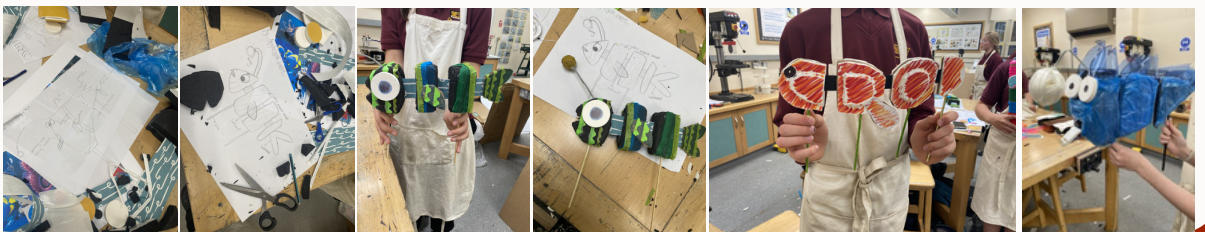
Huge congratulations to the Isle of Wedmore Under 14 Girls who won the Somerset Girls Football League Plate Final on Saturday.

They won 1-0 against a very good Wessex Irons Under 14's side in the final.



PUPPET DESIGN WORKSHOP

The Design and Technology department took a group of product design students to Kings of Wessex to take part in an exciting puppet making workshop alongside students from Fairlands Middle School and Kings of Wessex. The workshop was in preparation for the Bath Carnival and focused on the themes of sustainability and the sea. Students designed and created imaginative moving puppets, using their creativity to develop unique ideas before independently bringing their designs to life. Throughout the day, students collaborated brilliantly with pupils from different schools and had the opportunity to work alongside professional puppeteers from the industry, making it a fantastic and inspiring experience for all involved.



KS2 CRICKET TOURNAMENT

Our KS2 pupils enjoyed a brilliant day at the Masters Coaching cricket tournament, where we entered both a boys' and girls' team to play an adapted version of the game. They faced strong opposition from Sandford and Winscombe Primary Schools.

The girls' team grew in confidence throughout the morning, winning their first match against Winscombe by 9 runs and showing excellent bowling and fielding in their second game against Sandford.

The boys' team also started strongly with a convincing win over Winscombe. Their second match was much closer, but they held their nerve to win by 11 runs. Their sportsmanship was a real highlight, stepping in to help Sandford when they lost two players so the match could continue fairly.

Both teams finished the day proudly, taking home trophies, medals and most importantly big smiles after a fantastic experience.



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](#)

CAREERS CHALLENGE DAY – FRIDAY 26TH JUNE

On **Friday 26th June**, pupils at Hugh Sexey Church of England Middle School will take part in our annual whole-school Careers Challenge Day — an exciting off-timetable event focused on employability skills, future pathways, and the wide range of opportunities available beyond school.

Throughout the day, each year group will engage in a carousel of workshops, activities, and focus sessions designed to help pupils explore the skills, qualities, and attitudes needed for future success in education, employment, and life. One of the most valued parts of Careers Challenge Day is our KS3 Guest Speaker Panel, where pupils hear directly from adults working across a wide variety of industries and professions. We are therefore inviting parents, carers, and members of our wider school community who may be willing to speak to our pupils about their career journey to express their interest using the attached Microsoft Forms link

[Career Challenge Day guest speaker panel expression of interest – Fill in form.](#)

We are particularly interested in speakers who would be happy to share:

- what they wanted to be when they were younger;
- their journey through education and into employment;
- the aspects of their work they enjoy most;
- the challenges their role or industry presents;
- and how they see their industry changing in the future, including the skills young people may need.

Speakers will be provided with a simple PowerPoint template containing prompts and guidance to support preparation. These sessions have always been a particularly special and inspiring part of the day, helping pupils make meaningful connections between school, skills, and the world beyond the classroom. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who feels they may be able to contribute.

Many thanks in advance for your continued support of our employability program here at Hugh Sexey.

NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS



Dear God,
Thank You for the times we gather to celebrate and the sense of belonging we feel when we are together. Help us to include others in our happiness, building a community that is supportive and strong.
Amen

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME WB 25TH MAY 2026



In the news this week.....

This week, people in the UK and across the world are celebrating Eid al-Adha. Families and communities will come together to pray, share meals, and give to those in need, with celebrations taking place in many different ways. The festival is a time to reflect on kindness, generosity, and the importance of helping others.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What celebrations are important in your family? Why?
- Have you ever learned about a celebration that is different from your own? If so, which?
- Why do you think people enjoy celebrating together?
- What are some ways we can show respect for other people's traditions?

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Trust

Bible Link: Psalm 150

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty & Mutual Respect & Tolerance/Religion or Belief

UN Rights of the Child: #30 Minority Culture, Language & Religion