



WEEKLY UPDATE

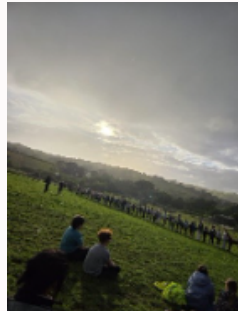
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5TH JUNE 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and rewarding week, I would like to extend a huge thank you to all our dedicated, energetic, and caring staff who supported the Year 6 residential. These experiences create lifelong memories for our pupils, and they simply would not be possible without the commitment, enthusiasm, and generosity of colleagues who give so much of their time and energy. Thankyou also to all our parents and carers who supported the residential so positively; despite some rather wet and windy periods, I am assured that they enjoyed an enriching and unforgettable experience; the chaos of the car loop during drop-off Wednesday morning was well worth it!



Thank you also to the staff who planned and supported the year five Bristol Zoo trip. Educational visits provide such valuable opportunities for our children to learn beyond the classroom. I am told the gorillas were a particular highlight!

I am delighted to confirm that Miss Wills was successful in securing the permanent, fulltime position as Teacher of Art here following the recent resignation of Miss Smith, who leaves us at the end of academic year.

In other news, I am very pleased to share that owing to the increasing number of pupils applying for places in our school next year, I will be opening a sixth class in year five. This is a fantastic opportunity for me to reduce class sizes in the year group and welcome another very strong teacher to the team. Mrs Sarah Pitt who has spent significant time teaching within the Wessex Learning Trust and knows school very well starts with us on September 1st to lead the additional class (5SP).

This week our school community has been touched by a significant loss. At this difficult time, our thoughts are with those who are grieving and we extend our heartfelt sympathy to those affected. As a community we recognise the importance of kindness, compassion and support during times of sadness and hope that those experiencing loss find comfort in the care and understanding of family, friends and the wider community. I thank everyone for continuing to demonstrate empathy and compassion, such important values within our school. Together, we hold in our thoughts all those who are facing difficult days and offer our sincere support.

Best wishes,
Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2026

JUNE

- 8th - 12th French Cafe
- 9th Maths Challenge
- 9th Y7 Big Bang Trip 1
- 10th Y8 Leavers Photos
- 10th U13 Somerset Cricket Cup
- 10th 1st Schools Athletic Festival
- 11th Y7 Big Bang Trip 2
- 11th Translation Bee - Final @ Bath Spa
- 11th All Years Rounder @ Fairlands

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

CANCELLED - Thursday's rounders (11th June) due to a fixture.

SPORTS LEADERS DATES

- 3rd June Group A
- 10th June Group B
- 17th June All (festival)
- 22nd June -None (currently a festival during school day)
- 1st July All
- 8th July All (festival)

Y8 LEAVERS HOODIES

Y8 Leavers Hoodies are available to purchase via

www.dqprinting.co.uk



There are 4 colours available costing £24.95 each

Please order by 19th June for free delivery to school

RAGS2RICHES

It's time to clear out your wardrobe and donate any unwanted clothing, shoes, bedding and accessories to our Rags2 Riches collection. Our next collection is on Tuesday 23rd June. Please deliver your items in a black bin bag or tied plastic bag to our main reception.

No school uniform please, please donate this to the preloved shop.

[What We Collect - Rags 2 Riches 4 Schools Collection on](#)



KS3 CRICKET

It was wonderful to be able to field a KS3 girls cricket team, many of whom had never really played cricket before. That didn't stop them throwing themselves into the challenge against an experienced Wells Blue side. The girls adapted quickly to the basic paired-softball rules and chose to field first, showing real determination. Although there were a few wayward bowls early on, their confidence grew, improvements were clear and the team spirit never dipped.

When it came to batting the girls showed great intent, running between the wickets and even hitting a few well-struck 4s. Despite their efforts, it wasn't our day on the scoreboard but the real success was seeing the girls embrace a new sport with enthusiasm, resilience and plenty of smiles.



THE GREAT KINGS OF WESSEX BAKE OFF 2026

On Monday 1st June, the winners of the Year 8 Hugh Sexey Bake Off enjoyed a fantastic opportunity to compete against the winners of the Year 8 Fairlands Bake Off in the annual Great Kings of Wessex Bake Off Final.

Pupils were challenged to create and present either a sweet or savoury baked product within a 90-minute time limit. Throughout the competition, they were assessed on a range of criteria, including hygiene and safety, organisation, technical skill, flavour combinations and presentation.

This year's judging panel included professional chef Tyrone Power, whose career has spanned the superyacht industry, independent private chef services and catering aboard some of the world's most prestigious vessels. Tyrone was highly impressed by the pupils' baking abilities and the exceptional standard of their creations. The judges also praised the pupils for being outstanding ambassadors for their schools, highlighting their maturity, positive attitude to learning and professionalism throughout the event.

This bespoke competition was designed to help pupils develop a wide range of valuable skills, including:

- Creativity
- Time management
- Organisation
- Adaptability when working in new environments
- The ability to work effectively under pressure and meet deadlines

Congratulations to all the pupils who took part, with special recognition going to Ava, who was awarded 'Best Skill Level', and Anna, who received the 'Best Presentation' award. Congratulations also to Fairlands, who were crowned the Overall Winners of the competition.

I was immensely proud of all the pupils for their dedication, effort and enthusiasm. It was wonderful to see them embrace the challenge, showcase their talents and thoroughly enjoy this special event.



CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY UPDATE:

CAREERS INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE (CIAG)

Did you know that all young people are entitled to access impartial Careers Information, Advice and Guidance (CIAG)?

CIAG helps pupils explore their interests, strengths, future career aspirations and the education, training or employment pathways available to them. It can support decision-making about subjects, qualifications, further education, apprenticeships and future career opportunities.

Any pupil who would like an individual careers guidance appointment can request one through Mrs Adair, who will arrange an appropriate meeting and, where appropriate, referral to an independent careers adviser.

Parents and carers who feel their child would benefit from additional careers guidance are also encouraged to contact Mrs Adair to discuss available support.

KS3 pupils are welcome to speak with Mrs Adair at any time to discuss their future aspirations, including Key Stage 4 option choices, potential career pathways, and routes into further education, training and employment. Guidance is also available regarding post-16 and post-18 opportunities, helping pupils and families to understand the wide range of academic, technical, vocational and apprenticeship pathways available.

In addition, all Year 8 pupils who will be continuing their education at Kings of Wessex School will receive further careers guidance, post-16 information, advice and support as part of their transition into Key Stage 4. This includes preparation for future education, training, apprenticeships and workplace opportunities, helping pupils make informed choices about their next steps and future aspirations.

Providing access to high-quality careers guidance is an important part of our commitment to ensuring every pupil is prepared for their future and able to make informed decisions about the opportunities available to them.

LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FOR SOMERSET AND NORTH SOMERSET

Understanding Labour Market Information (LMI)

Labour Market Information (LMI) is information about jobs, careers, employers, skills and training opportunities in the local and national economy. It helps young people and their families understand which industries are growing, what skills employers are looking for, and the different routes into future careers.

Talking about careers early does not mean asking children to decide what they want to do for the rest of their lives. Instead, it helps them make informed choices about subjects, interests, hobbies and experiences that may open doors in the future. Research shows that regular conversations about careers can help raise aspirations, challenge stereotypes and improve young people's understanding of the opportunities available to them.

Recent Labour Market Information for Somerset and North Somerset highlights several important trends. The largest employment sectors locally include health and care, manufacturing, hospitality, retail and business support services. Employers continue to place a high value on transferable skills such as communication, customer service, leadership and attention to detail. There is also growing demand in emerging sectors including clean energy, aerospace and advanced engineering, and digital and data industries.

The region recorded more than 33,000 jobs advertised online during the past year, with major recruiters including the NHS, local authorities, colleges and universities. Apprenticeships remain a strong pathway into employment, particularly within health and care, business administration, engineering, manufacturing and construction.

Parents and carers can support their child's career development simply by talking about the world of work, discussing interests and strengths, and encouraging curiosity about different career pathways.

We have included the latest Somerset and North Somerset Labour Market Information poster [here](#). Why not take five minutes to look through it together and discuss which industries are growing, what skills employers value most and which careers might interest your child? These small conversations can have a big impact on helping young people understand the opportunities available to them in the future.

If you would like to find out more about local Labour Market Information or careers guidance available through the school, please contact Mrs Adair.

CAREER CHALLENGE DAY SPEAKERS - WE ARE STILL LOOKING FOR PARENTS/CARERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO KS3

Our annual Careers Challenge Day returns on Friday 26 June — a dynamic, off-timetable event designed to inspire pupils and prepare them for life beyond school.

Across the day, every year group will take part in a carousel of engaging workshops and activities focused on employability skills, future pathways, and the wide range of opportunities available to them.

A highlight of the day is our KS3 Guest Speaker Panel, where pupils hear first-hand from professionals across a variety of industries. We are inviting parents, carers, and members of our community to take part and share their career journeys. If you're interested, please complete the Microsoft Form: [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 supported with a simple PowerPoint template to help with preparation.

These sessions are consistently one of the most inspiring parts of the day, helping pupils connect what they learn in school to the real world. We would love to hear from you if you feel you could contribute.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Y5 BRISTOL ZOO TRIP

Year 5 had brilliant trips to Bristol Zoo Project this week, despite the weather! We enjoyed meeting the meerkats and lemurs; compared how many children weighed the same as a brown bear; and learned about animal classification, poaching and conservation at our workshop. Our favourite animals were the giraffes (we even saw them fighting), cheetahs and gorillas (especially when they greeted us by banging on the glass).

'We found out really interesting facts about the animals - the staff were so knowledgeable. You should definitely go!'



WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE

Oscar in Y8 has been selected to be part of the Somerset contingent attending the world scout jamboree, a gathering of around 40,000 scouts from around the world, in Poland next year. As well as training camps to prepare, he also needs to raise £3600, some of which goes to help fund scouts from less wealthy nations.

He is planning a sunset to sunrise walk along the Mendip Way on the Summer Solstice, starting at 10pm and finishing at Crook Peak at sunrise around 5am. He would be grateful for any sponsorship and has a fundraising page [My 2027 World Scout Jamboree](#)



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

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME WB 8TH JUNE 2026



How can we protect the oceans?



Dear God,
Thank You for the vast and beautiful oceans.
Teach us to listen to our planet and take action against pollution.
Help us remember that our choices can keep Your world clean and safe.
Amen

In the news this week.....

8th June is World Oceans Day, a time when people around the world think about how to care for seas, oceans and the creatures living in them. Dutch inventor, Boyan Slat, first became worried about ocean pollution as a teenager after seeing huge amounts of plastic while diving. He created the organisation The Ocean Cleanup, which designs special systems to remove rubbish from oceans and stop more plastic entering rivers and seas.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think oceans are important to people and animals?
- Have you ever seen pollution near a beach, river or park? How did it make you feel?
- What small changes could families make to help protect the oceans?
- Should countries work together more to protect the environment?

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: **Trust & Purity & Cleanliness**

Bible Link: **Psalm 104: 24-26**

British Value and Protected Characteristic: **Rule of Law & Mutual Respect & Tolerance/ Age**

UN Rights of the Child: **#24 Health, Water, Food & Environment**