



WEEKLY UPDATE

CORE VALUE: KOINONIA

SUMMER TERM - ISSUE 7

12TH JUNE 2026

Dear Parents/Carers



Two trips to Birmingham for the Big Bang Science Fair, a Translation Bee, one victorious Somerset Cricket quarter final, year 8 leavers photographs and a French Café for our first schools; it appears the pace of the summer term is hotting up! If only the weather would follow suit, we would be delighted! The boys cricket team progress to the semi-final of the Somerset Cup where they will face Backwell next week – notable performances with the bat from Alfie (39) and George (38) were supported by a range of wicket takers including Ben G and Miles (Y7) the latter with a 3-wicket maiden! Once again, thank you to all our parents/carers who support us with transport for some of these events and tolerating some late pick-ups from school. To echo my comments from last week, it is often these events that create lasting memories for our pupils and do so much to enrich the broader experiences in school that are so important in nurturing well-rounded, confident and compassionate young people.

As we look towards Transition Day - **Weds 1st July**, colleagues have been working hard to finalise class lists for September. It is my hope to write next week with confirmation of Form Tutors for the academic year ahead. For our year eight parents/carers, a reminder that in previous years, transport has not been provided for this day and it is therefore incumbent on families to get year eight pupils to and from Kings of Wessex on this day. I will forward more detailed information as it reaches us in the coming days.

Colleagues and I have had the pleasure this week of conducting interviews for next year's Pupil Leadership Team (PLT) and House Leadership structure. Pupils across the four year groups have applied to join the PLT to support the staff team and I to move the school forward, listening to the views of our pupils to help shape future improvements. Thankyou to all of you who supported the applications at home; it will come as no surprise that the strength of the written applications and verbal contributions at the interview stage were nothing short of exceptional; I have no doubt that the pupils interviewed this week will go onto achieve great things. This was most pupils first experience of an interview situation and the manner in which they conducted themselves, articulating innovative ideas with confidence and poise was outstanding to see. I look forward to writing in due course with the outcomes of the interviews and to celebrate the hard work invested by all who applied.

Whilst some way off, the end of term is moving closer; a reality brought all the more in focus for our year eights this week through the taking of leavers photographs. I encourage everyone to keep a close eye on the calendar to ensure pupils are well prepared for the various residential and day trips that are looming alongside celebration assemblies, sports and leavers events. Details of these will flow through the usual channels, but please do reach out to the School Office with any questions. The end of year is a happy time in school and I look forward to celebrating the effort and achievements with everyone over the coming weeks.

Best wishes,
Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2026

JUNE

- 16th Harry Potter Trip 1
- 16th Y7 Rounders @ Selwood Academy
- 17th Harry Potter Trip 2
- 17th 1st School Athletics Festival
- 18th Y7 French Cafe - Wedmore
- 18th KS3 Sports Day
- 18th KS2 Rounders v Crispin @ HSMS
- 19th Y7 Buddhism Visit - Kelsang Lamchen

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

All running as planned

SPORTS LEADERS DATES

- 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](#)



SCHOOLS CATERING PROVISION

Following a Trust-wide procurement process, Wessex Learning Trust has agreed a new catering contract with Aspens, which will commence on 1st August 2026. As part of this transition, it is essential that Aspens has accurate and up-to-date information about pupils' dietary needs. We therefore ask all parents and carers to please complete the allergen form via the link, [Aspens Allergen Form](#) or via the QR code shown by Friday 26th June.



HSMS SUPERSTARS

MARTIAL ARTS



Bea (5EE) completed her first Brazilian Jiu-jitsu interclub tournament on Sunday. She had some really tough fights but still managed to come second place.

GYMNASTICS



Congratulations to Megan who competed in Honiton at the SouthWest CDC championships. Her trio competed at grade 2 U12's category and they were awarded a gold for their routine to a million dreams by greatest showman.

Megan with her two fellow gymnasts who attend Hans Price performed so well with great execution, they did so well and I know their coach at Splitz in Weston is so proud of them.

KARTING



Joshua in Year 5 has been Karting for 4 years now and recently progressed to the next level InterMax. A larger and faster category.

He has been doing very well so far and achieved another 2nd place recently in a very competitive field of 18. This success has enabled to compete in the above championship this weekend, which he is very excited about.

HSMS FIXTURES

CRICKET

Our Under 13 cricket team progressed into County Cup semifinal. Superb opening partnership from Alfie and George with both scoring 39 & 38, respectively.

Great catch from Harry and a triple wicket maiden over from Miles.



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

BOOKINGS OPEN ON 30th JUNE



Letters to qualifying families will be sent out w/c Monday 15th June

NEXT WEEK IN PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME WB 15TH JUNE 2026



Is technology changing childhood?



In the news this week.....

Filmmaker, Pixar, has shared that the new Toy Story 5 film will explore how children are spending more time using screens and digital technology. In the story, the toys worry that tablets, video games, and other devices are becoming more popular than traditional toys. The film has highlighted conversations about how childhood and play are changing.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What games or toys do you enjoy playing with most at home? Why?
- How much time do you believe people should spend using screens each day?
- What types of play help people use their imagination?
- Can digital technology and traditional toys both be important? In what way?

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

Bible Link: Proverbs 4:23

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty & Mutual Respect & Tolerance/Age

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

Dear God,

Thank You for digital technology and the ways it helps us to learn, discover, and have fun. Help us to keep a healthy balance by remembering to put our devices down, so we can enjoy playing outside, being creative, and spending time with the people we love.

Amen