



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE; TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



WEEKLY UPDATE

SUMMER TERM - ISSUE 8

CORE VALUE: KOINONIA

19TH JUNE 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,



Two London trips to see Harry Potter, a victorious Somerset Cricket semi-final, key stage three sports day, a year four athletics festival led by our sports leaders and several enhanced transition visits for our departing year eights; another busy one! To echo my comments from last week, it is these events that our pupils will remember in years to come and are so important in nurturing well-rounded young people in an environment that stretches beyond the classroom. Thank you again for continually supporting these visits and fixtures that often fall outside of the planned curriculum and often impact your family time; we really appreciate it.

As we look towards Transition Day - Weds 1st July, class lists for September are virtually finalised. We will tell pupils of their new groups early next week and confirm this in writing to yourselves.

For our year eight parents/carers, letters should now have been received (posted directly) from Mr Wiltshire, Headteacher at Kings of Wessex detailing arrangements for both Transition Day and associated Meet the Tutor evening. If you are not in receipt of this communication, I encourage you to reach out to the school office at Kings directly.

Looking ahead to next term, I wanted to bring to your attention three INSET days either side of October half term. School is closed to pupils on the following dates resulting in an extended half-term holiday:

- Friday November 23rd
- Monday November 2nd
- Tuesday November 3rd

The above are working days for teachers but I figured some advanced warning would be beneficial and help families plan accordingly. This change has been reflected across Wessex schools and is intended to provide a more meaningful break between the longer autumn half terms - complete term dates for next year can be found on our website in the usual place.

A reminder that autumn term starts for all pupils at 08:55 on Monday 7th September.

I look forward to welcoming year five and six parents and carers in next week as the Sports Day season continues; given the impending hot weather, please keep your eyes on MCAS in the event we feel the need to postpone either event in the interests of pupil welfare.

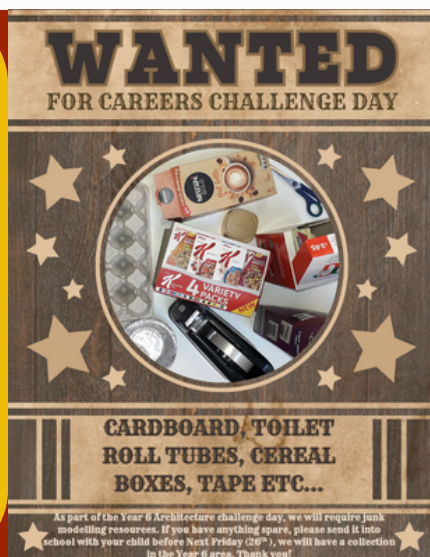
Best wishes for a sunny weekend when it arrives,

Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2026

JUNE

- 22nd KS3 Cricket Cup Final - Kings College
- 23rd BT Careers Workshop @BT Bristol Office
- 23rd Y5 Sports Day - Pupils to wear PE Kit all day
- 23rd Rags 2 Riches Collection
- 24th Yr1 & 2 Multi skills Festival
- 25th Y6 Sports Day - Pupils to wear
- 25th Y7/Y8 Rounders @ Wells Blue
- 26th Challenge Day - Careers
- 29th Y5 - Heidelberg Materials



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Cancelled - Sports Leaders Wednesday 24th June - Unless helping at the festival - pupil have been told.

SPORTS LEADERS DATES

- 23rd - Y5 Sports Day - Selected helpers
- 24th - Y1 & 2 Multiskills Festival - Selected helpers
- 25th - Y6 Sports Day - Selected helpers
- 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

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](#)

HSMS SUPERSTARS

FOOTBALL

Sofia in 5ILH was recently awarded the Supporters Player of the Year trophy at Axbridge Saxon FC for being the most fun to watch! Well done Sofia!



EQUESTRIAN

Juno in 5ILH competed at the KSEC combined training (showjumping and dressage) last weekend.

She was competing in both the 60cm and 70cm groups and came away with multiple rosettes: she was placed 5th in the 70cm showjumping; she was placed 2nd overall in the combined on her pony Noah (70cm); she was placed 1st in the 60cm dressage on George; and finally was placed 1st overall in the combined, on George (60cm). Wow! What an amazing set of results!



YOUNG ARTIST

Martha 5LP was pleased to receive a certificate for her competition entry to Young Artists. She will have her art work published in an Ocean Artists book, and we will receive a copy of the book for school.



SAILING

Thomas participated in a sailing regatta today with his Sea Cadets unit. Him and another cadet won the district title in the Quest open category. This is the age group above Thomas' actual group so we're super proud of him. He will now take part in the national competition in September



CYCLING SAFELY THIS SUMMER

It's great to see so many of our pupils making the most of the sunshine and choosing to cycle to school and around their local communities. Cycling is a fantastic way for young people to build independence, stay active and develop important road awareness skills.

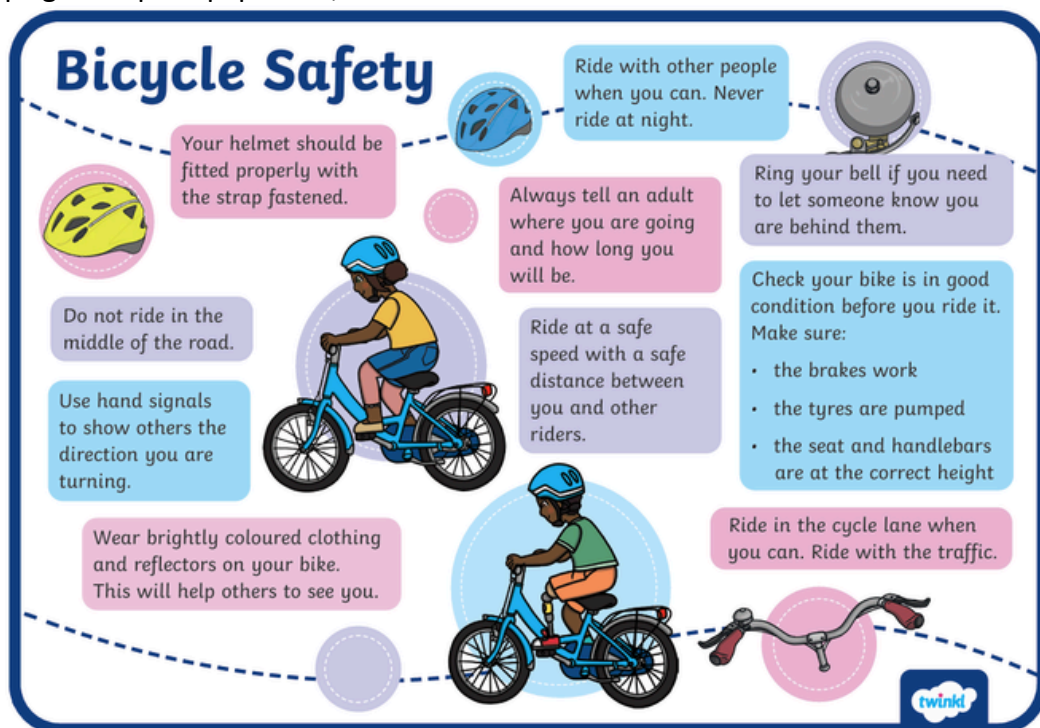
We recently received a report from a member of our local community about a pupil who was cycling in a way that could have put themselves and other road users at risk. Thankfully, no one was hurt, but it serves as a useful reminder for all of us.

We would be grateful if parents and carers could take a few minutes to chat with their children about staying safe on their bikes, particularly when riding on roads, around traffic and near pedestrians. A quick reminder at home can make a real difference.

If you are looking for advice, tips or cycle training opportunities, the Somerset Road Safety Partnership has some excellent resources for families:

<https://somersestroadsafety.org/cyclists/>

Thank you for helping us keep our pupils safe, confident and considerate road users.



SWIMMING

It's been fantastic to see so many people making the most of the swimming pool during lunchtimes. The space has come alive with activity, and it's genuinely uplifting to hear the laughter, splashes, and friendly chatter echoing around the pool.



HSMS FIXTURES

HSMS U13 progress to the County Cup Finals.

With the bat George D (83) and Alfie S (35) were faultless and put on another 100-run opening stand.

With the ball the whole attack bowled really well, and the highlight was Harry B taking two wickets in his over.

A tremendous performance by the lads both on and off the field. The team will now play the final of the County Cup at Kings College Taunton on Monday.



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**.



Somerset Parent Carer Forum
Community Inclusion & Activity Team

Family Fun Day

Saturday 27th June
10am to 2pm

THE MENDIP SCHOOL, PRESTLEIGH,
EDMUND RACK ROAD,
SHEPTON MALLET, BA4 4FZ

FREE
ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

MEET PROVIDERS AND TRY OUT INCLUSIVE
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES
AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN SOMERSET



FOOD STALLS, FACE PAINTING, INFLATABLE
ASSAULT COURSE, SPORTS, LEGO, ARTS &
CRAFTS, ANIMALS, SENSORY
TOYS, BOARD GAMES
AND MUCH MORE!



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 22ND JUNE 2026



How does every person count?



In the news this week.....

India has started one of the world's biggest counting projects, its national census. People across the country will be asked questions about their homes and communities to help build a picture of life in India today. The information collected will help leaders make decisions about services and support for more than 1.4 billion people.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Why do you think governments count people?
- What information might be important to know about a town or place? Why?
- A census counts people using numbers. What are some ways people count that cannot be measured by numbers

Dear God,
Thank You for showing us that everyone matters.
Help us to look after one another in our families, our schools, and our communities. Remind us every day that we are much stronger when we work together.
Please help us to build a safe, fair, and welcoming place where every single person feels happy, included, and valued.
Amen

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week:

Bible Link: Numbers 1:2

British Value and Protected Characteristic: Individual Liberty & Democracy/All protected characteristics (Fair representation)

UN Rights of the Child: #4 Making Rights Real