



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL

TOGETHER WE BELIEVE; TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



WEEKLY UPDATE

SUMMER TERM - ISSUE 9

CORE VALUE: TRUST

26TH JUNE 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,



The final chapter of the cricket season ended in triumphant (and thundery) scenes this week. The boys headed down to Kings College in Taunton for the Somerset final against Holyrood from Chard. George won the toss and elected to field and despite the challenging heat, wickets for Billy, Joseph, Alfie and George, accompanied by an excellent run-out from Miles restricted Holyrood to 148-8 from their 20 overs; no mean feat on an excellent pitch with rather small boundaries! Special mention to Will who continued at Wicket-Keeper despite a nasty collision with Joseph who was desperate to record a caught and bowled; the less said about that the better! Into bat, George and Alfie raced to 41 by the end of the fourth over with some big shots to the boundary from them both. Two quick wickets saw Billy join Alfie, his Lympsham CC team mate at the crease and between boundaries of his own, expertly rotate the strike with Alfie who was seeing it like a football! A flurry of big shots and

successive sixes saw Alfie bring up his half-century in super quick time. Sadly the 14th over saw the players leave the field to the sound of thunder, shortly followed by a deluge...Rain stopped play! According to the DLS count back, the Hugh Sexey boys are crowned champions with superior run rate, almost certain of chasing the required 149 to win with only 14 runs needed from the final 4 overs, wickets in hand. The day and Man of the Match on finals day belonged to Alfie, 88 (not out), a measured and confident performance at the right time for his team. The season as a whole saw some excellent performances with bat and ball from everyone involved; the boys had a blast. It is great to see several year seven players in this side in Ben M, Harry, Ben G, and Miles all very well placed to attempt the defence of their well-earned title next year having said farewell to the senior lads. A huge thanks to Mr Whittaker for his support through a highly successful season and to Mrs Drew and Mr Parry for accompanying the lads to the final.

Having concluded Monday with the elation and a lot of rain, a highly unusual week was to follow. Thanks to you once again for supporting us and the wider Wessex Learning Trust during the period of school closure. It was fantastic to welcome pupils back into school on Friday for Careers Challenge Day, it felt a rather lonely place without them in the middle of the week.

Transition to next year started to feel real for pupils this today as they learned of their new class for next academic year. I very much look forward to welcoming our new year four pupils on Wednesday next week and offering our current pupils an insight into next year in their new classes. I wish our year eight pupils every success as they make their way to Kings to meet their school family.

The rearranged dates for the KS2 Sports Days will be confirmed on Monday and we will communicate the timings with Parents/Carers as soon as possible.

It is with sadness that I write to confirm that Mrs Cameron will be leaving the Hugh Sexey family at the end of this academic year to further her career at Castle School in Taunton. She has brought a wealth of experience and expertise to the Maths and Computing Faculty during her time with us and we wish her every success in the future. Mr Rhys Davies, currently Head of Maths at Exeter Cathedral School replaces Mrs Cameron's teaching commitments and Form Tutor responsibility from September 1st.

Have a great weekend when it arrives.

Matt Drew.

CALENDAR 2026

JUNE

29th Y5 - Heidelberg Materials

29th Y8 Sports Leaders (Selected) - Axbridge Sports Day 1

JULY

1st Whole School WLT Transition Day

2nd Y8 Sports Leaders (Selected) - Axbridge Sports Day 2

3rd Carymoor Visit

3rd Y5 Eco Day

3rd Maths Challenge (KS2 am/KS3 pm)

7th & 8th Y7 Taster Days @ KOW Academy

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

All running as planned

SPORTS LEADERS DATES

29th & 2nd - Axbridge Sports Day - Selected pupils

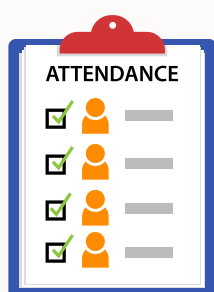
1st July - All

8th July - All (festival)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: EVERY DAY COUNTS

At Hugh Sexey, we are proud of the excellent attendance achieved by the vast majority of our pupils and the enthusiasm they demonstrate towards coming to school each day. Whether in lessons, clubs, trips, sporting events or performances, our pupils gain so much from being present and fully involved in school life.

The Department for Education (DfE) considers 96% attendance or above to be good attendance. Whilst a few days here and there may not seem significant, absences can quickly add up over the course of a school year.



Attendance Days Absent

100%	0 days
98%	4 days
96%	8 days
95%	10 days
90%	19 days
85%	29 days
80%	38 days

By the time attendance falls below 90%, a pupil has missed almost four weeks of learning.

Attendance is about more than academic progress. Every day in school provides opportunities for pupils to build friendships, develop confidence, participate in enrichment activities and experience the wider life of the school. This year alone, Hugh Sexey pupils missed **over 1,000 learning days due to term-time holidays**, representing a significant amount of lost learning and missed opportunities. We therefore ask families, wherever possible, to arrange holidays outside of term time.

We also recognise that attendance is not always straightforward. Some children experience significant anxiety or emotional barriers that make attending school difficult. This is often referred to as **Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)**. For these pupils, attendance challenges are rarely about unwillingness to learn; rather, school attendance can feel overwhelming and distressing.

If you would like to learn more about EBSA and the support available, Somerset Council has produced helpful guidance for families:

[Somerset EBSA Guidance and Support for Families](#)

If you have concerns about your child's attendance or wellbeing, please contact us as early as possible. Whilst we may sometimes need to challenge patterns of absence, our starting point is always to understand the barriers and work alongside families to help children access the education they deserve.

Every day counts, and together we can ensure that all pupils are able to benefit from the learning, friendships and opportunities that school provides.

Mrs Roberta Adair



★ The Space Youth Club — Taster Session! ★

Come along for pizza, games, and a chance to meet our brand-new team.

Share your ideas and help shape the Youth Club you want, your space, your vibe, your say.

Monday 13th July

6.30 – 8.30pm

Ages 8–15

First session FREE

Catholic Church Hall Meeting Room (Back Hall), Tweentown, Cheddar, BS27 3HU

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★ **NEW Snack Shack • NEW Team • NEW Vibe** ★ (Please bring change for snacks)

To help us cater for everyone, please book your free place on Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-space-youth-club-taster-session-tickets-1991702714434?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

This is a one-off free taster session before a summer of planning, creating, and shaping the refreshed Youth Club together.

We'll be back properly in September and we want our young people to be part of building what comes next. We can't wait to meet you





RAGS2RICHES

A huge thankyou to everyone who donated their old clothes to our latest Rags2Riches collection.

We collected 222.9kg and received £55.73 for the school.



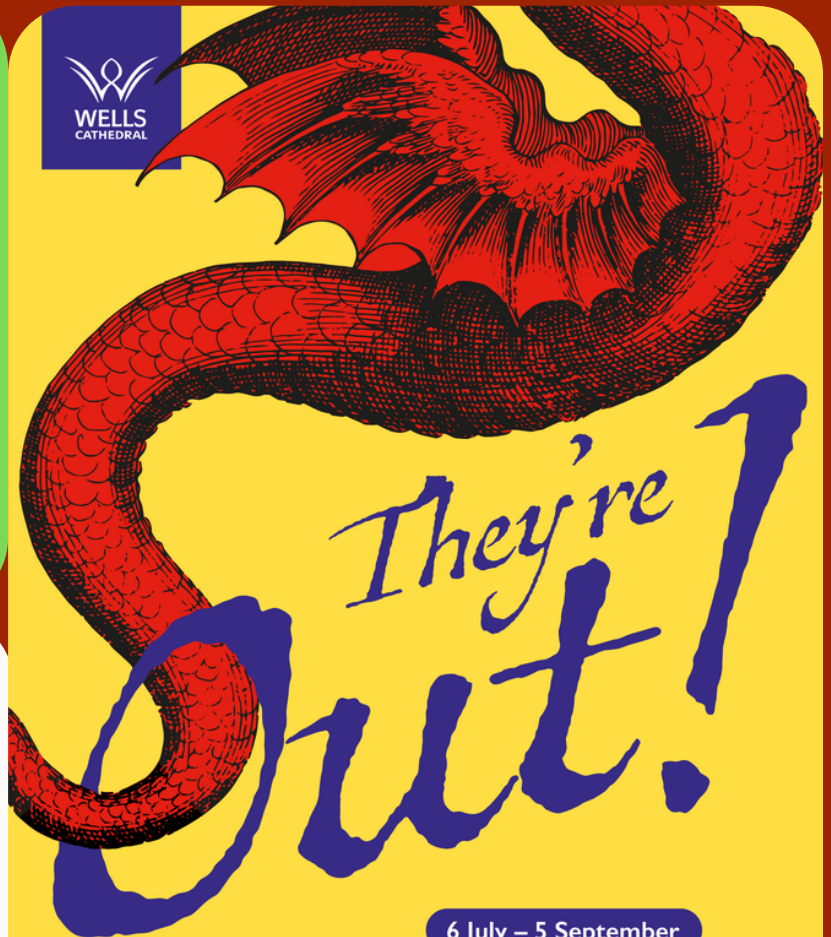
ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON BROMCOM

All 'on the day' absence notifications can be sent in to school via the following

- Bromcom app,
- School absence line **01934 712211** 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



*Mythical
Creatures*
WELLS CATHEDRAL

6 July – 5 September

Mythical creatures have escaped from the books in Wells Cathedral's medieval library – and they need your help!



Fly over to:
wellscathedral.org.uk/creatures

Wells Cathedral is a Registered Charity, No. 1207269

NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME

WB 29TH JUNE 2026



In the news this week.....

Scientists are monitoring a climate trend called El Niño, which begins in the Pacific Ocean and can affect weather in different parts of the world. It can bring heavy rain and flooding to some countries, while others may experience very hot, dry weather. Experts are helping communities understand what might happen in their area so they can be ready, if needed.

Things to talk about at home ...

- What is your favourite type of weather and why?
- Have you or anyone at home ever had to change your plans because of the weather?
- What would you pack if you didn't know whether it would be rainy or sunny?
- Why might some people need to prepare more carefully for certain types of weather?

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Trust and Consent

Bible Link: Numbers 1:2

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

UN Rights of the Child: #6 Life, Survival and Development

Dear God,
Thank You for the changing seasons
and the natural patterns of our world.
Please help us to support people who
are facing extreme weather. Please
guide us to look after the environment,
protect nature, and care for the planet.
Amen