



HUGH SEXEY CHURCH OF ENGLAND MIDDLE SCHOOL
TOGETHER WE BELIEVE; TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE



WEEKLY UPDATE

AUTUMN TERM - ISSUE 1

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

11TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,



What a fantastic first week! The autumn breeze has definitely arrived (along with a few soggy school shoes) but spirits remain high as the pupils settle back into routines, classrooms, and friendships. It's been wonderful to see the school buzzing with energy again. I've been especially proud of pupils so keenly living out our two key school principles: Be Kind. Work Hard. We'll be continuing to remind pupils of the power in these simple words; I really appreciate your support in reinforcing them at home too.

Ringling In

It was a privilege to invite our new year 5 pupils to officially mark their time at Hugh Sexey by ringing the old school bell, recently restored by Matthew Higby & Co. In Collective Worship this week, we reflected on the significance of beginnings, providing us all a chance to reflect, re-shape and reaffirm.

I am genuinely excited to watch as our latest intake embrace the new horizons, opportunities and challenges this most recent new beginning offers them. Watching the growth and development in each and every one of our pupils is what makes this job so fantastic.

Curriculum Evenings

Next week, I look forward to welcoming our Year 6 and Year 7 parents and carers into school for our Curriculum Information Evenings (16th & 17th September in the School Hall). These evenings are a great opportunity to hear about what your children will be learning, meet some of the team, and ask any burning questions you may have. I will publish the presentations to our website for those families who cannot make the date.

Open Evening

We are looking forward to opening school on the evening of Thursday September 24th to prospective families for next academic year. This is particularly important for those wishing to join us in year 5 or year 7 in September 2027; please feel free to spread the word to family and friends. Thanks in advance for your support in allowing current pupils to come and support at this event; it is after all our brilliant pupils that make the school community so positive and they are definitely best placed to meet their future peers and families to share their experiences first hand.

I wish you all a restful weekend when it arrives.

Warm regards, Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2026

14th Under 13's Football V Millfield @ HSMS
16th Y6 Parent Information Evening (5:30pm - 6:30pm)
17th Whole School - Nasal Flu Vaccination
17th Y7 Parent Information Evening (5:30pm - 6:30pm)
22nd KS2 Switch Rugby
22nd Y5 Blackford Church Visit
24th Open Evening
28th - 1st Oct - SATs week (1)
30th Y6 Animals UK

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Sports Clubs will return week commencing **14th September**.
All other clubs and activities will begin week commencing
21st September 2026.

Please keep an eye on the website for updates

[After School Clubs & Activities](#)

Y8 - Invitation to Kings Academy Open Evening



Kings Academy
Believe and Succeed

Kings Academy Open Evening

Wednesday 30 September 2026 between 5.30pm - 7.30pm

Headteacher's Welcome at 5.30pm or 6.15pm
in the Academy Hall.

*There is also an opportunity to tour the Academy
and experience the subjects on offer.*



APPLICATIONS FOR YEAR 9 - SEPT 2027

The online application window for places in Year 9 for September 2026 opens on **Monday 14th September 2026**. To apply for your child's place next phase of education please apply via the link below

[Somerset Council - School Admissions -
https://emsonline.somerset.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en](https://emsonline.somerset.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en)

For further information please follow the link below
[Starting at a secondary or upper school in September 2027](#)
The application window closes on **31st October 2026**



PARENT COMMUNICATIONS

We'd like to kindly remind parents and carers of the best ways to communicate with the school. If you have any questions, concerns, or would simply like to talk something through, the most effective way is to contact the school directly on school@hughsexey.org.uk.

We're always happy to help and are committed to working in partnership with you to support your child's wellbeing and learning.

While platforms such as WhatsApp or social media can be helpful for general parent-to-parent chats, they are not appropriate for discussing sensitive or school related issues.

Messages shared in these forums may not remain private and can easily be circulated more widely.

We respectfully ask all parents to take care when posting or commenting online. Please consider whether the information is accurate, necessary, and in line with the respectful and inclusive values of our school community. In some cases, sharing false or harmful information online can have legal consequences.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain a positive and respectful school environment.

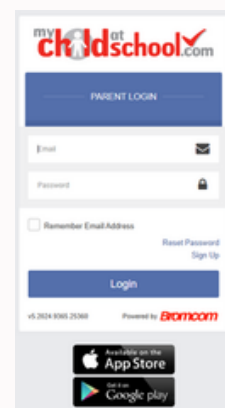
SCHOOL COMMUNICATIONS

To communicate with Parents/Carers we use MCAS (My Child at School), through MCAS you can:

- View attendance
- Report absences
- Access school letters and documents
- Update contact details
- Complete online forms and consent requests
- View reports, behaviour and achievements (where available)

If you need help accessing MCAS or have not received your login details, please contact the school office school@hughsexey.org.uk.

Download the free MyChildAtSchool app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.



ANNUAL FLU VACCINATION

Somerset Saint School Immunisation Team will be attending HSMS on **Thursday 17th September** to administer the annual flu nasal vaccination, to **opt in or opt out**, please follow the link on the letter that was sent out via Bromcom or on the letters page on the HSMS website via the link below

[HSMS-Letters](#)

The form will close on Wednesday 16th September



CROSS COUNTRY

All PE classes will be doing the Cross Country run next week. Games lessons are to run as normal. Please ensure pupils have a suitable change of socks and appropriate footwear for distance running on the fields. We would like all pupils to complete this. Please send pupils in with PE kit. The course can be reduced and runs can become brisk walks if pupils are recovering from illness or injury. We understand there may be some trepidation about this activity. Teaching staff will provide a strategy to ensure the run is a comfortable and fulfilling experience. We hope it will be something the pupils get a great sense of pride from.

JEWELLERY, EARRINGS AND PE SAFETY REMINDER

To help keep all pupils safe during PE and sporting activities, we kindly ask parents and carers to ensure children do not wear jewellery, including earrings, on PE days. Current health and safety guidance advises that all jewellery should be removed before activities, and earrings should not be covered with tape as this does not adequately reduce the risk of injury. Where possible, jewellery should be removed at home before coming to school.

SEPTEMBER

Please ensure your child has the following items ready for the new school year:

- Shin pads
- Gum shield (mouthguard)
- Football/rugby boots

These items are essential for pupils' safety and participation in sporting activities. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Y6 & Y7 INFORMATION EVENINGS

On 16th and 17th of September we are holding 2 separate Curriculum Evenings. This is an opportunity for our Year 6 and Year 7 parents/carers to come into school for one hour and listen to a presentation focused on their specific year group. The presentation will involve SLT and Year Leaders.

Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions and will be given an insight into the year ahead including; statutory testing and pupil support, pastoral care, parent communication expectations (reports/parents evening etc.), behaviour expectations and welfare/safeguarding updates.

You do not need to book in advance, please turn up on the night.

- **Year 6 Wednesday 16th September 2025 5:30pm - 6:30pm**
- **Year 7 Thursday 17th September 2025 5:30pm - 6:30pm**

Parent
Information
Evening

REQUEST: MEDICATION NEEDED IN SCHOOL

We kindly ask parents and carers to provide Calpol, Ibuprofen, or any other medication if your child may need it during the school day. The school does not keep any pain relief on site and cannot supply or administer medication unless it has been brought in by a parent or carer. If your child requires medication, please bring it to the school office in its original packaging,

with your child's name clearly visible.

Thank you for your cooperation and support in keeping our pupils safe and well.



REMINDER: PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL UNIFORM

We kindly ask all parents and carers to ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled with their name.

This includes jumpers, coats, PE kits, shoes, water bottles, and any other belongings brought into school.

Clear name labels help us return lost items quickly and reduce the amount of unclaimed lost property.

Thank you for your support!



FSM ENTITLEMENT 2026/2027

If your child is in Years 5 to 8, they may be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) if you receive certain benefits. Registering for FSM can help reduce family costs and may also provide additional funding to support your child's education through the school.

Your child may be eligible if you receive:

- Universal Credit
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guaranteed Element of Pension Credit

Why apply?

- Eligible children receive a free school meal each school day.
- Schools may receive additional funding to support eligible pupils through the Pupil Premium.
- Eligible families may also be able to access holiday food and activity programmes.

How to apply: Parents and carers can apply online through Somerset Council. Applications are checked against benefit records and eligibility is not usually backdated, so apply as soon as possible.

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/children-families-and-education/school-life/free-school-meals/>

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2026/27 TIMETABLE

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TUESDAY

BRENT KNOLL VILLAGE HALL

4:00 – 4:45pm	Musical Theatre Intermediate
4:45 – 5:30pm	Musical Theatre Advanced
5:30 – 6:00pm	Private Lesson

Build confidence
HAVE FUN • MAKE FRIENDS
ACHIEVE YOUR DREAMS

WEDNESDAY

LYMPHAM SCHOOL
3:30 – 4:30pm After School Club
To attend the after school club, you must attend the school.

AXBRIDGE SCHOOL
3:20 – 4:20pm After School Club
To attend the after school club, you must attend the school.

BLEADON CORONATION HALL

GROUP CLASSES		PRIVATE LESSONS	
4:45 – 5:30pm	Contemporary	5:00 – 5:30pm	Private Lesson
5:30 – 6:00pm	Acro	5:30 – 6:00pm	Private Lesson
6:00 – 6:30pm	Ballet	6:00 – 6:30pm	Private Lesson
6:30 – 7:00pm		6:30 – 7:00pm	Private Lesson

AXBRIDGE TOWN HALL

4:45 – 5:30pm	Musical Theatre Juniors
5:30 – 6:00pm	Tap Juniors
6:00 – 6:45pm	Musical Theatre Seniors
6:45 – 7:15pm	Tap Seniors

THURSDAY

EAST BRENT VILLAGE HALL

DANCE CLASSES

4:45 – 5:30pm	Dance Minis
5:30 – 6:15pm	Dance Juniors
6:15 – 7:00pm	Dance Seniors

SINGING CLASSES

4:45 – 5:30pm	Group Singing
5:30 – 6:00pm	Private Lesson
6:00 – 6:30pm	Private Lesson
6:30 – 7:00pm	Private Lesson

FRIDAY

CHEDDAR CATHOLIC HALL

4:00 – 4:45pm	Street Minis
4:45 – 5:30pm	Contemporary Intermediate
5:30 – 6:15pm	Contemporary Advanced
6:15 – 7:00pm	Street Seniors
7:00 – 7:30pm	Private Lesson

Classes for every age & ability!

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ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS ON MCAS

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
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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 14TH SEPTEMBER 2026



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

UK Prime Minister Andy Burnham has pledged that, by Christmas, everyone sleeping rough in England will be offered a safe place to stay. Accommodation will be found to end the need for sleeping rough. There will also be practical support for any health needs, as part of a £442m investment.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Share your response to the pledge that no one will be sleeping rough this Christmas.
- Can you think of some different ways that people can help others in their local communities?
- Can you share a time when you needed help from others? What help did you need and who helped you?



Invitation prayer

Dear God,
Thank You for the people who care for and support us.
Help us to notice when someone needs our help.
Give us the courage to be kind, caring and compassionate and remind us that even small acts of kindness can make a difference.
Amen.

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: Thankfulness & Gratitude

Bible Link: Matthew 25:25-40

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

UN Rights of the Child: #27 Freedom of Thought and Religion