



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



WEEKLY UPDATE

AUTUMN TERM - ISSUE 3

CORE VALUE: THANKFULNESS

25TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all of our parents and carers who played a part in making this year's Open Evening such a positive and successful occasion. Events like this are a real community effort, and the support of our families, alongside the fantastic contribution of our pupil volunteers is incredibly important in helping us provide our visitors with an authentic experience of our wonderful school. I was immensely proud of our pupils throughout the evening. Whether welcoming visitors, leading tours, supporting faculties, taking part in activities or simply talking openly and enthusiastically about their experiences of school; they were wonderful ambassadors. Their confidence, warmth and pride in their school gave prospective pupils and their families a genuine insight into what it means to be part of our community.

Open Evening is, of course, much more than a single event in the school calendar. For many prospective pupils and their families, it is their first real opportunity to experience our school, meet the people within it and gain a genuine sense of the education, opportunities, support and wider experiences we provide. The warmth of the welcome they receive and the conversations they have with our pupils and wider school community can play a significant part in their decision about where they would like to continue their education.

Thank you to every parent and carer who supported us, and particularly to those who enabled their children to give their time and represent the school. Please also pass on my sincere thanks. Their enthusiasm, maturity and willingness to contribute were outstanding and made a genuine difference to the success of the evening.



Class of 1965

I was reminded of the strength of our community (past and present) this week as I welcomed the class of 1965 back to school. Whilst it was fascinating to learn that the now staff room was once the boy's dormitory and the conference room home to the girl's quarters, it was the sharing of memories about the connections and relationships that were built here that will stay with me; thanks to Edmund Parker for enabling the continued relationship between pupils past and present – I am looking forward to your next visit already!

Friends of Hugh Sexey

We are extremely fortunate to have such a supportive school community, and I am very grateful for the part that you and your children continue to play within it. I am delighted to learn that our current parent / carer community are celebrating the newly formed Friends of Hugh Sexey. There are already grand plans for our first big community event this November; more details to follow in due course but I am genuinely excited at the prospect of opening our doors to the whole community later this term. I hope many of you are able to come and support this (first of many) event.

I hope you all enjoy some quality time with loved ones this weekend.

Matt Drew

CALENDAR 2026

28th - 1st Oct - SATs week (1)
29th Y8 Hockey @ Wells Blue
29th KS2 Mendip Cross Country Event @ Millfield
30th Y6 Animals UK
30th Y8 Watchet Beach Field Trip 1
30th KS2 Aquafest - Burnham on Sea
30th Y4 Boys Football Festival @ HSMS

CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Please keep an eye on the website for updates

[After School Clubs & Activities](#)

School Nursing Team Visit

On Thursday we were pleased to welcome **Hannah** and **Ann-Marie** from the Somerset School Nursing Team to our school.

They delivered sessions with our pupils about healthy lifestyles and looking after their physical and emotional wellbeing, and shared how the School Nursing Team can support them.



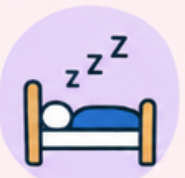
Key topics included:



Personal and oral hygiene and puberty



Getting enough exercise



Healthy sleep routines



Eating a balanced diet and drinking plenty of water



Looking after emotional wellbeing and healthy relationships

How the School Nursing Team can help

The School Nursing Team can support young people with a range of things, for example:

- Feeling worried, stressed or anxious
- Questions about relationships
- Support with healthy eating, sleep and exercise
- Advice about self-care and changes during puberty
- Keeping safe, including support around vaping, online safety and more.

How to get support

If your child would like to speak to the School Nursing Team, they can:



Message us on ChatHealth

- Young people can **text** the School Nursing Team confidentially on ChatHealth.
- This is a secure and confidential messaging service.



Or ask at school

You can also speak to a teacher, Head of Year, SENCO or Pastoral Lead at school and they can refer you to the School Nursing Team.



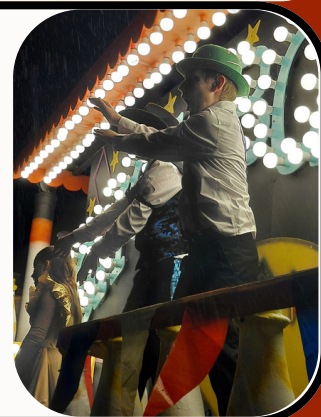
School Nursing Duty line

You can call the School Nursing Duty line on **07480 635 516** (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm).

HSMS SUPERSTARS

CARNIVAL

On Saturday 19th September Harry took part in his first ever carnival with Gorgons Minis at Mere and was nominated by a judge for Juvenile carnival personality.



Y8 - Invitation to Kings Academy Open Evening

Due to ongoing building work at Kings Academy, part of our main car park is currently being used for storage, reducing our available parking spaces.

To accommodate visitors for our Open Evening on Wednesday 30 September 2026, additional parking will be available on the Tennis Courts. Please note that access to this area is via Kings Fitness and Leisure.



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.



Somerset Council



KINGS ACADEMY

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**

DIOCESE ONLINE COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

This week, our pupils joined schools from across the Diocese of Bath and Wells for online collective worship, with more than 7,800 pupils taking part at the same time.

This term's theme was Harvest, giving us an opportunity to think about growth, gratitude and what we are looking forward to as we begin a new school year and move into autumn. Bishop Fiona shared some of the things she is looking forward to this season — including finding the first conker and enjoying a hot chocolate!

Pupils were also asked to think about what helps them to learn and grow. We heard some brilliant answers across the school, including vegetables, education, books and physical activity — and one of our favourites from 6JP: sleep! Well done to everyone for joining in so thoughtfully and for being part of our wider church school community.

Opportunities like this help us to recognise that we are part of something bigger, sharing values, reflection and worship with thousands of pupils across the Diocese.



Careers Information, Advice and Guidance

Mrs Adair – Careers and Employability Lead



Want to find out more about your options after GCSEs? I can help you explore different routes into education, training and work.

I can help you with:



GCSE options and future pathways



Sixth form, college and training routes



Apprenticeships and T Levels



Jobs, careers and the world of work



Finding out what subjects and qualifications you might need



Planning your next steps



Book an appointment

Come and speak to Mrs Adair if you would like careers information, advice and guidance.

EXPLORE YOUR FUTURE

COLLEGE

SIXTH FORM

APPRENTICESHIP

UNIVERSITY

WORK

DIFFERENT ROUTES
BRIGHTER FUTURES

It's never too early to start thinking about your future.



Work Hard • Be Kind



SWITCH RUGBY



Switch Rugby-Girls session

What a fantastic sight as 50 KS3 girls took part in a Switch Rugby training session. The girls embraced the opportunity with enthusiasm, creating an electric atmosphere throughout. With three games running simultaneously, it was brilliant to see everyone getting involved, showing determination, teamwork and a real competitive spirit.

The feedback from staff was overwhelmingly positive, with all the girls demonstrating that they are more than capable of being part of a rugby team. From the smiles and sweat to the willingness to take on contact and challenge themselves, every participant should be proud of their efforts. It was especially inspiring to see some of our normally more reserved students stepping out of their comfort zones and thriving. A pleasure to watch and a fantastic advert for girls' rugby.

Girls' Outdoor Education Challenge

While the boys were taking part in rugby, the girls enjoyed a very different experience through an outdoor education and problem-solving session. Each year group rotated through six team-building and problem-solving stations, working together to overcome a variety of challenges.

It was fascinating to watch the different roles emerge within each group. Some students stepped up confidently to lead, organise and motivate their peers, while others learned valuable lessons in resilience when things did not go to plan straight away. The activities provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop communication, teamwork and leadership skills outside of the traditional sporting environment.

It was particularly pleasing to see new leaders shine through and gain the confidence to guide their teams. The session also gave students the chance to experience a different strand of the PE curriculum and demonstrated that success in PE comes in many forms beyond physical performance. A fantastic afternoon of learning, teamwork and personal development.



Need Help? Talk to Mrs Adair

Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL)

Your
Safety
Matters

Listen
Support
Respect
Keep You Safe

Mrs Adair helps to keep pupils safe in school. If you are worried about yourself or someone else, you can talk to her. She will listen, take your worries seriously and help get the right support.

You can talk to me about:



feeling unsafe
or worried



bullying or
unkind behaviour



problems
at home



friendship
issues



online
worries



mental health or
wellbeing worries



anything that is making you
feel upset, frightened or
uncomfortable

What I will do



listen to you



help you explain what is wrong



take your worry seriously



work out how to help keep you safe



find the right support

If something is worrying you, come and speak to Mrs Adair.

You do not have to deal with worries on your own.

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CATCOTT PRIMARY OCTOBER CAMPS

October 26th to 30th

MONDAY Racket Sports

TUESDAY Tournament Tuesday

WEDNESDAY Nerf Battles

THURSDAY Batting Day

FRIDAY Target Day



Extra Time available -
7.30am to 8.30am and
3.30pm to 5.30pm.



KS2 MEET THE TUTOR EVENINGS

- KS2 Meet The Tutor Evening - Monday 5th October

The booking window for Parents/Carers to book on to the KS2 Meet the Tutor Evening is open until Monday 5th October at 9:00am.

KS3 MEET THE TUTOR EVENING

- KS3 Meet The Tutor Evening - Monday 12th October

The booking window for Parents/Carers Opens on **Monday 28th September** at **7:00pm**

Booking slots are limited so please book early to avoid disappointment.

All bookings are made through the **SchoolCloud** parents Evening Booking System.

Please follow the link

[SchoolCloud Parent Evening Bookings](#) and enter the details that you have registered with the school.

Any problems please email school@hughsexey.org.uk

Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School

Parents' Evening System

Welcome to the Hugh Sexey C of E Middle School parents' evening booking system. Appointments can be booked via a link from the email confirmation - please ensure your email address is correct.

Your Details

Title First Name Surname

Email Confirm Email

Student's Details

First Name Surname Date of Birth



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](tel:01934712211) 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

Creative Club

Wednesdays 1.00 - 1.30 in
Drama
with school chaplain Margaret



NEXT WEEK IN
PICTURE NEWS

HSMS VALUES IN ACTION @ HOME
WB 28TH SEPTEMBER 2026



IN THE NEWS THIS WEEK

The Bayeux Tapestry is a nearly 1,000- year-old very long piece of cloth covered with pictures sewn in colourful thread that tells the story of a very famous event called the Norman Conquest of England. The almost 70-metre-long piece of art has travelled from its usual home in France, to go on display at the British Museum in London. It shows the events leading up to the Battle of Hastings in 1066, and depicts soldiers, horses and ships.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Which stories are important to your family and how have these stories been passed from one person to another?
- Do we have any photographs or objects that tell part of our family's story?
- What do you think we can learn from different types of stories? E.g., written, photos or ones we retell.

Invitation prayer

Dear God,
Thank You for the stories we share.
Help us to have the courage to share our own stories and the kindness to listen to the stories of others.
Guide us to learn from one another and remember that every story matters. Amen.

HSMS Christian Value and Virtue next week: **Thankfulness & Effort**

Bible Link: **Matthew 13:10-11**

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

UN Rights of the Child: **#38 Protection in War**