



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10

Monday 5th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 05.10.26

Goodbye September, hello October!

Autumn is probably my favourite season, not least because I love the vibrancy and change of colour in nature as all the summer greens give way to autumn yellows, browns, reds and golds, but also because it means that Christmas is on the way!

My commute to school takes me past all kinds of scenery, and in particular I look forward to the climb up the hill, out of Maiden Newton and the descent through Winyard's Gap some 10 miles later. 'Mindfulness' is a much-used word, but I never tire of the view as the landscape falls away at this part of my journey, and I value the restorative effect that having time to simply 'see' the fields, hills, clouds and hedgerows has on me.

We all lead busy lives, but let's not forget that we are fortunate enough to live and work in one of the most beautiful parts of the country, and as autumn continues to unfold around us, let's find time and opportunity to acknowledge our surroundings.

Whether or not we have a personal faith that links nature and God we can all rejoice in its beauty and uniquely restorative qualities.

So, stop, breathe deeply and look outside...

**So many shades of gold,
Autumn.
Another miracle we take for granted.
Another expression of the artist's vision.
The blending of the autumn hues
with the setting sun.
Warm. Comforting. Perfect.
Thank you for autumn, Lord.
Amen**

A prayer by Jon Birch, [Prayers for Autumn \(faithandworship.com\)](http://faithandworship.com)

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students – House Points

Years 7, 8 and 11 are all tied at the top, with 4 students in each group taking the podium spaces. As we celebrate our F.A.I.T.H winners with hot chocolate and games this week, it's also worth mentioning that the reward window for "no Behaviour Points" is now open!

Well done to everyone mentioned below – let's see if you'll do enough this week to remain in the top 3!

Week Commencing 28.09.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Arthur Berridge Leo Pearce	Megan Whitehouse	Lily Norton	Poppy Best	Judit Kozari
2	Scarlett Aggus	Neeson Gratton Ebony Osborne	Poppy Spurway	Florence Richardson	Betsy Britton
3	Penny Preece	Sofia Galan-Wilkinson	Evan Lock	Reuben Clarke	Suzi King Oliver Lawrence

Homework at Wadham School

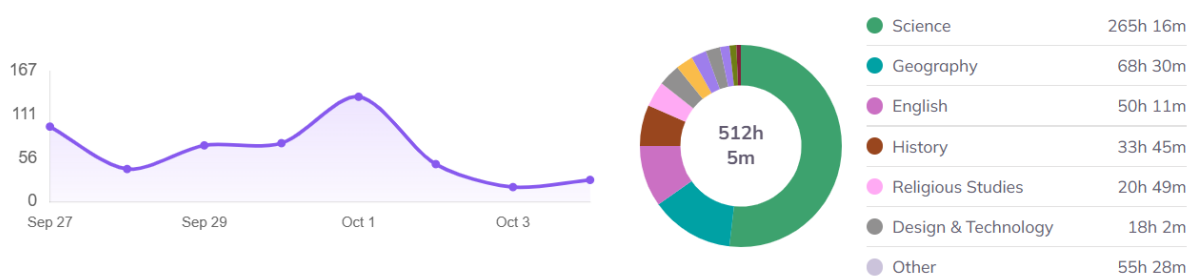
Another superb student performance has kept us clear at the top of the Somerset Seneca League, although for the first time ever, another school has passed the 1,000,000 XP mark!

....Perhaps we'll have some competition after all, then!

School name	XP
  Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset School synced	1,905,220
  King Arthur's School Wincanton, Somerset School synced	1,100,172
  Huish Episcopi Academy LANGPORT, Somerset School synced	665,168

Study time again cleared the 500hr mark last week, with a strong performance from Geography to lead the way in the Humanities subjects.

Study time



Well done to everyone for making sure homework is completed to the required expectation – it really is helping you know more and do more in lessons.

Seneca Champions – Week Commencing 28.09.26

Finally, **well done** to Alfie Charlesworth and Poppy Organ – last week's Seneca Champions!

Top students by study time

1	Alfie Charlesworth	Year 11	6h 1m
2	Katelin White	Year 11	5h 10m
3	Alfie Senior	Year 11	4h 30m
4	Londyn Welch	Year 11	3h 44m
5	Jessica Fifield	Year 11	3h 40m
6	Hope Wood	Year 11	3h 36m
7	Caleb Russell	Year 11	3h 34m
8	Poppy Hyslop	Year 11	3h 23m
9	Joe James	Year 10	3h 11m
10	Rita Baker	Year 11	3h 10m

Top students by average score

1	Poppy Organ	Year 8	100%
2	Florence Richardson	Year 10	100%
3	Wyatt Titterrell	Year 10	100%
4	Kai Winskill	Year 8	100%
5	Maddison Quartley	Year 7	100%
6	Jack Tilley	Year 10	100%
7	Sofia Galan-Wilkinson	Year 8	100%
8	Daniil Lyszyk	Year 11	100%
9	Mwai Gangire	Year 8	100%
10	Jake White	Year 8	100%

Meet the Tutor Evening – Thursday 8th October



A reminder of our first formal opportunity for parents to meet their child's tutor to discuss how well they have settled into their studies this term.

The Evening will take place from 3.30-7.00pm this Thursday, 8th October.

Full details, including how parents can book their appointments, have been published in a separate letter.

We look forward to seeing as many families as possible at this Meet the Tutor Evening.

Uniform Update – Coats not Hoodies!

It's great to see how well students are wearing uniform and adhering to our dress code and I remain grateful to parents and carers for ensuring that students leave home with correct uniform and equipment for the day, or leave with a note explaining what the issue is and how it is going to be addressed.

With summer weather seemingly behind us, please can I remind everyone that hoodies or zippy tops are not permitted as a substitute for an overcoat or jacket.

This week we are monitoring and reminding the small number of students that are wearing hoodies that they need to be removed, and replaced with a school jumper or overcoat if required.

Do please contact the school if there are potential barriers in meeting this expectation.

Richard Burgas 05.10.26



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- Jemma Henwood
- Rebecca Larcombe
- Suzanne Morris

- Children welcome
- Refreshments provided
- Spotlight sessions with other professionals
- Parenting resources
- Signposting and form filling support
- Healthy snacks for all

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