



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 30th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 30.03.26

British Summertime has begun! I always feel a little cheated when I wake up on the Sunday that clocks go forward, but by the end of the day, I always welcome the additional daylight we gain as a result.

For me, it meant an extended walk with our dog across the fields, down by the river. What would normally be a quick 20minute lap around the block before dinner turned into a peaceful stroll where I saw teenagers fishing, a Kingfisher darting from tree to tree along the bank, and everywhere bluebells bursting forth through the undergrowth. A lovely moment to pause and be mindful.

With the Easter holiday fast approaching, it will be business as usual here, except for Rewards Assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday. Given the consistent hard work and positive attitude shown by Wadham Students, these assemblies are no less than they deserve and will be a great opportunity for everyone to pause and reflect on another successful term of learning and development.

Whatever your plans for Easter, on behalf of the staff here at Wadham School I would like to wish our families a positive and peaceful break.

***Heavenly God,
As I travel through this Holy Week,
I open my heart to Your presence and grace.
Help me to reflect on Jesus' selfless sacrifice and the depth of His love.
Teach me to embrace humility, patience, and compassion in my daily life.
Please bring peace and hope to our world.
May this week strengthen my relationship with You and renew my heart.
Lead me through the sorrows of the Easter story to the joy and hope of the resurrection.
Encourage me through the challenges in life, refresh me with all that brings joy and hope.
May I live each day with joy and hope, reflecting your love and the fruit of your spirit.
Amen.***

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

There's 2 weeks of winners to report – and great to see that names continue to change! Well done to everyone appearing on the podiums below, our "Top 3" students across all year groups.

Massive shout out to Year 10 – our overall winners going into this final week of term, with the most students achieving top house points since the 16th March.

Week Commencing 16.03.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Harriet Keene	Ava Davenport	Tyler Ramsey	Freya Killick	Imogen Cremen
2	Cherry Quince-Wade	Toby Date	Olivia Mate	Iris Willy	Ruby Bryant
3	Dylan Tingley	Teddy Pithers	Frankie Ash	Martha Kennedy Judith Kozari	Esme Hallett

Week Commencing 23.03.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Abel Anil	Poppy Spurway	Morris Andrews Olivia Mate	Lily Obern Benjamin York	Ruby Bryant
2	Chloe Masterman	Ava Davenport	Eli Jones	Oliver Lawrence	Esme Hallett Lucy Spooner
3	Evangeline Torrance	Anna Smeeton Jack Wood	Mya-Rose Wilson	Tom Moncur	Esme Gray

Non-Uniform Day – THANK YOU!




On behalf of Crewkerne Fire Station, it's a big THANK YOU to everyone that donated on Friday.

It was great to have a fire engine onsite at lunch, with a steady stream of interested students (and staff!) meeting with the fire crew to learn about the vital work they do for our community.



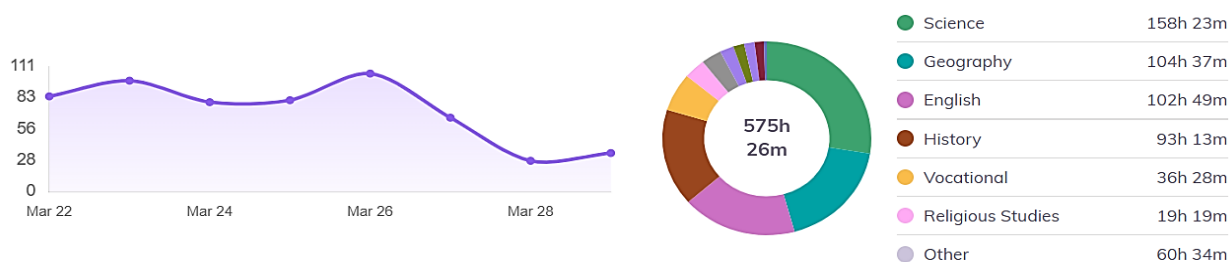
Homework Update

No surprises and no change at the top of the Somerset Leaderboard. Another week where we've smashed through the 2million XP barrier, and looking at the students involved, it's clear to see this is very much an established routine and positive habit!

School name	XP
 Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset School synced	2,306,724
 King Arthur's School Wincanton, Somerset	684,276
 Brymore Academy Bridgwater, Somerset School synced	581,571

Study time last week inched closer to the 600hour mark! Well done everyone, you are absolutely smashing it! 😊

Study time



Finally, a massive WELL DONE to everyone listed below, last week's Seneca Champions! Crowns go to Alfie Senior and Paige Hicks in Years 10 and 8 respectively, and great to see that it's an even split between Key Stages 3 and 4 for 'top students by average score.'

Great work, everyone 😊








Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	Alfie Senior	Year 10	6h 35m	1	Paige Hicks	Year 8	100%
2	Alfie Charlesworth	Year 10	5h 45m	2	Wyatt Titterrell	Year 9	100%
3	Katelin White	Year 10	5h 43m	3	Summer Haines	Year 10	100%
4	Caitlyn Edwards	Year 10	4h 48m	4	Daniil Lyszyk	Year 10	100%
5	Zuzanna Bamburska	Year 11	3h 48m	5	Mwai Gangire	Year 7	100%
6	Eli Crick	Year 11	3h 7m	6	Kian Coombs	Year 7	100%
7	Olly Moseley	Year 11	3h 6m	7	Jack Hansford	Year 10	100%
8	Callum Gates	Year 11	3h 5m	8	Jenny Pitman	Year 10	100%
9	Thomas Baker	Year 11	3h 5m	9	Joshua Waugh-Bacchus	Year 7	100%
10	Jamie While	Year 10	2h 59m	10	Andrei Radulescu	Year 10	100%

Equipment for Learning – The Learning Eight

Tutors have been monitoring students' equipment each morning to ensure that everyone arrives to school prepared and ready to learn. It may seem basic, but this fundamental expectation can have a huge impact on the pace of learning if a student is unable to complete work because they have items missing.

Students were given a mini-white board and board pen at the start of the year. We understand that pens, pencils, etc run out – ***students can replace their empty whiteboard pen free of charge in the Hub.***

All other items can be purchased from the Finance Office.

Pen (Blue or Black)		Ruler	
Pencil		Purple Pen	
Calculator		Knowledge Organiser	
Mini-Whiteboard		Whiteboard Pen	

Crewkerne U16 RFC are the League Champions!

Crewkerne's U16 RFC played their final match of the season yesterday, winning 13-10 over North Dorset to lift the trophy as League Champions!

This is a well-deserved victory, with some of our own being part of this winning team. Well done to:

Alex Guise
Alfie Deakin
Archie Dean

Dan Da Silva
Dylan Kenny
Sam Dawson



Stan Glover



Chard/Yeovil U16 RFC Ladies are League Champions!

The U16 Ladies' team put in a strong performance yesterday at Burnham-on-Sea RFC to secure the Somerset League title, beating Weston Roses 15-3 in the final. We're proud to recognise two of our students, Zara Mapstone and Frankie Rousell, who are both pivotal players for the Yeovil Team.

Frankie has secured a fearsome reputation for being a tough tackling, try scoring flanker and Zara is well-known for controlling the team from flyhalf - moving her side around with great vision.

Both girls also represent Somerset at county level.



Off to a Flying Start!

Year 8 students Poppy Spurway, Pheobe Swain, Olivia Turton and Jack Wood spent an inspiring day at RNAS Yeovilton recently to take part in the Flying Start challenge organised by Leonardo.

They competed against 39 groups from schools across the local area, giving a presentation of their poster and glider as well as taking part in stem challenges, before the main flight was launched in an aircraft hangar.

Team name PPOJ performed exceptionally well, and narrowly missed a podium position, achieving an impressive 4th place overall!

This result secures them a place in the Grand Final, which is a fantastic accomplishment.

We are incredibly proud of their effort, teamwork, and the way they represented the school.



Class of 2026!

Before GCSEs begin after the Easter break, now is the perfect time to take a moment and look at just how far our wonderful Year 11 students have come.

As year groups go, I can honestly say this that particular group really do embody our vision of "Life in all its fullness."

I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to pose for a group photo recently, and on behalf of all staff here, wish Year 11 every success for the summer exams – you've got this!



Parent Governor Vacancy

The Board of Governors for Wadham School currently has vacancies for a Parent Governor. As a mother, father, or carer of a young person attending our school we are grateful that you are considering putting yourself forward for this vital role.

Parent Governor

This is a parent or carer of a pupil(s) attending the school who is elected by the parents/carers to give a parental perspective in discussions and decisions. In addition, it would be expected that Parent Governors bring a range of skills that will help them to contribute effectively to the work of the Board of Governors.

Further information, including how to apply, can be found in the letter on our website here: [Parent Governor Invite Letter 18.03.26](#)

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor for this school, please complete the nomination form in the letter above and return to the Clerk to the Governors, Laura Andrews by 3pm, Friday 3rd April.

Forms can be emailed directly to landrews@awadhamschool.co.uk or posted/hand delivered to the school, F.A.O Mrs Laura Andrews.

Do not hesitate in contacting Laura Andrews should you have any further questions.

Richard Burgas
30.03.26




A welcoming space for parents/carers to connect, share, and find support. Practical advice, signposting, and helpful resources.
All in one friendly drop-in session.


**Every
Wednesday**
9am-11am
INCLUDING
HALF TERM

A NEW community project run by your friendly Parent Family Support Advisors:

- 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

 Be A Good Neighbour - Community Church,
Barn Street, Crewkerne, TA18 8BP

 Keep up to date via our Social Media -
search "The Parent Place"



Scan the QR code to find out more
and register your interest.

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