



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

*"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10*



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 09.06.26**

Welcome to the final term of this year!

It has been a positive start to Term 6 with Year 11 students returning prepared and ready for the remaining GCSE exams. The hybrid timetable has been helpful in giving students (and staff!) directed time to focus on specific exams, as well as identifying days where study at home can be utilised. We're approaching the end now, and looking forward to the formal conclusion of their mainstream education with our Leavers' Assembly and Prom.

There's lots planned over the remaining weeks, with the Rotary Tournament (Engineering), Sports Day and Activities Week being key flagship events.

We're also delighted to be welcoming Year 5 students from schools across the area to Wadham school next week as part of a "Welcome" package to showcase what makes our school such a special place. Of course you'd expect our local primary schools to be involved, but word of mouth has spread further afield, and we're excited to be welcoming schools closer to Yeovil that are keen to learn more about our values and what we do. This bodes well for our future and is very much a testament to the great relationships we have built within our community partnership.

In other news, Year 10 will have a new Head of Year in September. Keith Allington is stepping down to focus on other development areas in school and leaves a big hole to fill – he's been a superb Head of Year, and I would like to thank him for his tireless efforts in fulfilling this role.

Following a rigorous selection process, I'm delighted to announce that Josie Cross has been appointed as the Head of Year 11 from September. Year 10 students were informed in assembly this morning and I'm excited to see how her infectious energy and determination in all things will continue the great work already achieved by Keith, Sarah and the Pastoral Team!

***Heavenly God,***

***Thank you for the gift of community and the communities to which we belong.***

***Thank you for communities that enrich my life,***

***help me to give something back where I can.***

***Thank you for those who build communities through wisdom,  
dignity and respect for all.***

***Amen***

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



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Chair of Governors: Mrs R Hawkes



## Top Performing Students

We have 2 weeks to celebrate, spanning the period either side of the half term break.

Year 10 finished Term 5 in the top spot with the most podium finishes, Well done!

Harry, Emily and Layla being are the final Year 11's to feature on the podium – although still awarded, May half term marks the end of formal reporting for Year 11, given that they are nearly at the end of their time with us.

Well done to everyone for your hard work and achievements!

### Week Commencing 18.05.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Lily Greenham	Joshua Isaac Maggie Singleton	Poppy Best	Rhiley Clarke	Harry Trebble
2	Bella Best Sebastian Glaubitz Chloe Pattenden	Olivia Moncur	Riley Webb	Jayden Norris Caleb Russell	Emily Harwood
3	Maddison Cole	Toren Radford-Hyland	Herbie Brunt Darcie Rich Chloe Woodbury	Leo Isaacs Freya Killick Londyn Welch	Layla-Rose Pike

### Week Commencing 01.06.26

Year 10 remain on top, with Year 7 a close second.







Great to see new names appearing - don't forget that each week is a fresh opportunity to reset and achieve.

Well done to everyone below for your podium places last week!

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Fen Hopkirk Megan Whitehouse	Mason Toop	Luigi Tramontini	Alfie Holt Iris Willy
2	Ted Hartley-Smith	Alice Henly	Ella Priddle	Corey Wadkins
3	Lillie Williams	Daniel A'Court	Annabel Lamb	Luke Pearce Presley Vincent

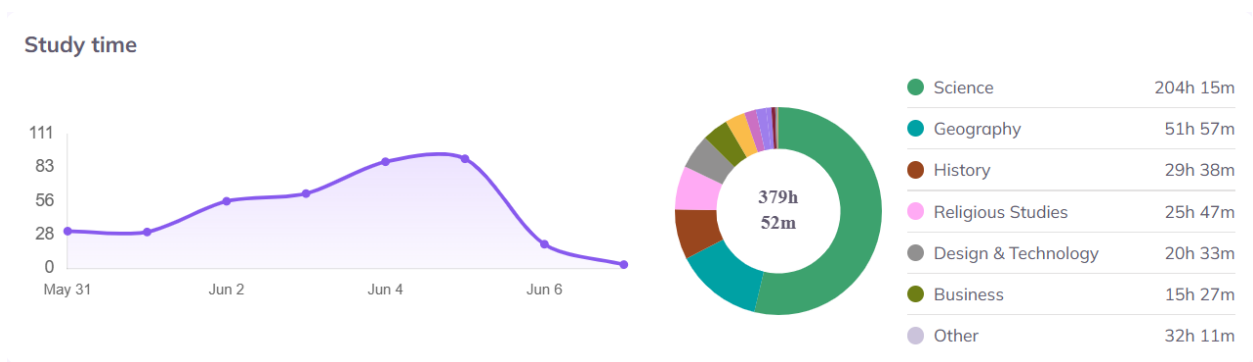
## Homework Update – Week Commencing 01.06.26

Again, no change at the top as we continue to lead the way with Seneca Learning across Somerset. Thank you for your continued effort and commitment in meeting homework expectations.

School name	XP
  <b>Wadham School</b> Crewkerne, Somerset <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 2px 5px;">School synced</span>	1,548,628
  <b>Buckler's Mead School</b> Yeovil, Somerset <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 2px 5px;">School synced</span>	1,137,176
  <b>Brymore Academy</b> Bridgwater, Somerset <span style="float: right; border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 2px 5px;">School synced</span>	454,041

Study time has increased closer towards the 400hr mark, with Year 9 spending the most time online last week with their studies – Well done!

Great to see that homework grids are being followed – Term 6 grids have been published to parents and can be found on our website here: [Wadham School - Homework at Wadham](#)



## Seneca Champions – Week Commencing 01.06.26

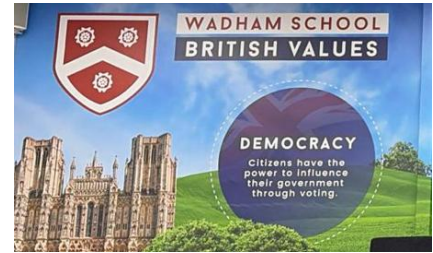
Well done to Katelin White and Sofia Galan-Wilkinson – last week's Seneca Champions!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	Katelin White	Year 10	2h 58m	1	Sofia Galan-Wilkinson	Year 7	100%
2	Ella Priddle	Year 9	2h 31m	2	Jessica Henly	Year 11	100%
3	Elliott George	Year 8	2h 31m	3	Joel Clark	Year 9	100%
4	Joe James	Year 9	2h 28m	4	Eva Finch	Year 8	100%
5	Freya Killick	Year 10	2h 24m	5	Nye Edgar	Year 10	100%
6	Bethany Lee	Year 10	2h 19m	6	Alivia Manley	Year 7	100%
7	Freddie Montague	Year 9	2h 15m	7	Alex Guise	Year 11	100%
8	Jack Charles	Year 9	2h 15m	8	Alfred Deakin	Year 11	100%
9	Henry Maclean	Year 9	2h 14m	9	Nolen Gratton	Year 10	100%
10	Pearl Guppy	Year 9	2h 13m	10	Cooper Austin	Year 11	100%

## Ongoing Site Improvements – Wall Art Phase 2 Completed!

During half term, the Wall Art team returned to add our vinyl designs to 5 further spaces in school:

- English Stairwell (Berry)
- English Stairwell (Powell)
- The Food Hall
- A08 Food Room
- Rear wall in the Hall



This completes Phase 2 of our commitment to improve community and classroom areas with meaningful designs and texts aligned to the ethos, values and culture of our school.

I'm delighted that students have been involved with some of the design process – it's great to see their ideas become reality in the Hall!

Massive thank you to the Crewkerne Education Fund for their generous donation that has made this project a reality. We are very grateful.



## Ongoing Site Improvements – Wadham School Peace Garden

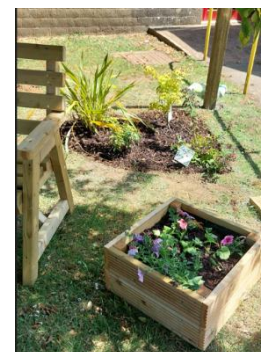


Our PTFA have worked hard to fundraise and deliver a quiet space in school that everyone can use – a peace garden for reflection.

Created in memory of a former student, the PTFA have purchased benches, planters and a range of plants, flowers and shrubs to create a peaceful space under trees, where people can spend time.

Work began over half term, with fencing added this week to create a clearly defined garden area. Plans are in place to add further borders, a water feature and dreamcatchers to the trees, before the garden is officially opened later in the term.

Massive thank you to Hannah, Amy and Liz for making this dream a reality.



## Equipment for Learning – The Learning Eight





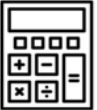



Thank you for checking and preparing school bags ahead of our final term this year.

Having the right equipment 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.

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

## Keep Hydrated – Bring a Water Bottle!

Please can parents ensure that students bring a suitable water-bottle that can be refilled during the day. Water is available in bottle-filling stations around the site and students can access these before school, as well as during break and lunch. We've seen good use of these filling stations and with temperatures looking to rise, students need to be prepared and ensure they stay hydrated.

Richard Burgas  
09.06.26



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9am-11am  
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HALF TERM

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- 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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Barn Street, Crewkerne, TA18 8BP

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