



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

“Life in all its fullness” John 10:10



Monday 13th November 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 13.11.23

The autumn term is typically my favourite as I enjoy watching the shades of nature's palette change from vibrant greens to shining golds, blazing reds and vibrant oranges.

At this time of year the sun rises as I'm driving through Maiden Newton each morning, illuminating the colour-changing woodland and hedgerow, as well as my onward path towards school. It's a moment I look forward to, and the point in my journey where I feel energised and 'ready' for the day ahead.

Mindful focus on the beauty of nature and making time to rest, doing things that enable us to flourish, are essential for healthy, balanced lives. 'We need good cheer and happiness, hope and love.' We need this balance every day. Time for creativity and expression, time to be outdoors and active, time to ask questions, to notice beauty around us, to reflect.

In a world where it seems that the pace of life only ever increases, it's important to stop, breathe and be aware of our surroundings.

As we continue to race through this busy term, perhaps counting down the days to Christmas where already we're thinking about how hectic our plans will be, it's really important to give ourselves time to rest and take heart from the 'beautiful' in our lives.

Dear God

Thank you for the beauty of the world around us, your creation of wonder for us

Thank you for the example of rest, your creation of 'sabbath' peace for us

Thank you for ensuring that, amidst everything, there is always hope and love

Help us to find for ourselves good cheer, happiness, hope and love

Help us to share good cheer, happiness, hope and love with others

Through your example, through faith, through the beauty of creation

Let us feed our souls with love, hope and joy.

Amen

As ever, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

Here's this week's Top 3 across Years 7-11. It's great to see some familiar faces as well as new names. Well done, everyone, for your hard work and commitment!

Week Commencing 06.11.23

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Matilda L	Tom M	Grace S	George F	Marcus W
2	Rita P	Oliver N	Dolson C	Evelyn G Edie P Sophie R	Josh H
3	Riley M	Nolen G	Ruby D Isaac G	Jed B	Alisha C

Wadham School – Acts of Remembrance

Students are to be congratulated for the respectful way in which our community paused for 2 minutes on Friday to reflect on the sacrifice made by the servicemen and women in our armed forces.

Special thanks go to Oli Willmott, Head Prefect for Community Events, who laid the wreath on behalf of Wadham School and read out the roll of honour as part of the town's Remembrance Service.

A wreath was also laid within school at our Crewkerne and Ilminster Memorial Boards.

"They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old. Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."

Meet the Tutor Evening & Careers Fair – Thursday 16th November 4.00-7.00pm

A final reminder that our Meet the Tutor Evening and Careers Fair takes place on Thursday.

A letter detailing the rearranged Meet the Tutor Evening and Careers Fair can be found on our website here: [AF2378AE9F7ACB7AE3A743A26F1EBB49.pdf \(wadhamschool.co.uk\)](#)

Students will have access to the Fair during the school day, and the Fair will remain open until 7pm. The canteen will be open on the night for self-service refreshments, the perfect 'pit-stop' as families move from the tutor appointment to the Careers Fair.

We hope you find both events on the 16th November useful in providing information regarding how well your child has settled into their studies this year, along with some ideas and guidance about possible next steps for their future.

Children in Need!

Non-uniform day Friday, 17th November

The school council and well-being ambassadors are asking all students and staff to raise funds this Friday in support of Children in Need.

As well as non-uniform day, there will be additional fundraising activities at break and lunch, with all donations going to this worthy cause.

Come and be involved in:

- The Bake Sale under the Circus Tent at breacktime
- Karaoke in the Main Hall at lunchtime
- Purchasing your Pudsey Merch from the Well-being Ambassadors!

Thank you in advance for your support.

