



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 8th January, 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 08.01.24

Happy New Year, Everyone!

I hope that you enjoyed a positive and peaceful Christmas break – it always seems to go by so quickly! The new year is always a time of reflection and change – resolutions made (and sometimes broken) where we tend to focus on our health, relationships and position in the wider world with a view to renewing or improving ourselves.

Wadham is no different and this term I am delighted to welcome new staff to the school that bring a wealth of skill and experience to our family:

Nicky Taylor – Head of Art and Photography

Amy Barker – Teacher of MFL

Claire Willis – Trainee DT Teacher

Tom Lee – Learning Support Assistant

Ella Turvey – Learning Support Assistant

Julie Ballinger – Catering Assistant

We know that students and staff will extend a warm welcome to our newest colleagues and we're looking forward to seeing them settle and thrive in our community.

Term started positively last week and students are to be commended for the smart appearance, uniform correctly worn and the purposeful attitude given to learning since their return.

Where uniform is not worn correctly the majority of parents have provided a letter setting out when this can be rectified – thank you for this – we appreciate that a range of pressures and factors beyond your control can be a barrier at times. Skirts and skirt length remain a particular issue we are working to resolve.

A reminder that if families are struggling financially to meet the cost of purchasing correct uniform and equipment, do consider contacting the school as although we do not have a distinct budget, we will do all we can to support.

As you would expect, we will continue to monitor attendance, uniform and behaviour as the new term unfolds and support those to make better choices where needed. Early indications, however, suggest a positive and rewarding term ahead!

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas
Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

Although only a three-day week, that's all students listed below needed to collect House-points placing them in the top three for their year group. We're delighted to see so many students sharing the podium, a good indicator for another rewarding term ahead!

Week Commencing 02.01.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Elyzah B Bethany W	Jasper S	Dolson C Millie T Emily W	Nancy G	Isobel B
2	Rose-Ann C Stanley S	Freya K Lucas L	Ivy H Shi Jie L	George F	Georgia W
3	Matilda L Riley W	Thomas D Milo M Toya P Jack R Eliza S	Josh C Esme G Poppy H Michael M JJ T	Ruth L Henry S	Rees B Kieran F Taylor M Sophia M Ruby S Emre T Riley W

Amendments to our Behaviour Policy

With new routines and expectations now established, we have reviewed our Behaviour Policy and are introducing an amendment from this term to our procedure for managing and resolving truancy from lessons.

A reminder to parents that we have introduced movement time between all lessons and use corridor passes so that students can access toilets during the day. This means that students that do not arrive on time to lessons without valid reason are deemed as truanting (choosing to miss) learning – there simply is no reason to be late.

From this term, students found to be truanting will be placed in their lesson rather than taken to ISR. Although this may cause a little disruption, we have seen a significant reduction in the number of students choosing to truant during the day, such that positive attendance to lessons is now the norm.

Students that choose to truant will still receive an after-school detention (set for the following day) and all other expectations regarding Behaviour for Learning remain unchanged.

We have updated classroom posters and briefed students of this change when they returned last week and are confident that it will have a positive impact on learning and outcomes.

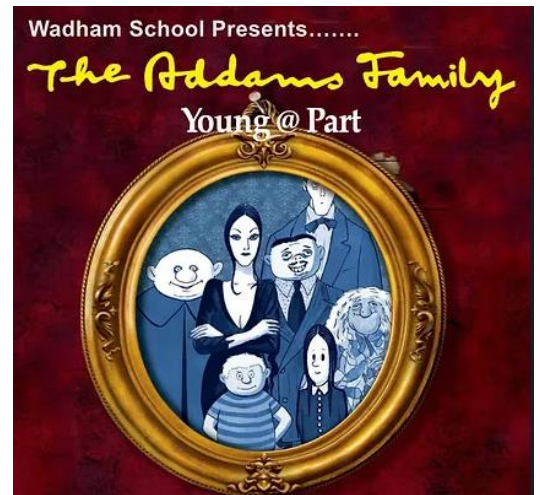
Addams Family Values – Tickets on Sale Now!

Rehearsals continue at pace and we're delighted to announce that tickets are now LIVE and ready for purchase directly from the Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster:

[Home | Warehouse Theatre \(thewarehousetheatre.org.uk\)](http://thewarehousetheatre.org.uk)

Performances take place from 7pm on:
Wednesday 28th February
Thursday 29th February
Friday 1st March

Tickets £8.50 (Concessions £5.50)



Post-Christmas Food Amnesty – Donations for Good Causes



Unopened or unused food and treats from Christmas?

Consider kick-starting your health(ier) 2024 by donating any surplus food to our collection.

We've launched an "Amnesty" with our community from Monday 8th to Friday 19th January where food items can be donated to support local food banks in our community.

Please leave items in Reception and we will pass these on to local charities.

As ever, thank you for your generosity and support.

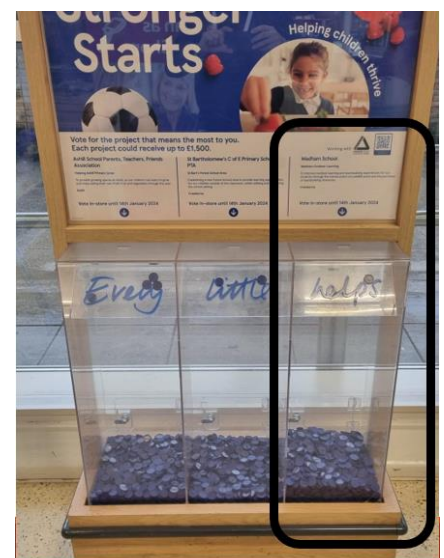
Wadham Science and PE Departments Need YOU!

Calling all Ilminster Tesco shoppers - the PE and Science departments would really appreciate your help!

We are hoping to win up to £1500 of funding from Tesco's in Ilminster. This will be used to further improve the learning experiences for all Wadham students through the creation of a school pond and the purchase of team building equipment.

Please collect the blue coins at the check-out and drop them into the Wadham collection point – it's the one on the right as shown in the picture here!

The appeal has started well, and with your support we're confident we can secure this funding and make further positive changes here at Wadham School – thank you for your help!



Richard Burgas
08.01.24

Tuning in to Teens



A 5 week parenting programme for parents of children 10yrs +

The course can support you to:

- Have better understanding of your teens emotional needs
- Have better communication with your teen.
- Help to prevent problem behaviour and conflict with your teen.
- Have a deeper connection and relationship with your teen.

**This course is FREE and available to any parents/
carers that would like to attend.**

When: January 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, Feb 7th

Where: Wadham School, Crewkerne

Times: 5pm-7:30pm

Refreshments available from 4:45pm

For more information and to book your place please
contact Parent, Family Support Advisors:

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