



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 25th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 25.11.24

We're now 3 weeks into the term and cruising our way towards Christmas!

The unpredictable weather continues to bring a degree of uncertainty, but everyone is to be commended for the calm and sensible way we brought the school to a partial closure last Thursday.

We're now well practiced in this regard and my thanks extend to parents and carers that made the journey to collect their children.

Reflecting on recent developments, I'm reminded of the care and commitment shown by everyone when unforeseen challenges appear, and a collective response is required.

Although never taken for granted, it is fair to say that the absolute strength of our community is that we all pull together when we need to. For example, I am grateful for the helpful comments made between parents on social media in spreading the message once we had taken the decision to close.

Being quick to act is only worthwhile if you are prepared to listen first. I remain grateful of all your feedback, comments and emails in helping me and everyone at Wadham School keep learning and well-being at the heart of what we do.

***Heavenly Father,
Help us, in our everyday, to be swift to listen yet slow to speak.
Strengthen us in our care of others, to be swift to listen,
clear and courageous in our actions.
Let the voices of young people be heard to shape their future.
Let the voices of the vulnerable be heard to safeguard their today.
Let me hear those voices and respond with compassion.
Amen***

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

It's a BOGOF result with 2 weeks of results to share!!

Another strong performance across all year groups has given us some changes on the podium, with familiar faces giving way to new entries into this 'House Point Hall of Fame.'

Whether a seasoned pro or relative newbie, it's wonderful to recognise and celebrate your achievements – Well done 😊

Question is, have you done enough to keep your spot when we go again next week?

Week Commencing 04.11.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Sophie Gaines	Logan Fowler	Lola Hart	Ivy Hart Ella Hoskyns	John Williams
2	Evie Webster	Rhona Ash Lillian Thorne	Daisy Well	Darcy Broome	Percy Baker
3	Archie Blunn Connor Bradbury	Alfred Parks	Will McKelvey	Thomas Baker Alex Guise Angel Hearne Eszter Kozari	Marcus King

Week Commencing 11.11.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Phoebe Swain	Olivia Donohue	William McKelvey	Archie Dean Eszter Kozari Lucy Spooner Charlie Upshall	Zena Williamson
2	Cody Adams	Oscar Blunn	Lola Hart Alfie Windsor	Darcy Broome	Savannah Obern Elliott Tuck
3	Harvey Brister	Max Wallbridge	Caitlyn Edwards	Ruby Bryant Isabelle Wilkins	Grace Prouse

Independent Learning Update – Sparx!

Well done to the following students who achieved the highest reading points last week for Sparx Reader:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1 st	Olivia Moncur	Isabelle-May Royle	Daisy Wells
2 nd	Lily Norton	Mya-Rose Wilson	Jack Hansford
3 rd	Lydia-Mae Dare	Oscar Sansom	Freya Killick


Well done to the following students who achieved the highest XP points last week for Sparx Maths:

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Vinnie Crossland	Ethan Ash	Zoe Barrett	Lucas Freeman	MJ Jones

Christmas Card Competition 2024 – Deadline Approaching!

A reminder that entries have to be submitted to Mrs Trim in the Art Department by Friday 29th November.

Thank you to those that have done so already – there's still time to get creative and draw/paint/photoshop your way into this competition!



Wadham Christmas Card Competition 2024

Designs must be A5 or A4 in size / format

All designs must have a Christian connection e.g. The nativity story, the birth of Jesus, advent, lighting of the candle, celebrating with your community/family, midnight mass, Christmas carols etc.

All artistic mediums accepted: drawing, painting, collage, photography

The winning design will be used as a whole school public Christmas card.

Deadline for entries Friday 29th November 2024

Hand in your entry to Mrs Trim in the Art department on paper or you can submit digitally in a Teams message.

Richard Burgas
25.11.24