



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 20th December 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 20.12.24

It's been absolutely wonderful to see the students' response to the 'cash-in' rewards we've offered this week. From a simple chocolate bar to watching Home Alone with popcorn and friends; the laughter, warmth and kindness we've experienced at the end of such a busy term speak volumes about the quality of our students' character.

Today has been no different – conversations as we shared hot chocolate enabled a 'connection' over the magic of Christmas and the values we all feel are important.

This time of year in particular has a special way of focussing our attention on what matters, allowing us to reflect and take heart from what we're doing well, and where we want to be in the future.

Students today were articulate in word and deed regarding the 'positive social norms' we hold dear at Wadham School.

It has been an absolute pleasure to suspend typical daily life and simply enjoy 'being' with people. I am very grateful for all their love, kindness and support given in making Wadham School such a magical place.

My thanks also extend to you, our parents and carers, for everything that you do to provide safe and loving homes for our children to learn, grow and achieve.

All that's left for me to say is that we look forward to welcoming students back, in full uniform and properly equipped for their learning, on Tuesday 7th January. (Week B)

In the meantime, whatever your plans for the holiday,

May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child.

Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever.

Wishing everyone a positive and peaceful break this Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

We're delighted to share a bumper crop of winners – with results from recent weeks shown below. It's lovely to see a continuation of familiar names alongside some new ones, reminding us all that every week, every day and every moment is an opportunity to do something different.

Well done, everyone, for your continued hard work!

Week Commencing 25.11.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Casper Kennedy	George Vernon	Rhiley Clarke	Esme Gray	Corey Foot John Williams
2	Maggie Singleton Ella Wilkins	Poppy Dennis	Katelin White	Lily Madgin Harry Usher	Elijah Brown
3	Emily Harwood	Sienna Madgin	Caitlyn Edwards Martha Kennedy Elsie Swatridge	Eszter Kozari	Jack Byford Ryan Muxworthy Toby Voss

Week Commencing 02.12.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Archie Blunn Summer Darch Finley Winter	Emma Pitman	Maria Cox	Ruby Duncan	Anna Rowswell
2	Poppy Spurway	Erin Gentle	Rhiley Clarke	William Duncan	Sophie Rance
3	Olivia Moncur	Monica Lawrence	Katelin White	Vincent Brown	Caitlin Elborn

Week Commencing 09.12.24

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Evie Webster	Harry Willmott	Jacob Prouse Katelin White	Ruby-May Norris	Kirsty Rowswell
2	Joshua Isaac	Poppy Green	Nolen Gratton	Jessica Henly	Anna Rowswell
3	Ruby Churches	Logan Fowler	Eliza Sugar	Daniel Bryant	Elijah Brown

Independent Learning Update – Sparx!

Well done to the following students who have achieved the highest reading points so far this year for Sparx Reader:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
1 st	Olivia Moncur	Isabella-May Royle	Daisy Wells
2 nd	Lily Norton	Logan Fowler	Nicole Zondo
3 rd	Isabel Clark	Pearl Guppy	Dylan Bazley

In total, our students have completed **2,407 hours** of careful reading since September in Sparx Reader and a total of **1,196 books** in Sparx Reader have been read.

Well done to the following students who achieved the highest XP points so far this year for Sparx Maths:

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1 st	Anna Langford	Emilio Tribot	Lerryn Brown	Emily Hutchings	MJ Jones
2 nd	Mya Langford	Logan Fowler	Ollie Newbury	Zuzanna Bamburska	Kirsty Rowswell
3 rd	Ayse Ozsevgec	Annabel Lamb	Andrei Radulescu	Olly Moseley	Elijah Brown

In total, our students **have answered 432,123 questions correctly** in Sparx Maths so far this year.

THANK YOU for Reverse Advent 2024



Our Year 11 Prefects were delighted to help Reverend Gray load all of your generous donations into his car so that they can be taken to the Community Church before being distributed to those in need this Christmas Season.

Thank you so much for your kindness and generosity – it's never taken for granted and always very much appreciated.

Xxx Wishing you all a positive and peaceful Christmas Holiday xxX

Christmas Card Competition 2024

Thank you so much to everyone that submitted entries to our annual competition.

It was a bumper year with an increase in both the number of entries, the range of entries across the school and the overall standard of the creative and design work submitted.

We are blessed to have some very talented artists and designers in our school! It's a massive Well Done! to everyone below for the time taken to submit your entry, and for giving the judges the challenging task of shortlisting the top 5 designs, before choosing an overall winner.

Our 2024 entries were created by the following talented individuals:

Freya Killick
Susie Hunt
Bertie Haldane
Joshua Isaac
Evie Webster
Eliza Sugar
Elsie Swatridge
Charlie Jane Norris
Sophie Barrett

Nye Edgar
Elliott George
Emily Salter
Joseph Guppy
Luke Hallesy
Judit Kozari
Ava Davenport
Isabella Aplin
Elsie May Holmes

Emily Harwood
Eszter Kozari
Skye Parsons
Asha England
Lily Norton
Lexi Mae Charles
Ciara Elborn
Harvey Fell
Ollie Taylor

Our Top 5 entries were created by:

Asha England Freya Killick Eszter Kozari Judit Kozari Evie Webster

And our overall winner of the 2024 Christmas Card Competition is.....

....Eszter Kozari, Year 10



Well done Eszter, that's 2 years in a row. Going for the triple next year? 😊

Headteacher Awards – Christmas 2024

It was an absolute delight to see the positive reaction to the Christmas Cash-in events this week and hear the applause and laughter from our rewards assemblies.

The end of term offers a period of reflection and it's right to recognise and celebrate the amazing successes and achievements of our students. As such, I'm delighted to announce the recipients of the Headteacher's Award for their efforts this Autumn Term:

Year	Award Recipient	Reason
Year 7	Jasmine Ham	Having an amazingly positive attitude to school and throwing herself into everything at Wadham School.
Year 8	Evan Pearce	Fantastic attitude to learning. Working really hard and being an excellent role model to everyone at Wadham.
Year 9	Hope Wood	Consistently working hard, abiding by Wadham's core values and showing kindness every day.
Year 10	Georgina Hamm	For constantly being Respectful and Ready in lessons and social times
	Finley Blunn	For constantly being Respectful and Ready in lessons and social times
Year 11	Lucie Singleton	For her conscientiousness across all areas of school life.

Safeguarding Update

Sarah Coombe wrote to families at the start of this week to give a reminder of support and guidance available to help everyone keep safe over the Christmas Break.

A copy of the letter is on our website here: [Safeguarding Update Letter 16.12.24](#)

For further support on a variety of issues regarding wellbeing, please visit the Wadham School website: [Wadham School - Safeguarding @Wadham School](#)

Start of Term Arrangements

Without wanting to wish away any of the Christmas Holiday, the school will be closed from Saturday 21st December to Sunday 5th January.

Staff return on Monday 6th January, which is in INSET day – closed to students.

All students return at the normal time on Tuesday 7th January.

We are returning on a WEEK B, with new timetables being issued!

In the meantime, on behalf of all the staff and Governors at Wadham School, I would like to wish all our families a positive and peaceful Christmas break.

See you in 2025!

Richard Burgas
20.12.24

2024 Christmas Card Competition – Runners Up

Judit Kozari, Year 9

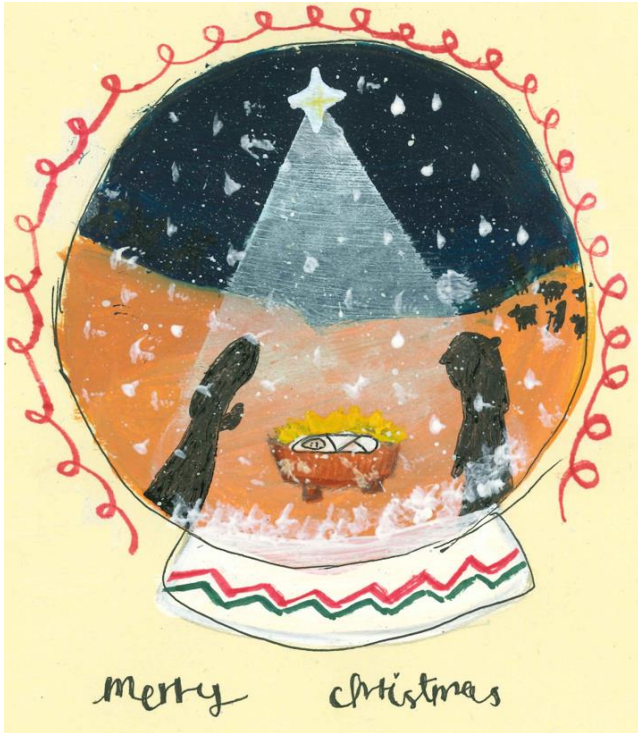


Merry Christmas

Freya Killick, Year 9



Asha England, Year 7



Evie Webster, Year 7

