



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 13th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 13.02.25

Well, that was Term 3!

Six very busy weeks, with an Ofsted inspection thrown in for good measure. I am immensely proud of the way that Wadham students and staff continue to take everything in their stride and embrace the challenges of daily life with such a positive attitude.

In the last week we've continued to complement learning with extra-curricular opportunities such as the "Hidden Room" theatre production and presentations from the 'Active Bystander' company, with workshops to promote ways to keep ourselves safe being delivered to students.

Mr White has also been busy in taking 15 students to Costa to receive their reward as part of the Christmas Cash-In event. A wonderful step outside the normal day (literally), students were superb in their conduct and in coming together with staff to celebrate their achievements.

I'm delighted to share that work is already underway to repeat the Cash-In celebrations at Easter.

Looking ahead to next term, do make sure you've booked your tickets for 'Spamalot!' - with our production once again taking to the stage at the Warehouse Theatre in Ilminster. Full details, including a link to ticket sales are included within this letter.

Finally, with only one more get-up remaining, I'd like to thank students, parents and staff for everything you continue to do in keeping learning and well-being the focus at Wadham School and wish everyone a positive and peaceful half-term break.

Heavenly God

Thank you that we are humans with body, mind and spirit

Thank you that we can experience joy and wonder around us

Thank you that we can show empathy and love to each other

Thank you that we can know inner peace and your peace within ourselves

Thank you that you offer us life in all its fullness.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

Well done to everyone mentioned below for being in the Top 3 for House Points last week.

It's great to see some new names, which is a reminder that every week it's all to play for and anyone can strive to be at the top.

Keep up the great work!

Week Commencing 03.02.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Alfie Adaway	Harley-James Turner	Katelin White	Lily Madgin	Luke Edwards
2	Harriet Lemon Sophie Wicks	Rhona Ash	Gracie-Marie Andrews Andrew Hillier	Eszter Kozari George Tuck	Elliott Tuck
3	Bruno Baker	Ethan Ash Eliza Hodgson	Rhiley Clarke	Daniel Bryant Summer-Louise Greenhill	Sophie Watson

Wadham House System – Consultation

Student Leaders, led by Patrick Cummings (President) are excited to be launching a consultation period next term, with a proposal to update the format of our current House System to better reflect the changes of 'New Wadham' since the restructure in 2022.

This would see an increase from 4 to 6 Houses, reflecting the number of tutor groups we now have and therefore facilitating opportunities for inter-house events and competitions.

As a community school, Patrick and his team are very much seeking the views of students and staff regarding these proposed changes, along with suggestions for themes regarding branding and possible House names going forward.

For example, the existing Houses are named after former teachers, when the school was initially opened in the 1970s.

With so much change having taken place in the world since then, now is an opportune time to consider and shape a more relevant model for our school and the team will be writing with further information when we come back after half term.

Expectation Reminder for Term 4 – Monday 24th February

A reminder that uniform, equipment and behaviour are always monitored, but more so at the start of every term, as we seek to help all students return to school and re-establish their routines for learning as quickly as possible.







We're grateful for your continued support to purchase uniform and equipment, as well as give reminders regarding expectations and our positive social norms, so that together students enjoy the strong start to the term we have all come to expect.

Homework Update

I'm delighted to share the following information from the Seneca Platform regarding students' achievements regarding Homework in the last week.

With a similar XP score to last week, we've been pipped to the post by a small margin but remain on the podium for participating schools across Somerset.

Let's make sure we're back at the top in Term 4 and beyond (I'm sure Year 11 revision will be a key contributor to this!) 😊

School name		XP
  Robert Blake School Bridgwater, Somerset	School synced	575,913
  Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced	567,616
  Huish Episcopi Academy LANGPORT, Somerset	School synced	383,794

Well done to everyone below for making it into the top 10!

A fantastic achievement which I'm sure is really helping you learn more and know more in the classroom 😊

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	Will Todd	Year 11	14h 53min	1	Josie Bulmer	Year 10	100%
2	Sophie Watson	Year 11	13h 43min	2	Lily Madgin	Year 10	100%
3	Darcy Andrews	Year 11	13h 7min	3	Bonnie Cornall	Year 9	100%
4	Laila Briggs	Year 11	12h 45min	4	Chloe Richards	Year 11	100%
5	Sophie Frost	Year 11	12h 25min	5	Lydia-Mae Dare	Year 7	100%
6	Kirsty Rowswell	Year 11	12h 24min	6	Storm Ruiters	Year 9	100%
7	Anna Rowswell	Year 11	12h 23min	7	Mollie-Mae Andrews	Year 7	100%
8	Mollie Barratt	Year 11	12h 19min	8	Finley Carling	Year 10	100%
9	Noah Barratt	Year 11	12h 18min	9	Zuzanna Bamburska	Year 10	100%
10	Vivian Dawkins	Year 11	10h 58min	10	Isabella-May Royle	Year 8	99%

Reminder: Wadham PTFA Fundraising Event 14.02.25



Don't forget that tomorrow will be a **non-uniform day** for students and staff.

Donations will go towards the PTFA's project of creating a quiet, outdoor reflection space within the school.

There's also a Valentine's Hamper to be won – students donating to wear their non-uniform on the day will be entered into the draw.

My thanks to the newly formed PTFA team for their hard work in making this happen!

School Production 2025 – Spamalot Tickets On Sale Now!

The Black Knight beckons!

Will you be braver than Sir Robin and purchase your tickets to our fantastic rendition of a Monty Python classic?

Once again, we've partnered with the Warehouse Theatre in Ilminster to give everyone the authentic experience and are excited to be performing over 3 nights at the start of March.

Full details are on the poster here with a QR code to secure your seats.

See you there!

(PS – no killer rabbits were harmed during the production of this event, but we can tell you that the airspeed velocity of an unladen swallow (European) is roughly 11 meters per second!)

Warehouse Theatre
Brewery Lane, Ilminster, TA19 9DA

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Book & Lyrics by **ERIC IDLE**
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5TH TO 7TH OF MARCH

Doors open at 6:30pm - Performance starts at 7pm
Tickets £9 each (Under 18's £6 each)

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