



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 28.02.25

It's been another positive start to a new term and students once again need to be congratulated for the mature 'can do' approach they have shown since walking back through the gates on Monday to continue with their studies.

Thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support in helping students to be motivated to be here and to learn well.

I have really enjoyed delivering assemblies this week, which have focussed on recognising the 'positive social norms' our community displays in lessons as well as during social times. To have our work to improve outcomes and life chances validated with a positive Ofsted report is really pleasing, and as previously stated I could not be more proud of how we have worked together to make Wadham the school it is today, with clear plans and further green shoots evident for the school we intend to be.

With Year 11 and 13 now on final approach for summer exams, Year 10 settled onto their GCSE courses, and all students aware of the expectations and opportunities we have in place to support their personal development, it's clear to see the impact of our hard work.

Students have been told by me that we are a good school because of the significant change in attitudes and engagement to learning, the support we have in place for those that need it, the strength of relationships within our community, and the collaboration that exists to keep learning and well-being at the heart of what we do.

I have thanked students for the responsibility they have placed upon themselves to be resilient, hard working and kind, and encouraged them to reflect on and celebrate their own contribution in making Wadham such a magical place to be.

Heavenly God

As we enter this time of Lent help me to reflect well

Help me to notice and understand more of my inward self, how I connect, care for and value myself

Help me to notice and understand more of my outward self, how I connect, care for and value others

Help me to notice and appreciate the wonders and mysteries around me

Help me to notice and respond to your gifts of love and grace

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 in the final week before the half term break. A fantastic achievement at the end of another busy term.

Keep up the great work!

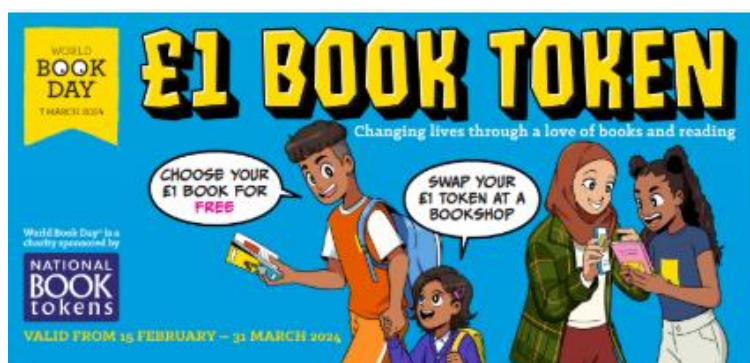
Week Commencing 10.02.25

| | Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
|---|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 | Emily Brocklehurst | Riley Webb | Caitlyn Edwards | Esme Hallett | Emily Bending Luke Edwards |
| 2 | Nancy Platt | Rhona Ash | Daisy Wells | Poppy Hicks Ella Hoskyns | Kirsty Rowswell |
| 3 | Ayse Ozsevgec | James Pearce | Katelin White | Phoebe Brister | Sophie Watson |

World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

I'm delighted to share that book tokens will be shared with KS3 students that enable them to swap the token for a £1 book / audiobook or for a £1 reduction off any full price title.

Full Terms and conditions can be found on the World Book day website [£1/€1.50 Books and Tokens - World Book Day](#)



This offer is open to all children and young people, so if older students would like to take advantage of this opportunity, click the link above to get your tokens!

Homework Update – Process

Many thanks for working with us as we continue to embed a revised system for Homework.

The fact that Sparx Reader and Sparx Maths were already well established has helped students maintain positive habits – meaning completion rates for homework have generally been good.







Where there have been IT issues, you've been quick to contact Mrs Hutter shutter@wadhamschool.co.uk and I'm pleased to say we've managed to resolve nearly everything as a result. Do continue to contact Mrs Hutter directly if you have any further questions regarding Homework.

As explained to students, from Monday 3rd March Homework detentions will be in place for ALL subjects – although we would hope, based on recent experiences, the need for these will not be great.

Homework Update - Achievements

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

We're back on top – with a comfy margin as well – WELL DONE!

| Regional | | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 5 | 1 | |
|--|---------------|------|-------|---------|---------|---|---|---|---------|--|
| | | DAYS | HOURS | MINUTES | SECONDS | | | | | |
| School name | | | | | | | | | XP | |
|   Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset | School synced | | | | | | | | 560,312 | |
|   Preston School Academy Yeovil, Somerset | School synced | | | | | | | | 286,935 | |
|   Brymore Academy Bridgwater, Somerset | School synced | | | | | | | | 284,130 | |







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

Unsurprisingly, Year 11 dominate the "study time" leaderboard, which bodes well for Mock Exams currently taking place.

It's also great to see an increase in Year 10 students making it onto the "average score" leaderboard – well done!

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

However, Year 9.....Where are you? I hope to see some names next week!

| Top students by study time | | | | Top students by average score | | | |
|---|-----------------|---------|-----------|---|--------------------|---------|------|
|  | Anna Rowswell | Year 11 | 14h 11min |  | Lily Madgin | Year 10 | 100% |
|  | Will Todd | Year 11 | 13h 36min |  | Tai Loveless | Year 7 | 100% |
|  | Kirsty Rowswell | Year 11 | 13h 27min |  | Zuzanna Bamburska | Year 10 | 100% |
| 4 | Millie Webster | Year 11 | 11h 40min | 4 | Mollie-Mae Andrews | Year 7 | 100% |
| 5 | Mollie Barratt | Year 11 | 11h 26min | 5 | Isabella-May Royle | Year 8 | 99% |
| 6 | Vivian Dawkins | Year 11 | 11h 13min | 6 | Joy Jeffery | Year 11 | 99% |
| 7 | Noah Barratt | Year 11 | 10h 2min | 7 | Emily Hutchings | Year 10 | 99% |
| 8 | Sophie Frost | Year 11 | 8h 49min | 8 | James Le Lohé | Year 7 | 99% |
| 9 | Sophie Watson | Year 11 | 8h 34min | 9 | Daniel Bryant | Year 10 | 98% |
| 10 | William Marsh | Year 11 | 8h 18min | 10 | Esme Hallett | Year 10 | 98% |

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

Wadham School
Presents...

Young@part
Edition


MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

Book & Lyrics by **ERIC IDLE**
Music by **JOHN DU PREZ & ERIC IDLE**

5TH TO 7TH OF MARCH

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

Online at www.thewarehousetheatre.org.uk
Or from the
Ilminster Home Hardware (cash only)



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