



Wadham School

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"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Monday 7th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 07.07.25

With only two weeks remaining we are very much on the final straight as we dig deep and accelerate to the finish line.

Information in today's newsletter will highlight key events over the next 10 school days, starting with a Personal Development Day tomorrow – students should arrive in PE kit and wear sports shoes.

I'd like to use my letter, though, to highlight our Sports day on Thursday and give reminders to parents regarding the events, expectations, and measures we would encourage students to take in keeping safe in the sunshine.

We continue to monitor weather conditions and although it will be hot on Thursday, we intend to go ahead with all planned activities knowing that:

- Students are expected to bring a sunhat, sunglasses, sunscreen and a water bottle on the day.
- Students should take responsibility to seek shade and sit within directed shaded areas throughout the day.
- Activities have been planned and sequenced to enable cool-down opportunities.
- We have 5 bottle filling stations on site – students will have time to use them throughout the day.
- We have an ice cream van and tuck shop onsite – students should bring change to purchase items, should they wish, and directed time to do this has been planned into the day.
- A designated First Aid Area, staffed throughout the day, is in place.
- Staff supervising will actively monitor the well-being of students.

Sports Day requires everyone to be personally responsible for their wellbeing and mindful of others around them. It is an inclusive event where house points are awarded for taking part – this is something everyone can and is expected to do.

We're looking forward to a day we believe has the perfect balance between pushing athletic abilities and the pursuit of good old-fashioned physical fun.

There really is something for everyone here in school and I hope everyone makes the most of remaining time this year to be involved in the wealth of activities in place.

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

The tables below bring us up to date since earlier in the term. It has been a busy few weeks, with some podium veterans and relative newcomers all jostling for the top spots! Great to see Year 8 edge out as overall winners!

Well done, everyone, for your hard work and achievements 😊

Week Commencing 16.06.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Olivia Turton	Spencer Goward Wyatt Titterrell	Rhiley Clarke Lola hart	Karmel Adaway
2	Vinnie Crossland	Rose-Ann Cosby Alatea Williams	Corey Wadkins	Summer-Louise Greenhill
3	Evan Lock	Liberty Chown Frida Quince Florence Richardson Chloe Woodbury	Shane Morais	Darcy Broome

Week Commencing 23.06.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Lily Norton	Alatea Williams	Katelin White	Eszter Kozari
2	Ella Wilkins	Arabella Lintern	Logan Gregory	Logan Shelley
3	Anna Smeeton	Florence Richardson	Caleb Russell	Charlie Upshall

Week Commencing 30.06.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
1	Jack Lee	Rose-Ann Cosby	Isla Gillard	Esme Hallett
2	Matilda Glaubitz	Bethany Bulmer Lily Hallett	Caitlyn Edwards	Hannah Egré
3	Vinnie Crossland	Alatea Williams	Poppy Baker	Holly Bulmer Jodie Roebuck

Homework Update – End of Year Results!

As you will be aware, our Homework timetable has been completed for the year, and we are not currently setting any further homework work for completion.

This is in response to the amazing efforts of our students to get on board with HW changes earlier in the year and step up to develop resilience and a positive work ethic to working independently.

There may not be any Seneca updates to feedback (we've lost our top spot in the Somerset league table but I know we'll be back up there again from September!), but I am delighted to share with you just how well Wadham students have progressed using Sparx Reader and Sparx Maths.

Great work, everyone – you should feel proud of all the learning achieved outside of school!

Sparx Reader – End of Year Results

This year, students at Wadham School have achieved:

- **33,474,692** words read.
- **5147** hours of careful reading.
- **2,847** books completed.
- **621,318** careful reading checks answered.

Our Star Readers for the Year are:

Student	Year Group
Lily Norton	Year 7
Olivia Moncur	Year 7
Isabella-May Royle	Year 8
Daisy Wells	Year 9
Amy White	Year 9

Sparx Maths – End of Year Results

This year, students at Wadham School have achieved:

- **1,032,462** questions correctly answered.
- **8,928** hours of personalised maths practice.
- **92,097** misconceptions and knowledge gaps addressed through videos watched.

Our Star Mathematicians for the Year are:

Student	Year Group
Ayse Ozsevgec	Year 7
Emilio Tribot	Year 8
Jayden Norris	Year 9
Emily Hutchings	Year 10
MJ Jones	Year 11

Crewkerne Community Breakfast – Tuesday 01.07.25

Community leaders met at Wadham last week to discuss and consider how they, and other organisations, could combine efforts to resource and meet local needs.

The whole project is being supported by the local authority through the 'Area Connect Champion' - someone who helps networks grow and helps funding streams align to meet desired outcomes.

Last week, colleagues discussed how we can develop project work in 3 key areas:

1. Creating a Directory of Support for Families
2. Early Years Support for Families
3. Youth Support in the Crewkerne Area

We meet again in the Autumn term to move this project work forward!

Whole School Personal Development Day – Tuesday 08.07.25

A reminder that all students will be involved in a Personal Development Day **tomorrow** and should **arrive to school in PE kit** – there will be no formal lessons taking place.

Instead, we're delighted to welcome a range of professionals who will be delivering Career's talks, as well as giving advice and guidance. There will also be a bespoke Personal Development lesson and PE activity for all year groups.



This is another first for the school and we are confident students will rise to the challenge and make the most of the opportunities presented!

Awards Evening – Wednesday 09.07.05



We are delighted to be hosting our Annual Awards Evening on Wednesday.

Following changes made last year, awards have been expanded to recognise students' achievements across all year groups, with a guest speaker and representatives from our governing body all set to present the silverware!

RSVPs have been received and we're looking forward to meeting recipient's and their guests from 5.30pm where refreshments will be available before the Evening formally starts at 6.00pm.

Well done, everyone, for your achievements this academic year!

Brave the Shave – Target Reached!!



You did it, and with a week to spare!

Huge thanks to everyone that has donated to our 'Brave the Shave' challenge. Your kindness and generosity will go a long way in helping our PFSA create a quiet outdoor space for reflection.

We'll move these plans forward in September, but in the meantime, it does mean Mr Straker-Nesbit and Mr Burgas now have to step up and submit to the clippers!

Given Year 10 students are at Work Experience next week, the PFSA are looking to create a showcase event on Friday so that students and staff can watch. This is likely to take place at lunch, with lucky lottery winners being able to make the first sweep with the clippers!

Winners and final arrangements will be announced very soon!

End of Term Arrangements

Finally, please see below details of arrangements for the final week of term.

Day	Years 7-9	Year 10
Monday 14th	Wadham School Walk and House Sports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE kit and footwear for walking/sports • Bring water bottles, sun hats and sunscreen 	Work Experience
Tuesday 15th	Activities Week (On and Offsite) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Offsite Camps, Visits and Activities • Onsite Enrichment Activities 	
Wednesday 16th		
Thursday 17th		
Friday 18th	Last Day of Term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PE kit and footwear for sports • Rotation of Sport and Celebration Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School ends at 12.15pm • Buses depart at 12.30pm! 	

Students have been briefed regarding these events and activities, and we're excited to be spending time outside of the classroom as we come together to complete the 2024-25 school year!

Arrangements for the start of term in September will be sent out by separate letter.

Richard Burgas
07.07.25