



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 30th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update Letter 30.09.25

My update this week is all about giving thanks to students and staff for making last week's Open Evening a brilliant success!

Over 120 students volunteered to be part of the Evening as 'the face of our school' – and what a great first impression they made. Whether subject ambassadors, tour guides or on hand to help staff throughout the night (thank you Prefects 😊) Wadham students excelled at being the humble, kind, curious, engaging and helpful human beings we know them to be.

Just over 100 families visited the school and feedback was extremely positive. I am delighted to share some of it here:

"Great evening, very informative, kids I spoke with were very enthusiastic, Stevie and Tina gave a great tour."

"How welcoming, polite and enthusiastic the students were on our arrival! They seemed genuinely happy to be there after a whole day at school. Throughout all the classrooms we visited the students were consistently showing a positive attitude. They are a real credit to your school."

It is of course wonderful to receive positive feedback about Wadham students, but for me the real win is how effortless last Thursday was. The pride, high expectations, confidence and culture for learning are already well established, meaning everyone could be themselves and simply share their enjoyment of being part of our community. Thank you, and WELL DONE!

Dear Lord,

Thank you for our community, our school, our church, our households

Thank you for all the great things – help us to encourage, support and share these

Thank you for opportunities to address the not so good, help us to be brave and creative

Building on Christian values help us have a vision for our community, to dream dreams

And to act in ways that will begin to make these our reality.

Fill us with courage and encouragement, inspire us and help us

That we might prayerfully seek and follow your wisdom and leading

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

Another positive week of learning and we're now over the halfway point in the term. It is great to see jostling for the top spaces, as well as new names each week, reminding everyone it really is all to play for!

Well done to Mr Allington, Mrs Barrett and the Year 10 team for again having the most students tied on the podium. That's 2 weeks in a row – but look at Year 8 chasing them, will it be the same next week?

Week Commencing 22.09.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Edward Deakin	Alice Henly	Jake Hardman	Corey Wadkins	Molly Hughes
2	Izzy Foster	Asha England	Ethan Ash Lily Hallett	Poppy Baker Martha Kennedy	Finley Bradley
3	Harriet Keene	Joshua Isaac Zak Rasheed Samuel Swatridge	Alice Trebble	Molly Lafford Oli Lawrence Teegan Marsh	Frankie Rousell

School Production 2026 – GREASE is the WORD!

It's official! Grease is coming to town – the classic tale of High School romance set against the backdrop of 1950s rock-and-roll America.

Whether you're Team Danny or Team Sandy, you know the tunes, and we can't wait to have you sing along with us next March.

Once again, we're delighted to be partnering with the Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster, meaning that all students involved will have an authentic experience of musical theatre production.

Auditions began today, as shown below. What a great start to this year's show!

Sincere thanks to Ms Middleton and Mr Date for launching this today, and for their efforts in the months ahead to direct and produce what we know will be something truly 'electrifying!'

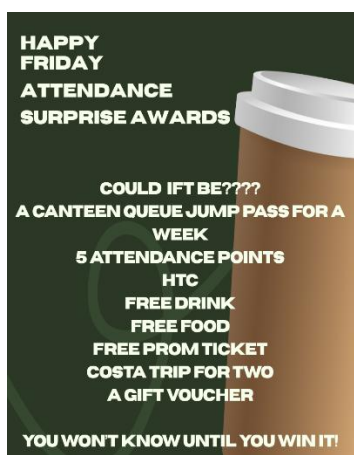


Attendance Matters

Autumn always brings an increase in coughs and colds and we're very much reinforcing the message of "Catch it – Bin it – Kill it" regarding hand hygiene.

We've seen an increase in student absence related to cold and flu symptoms, and although there is no longer a requirement to report cases of Covid, it's likely that the Covid virus continues to do the rounds as well.

At the start of term, assemblies highlighted the importance of good attendance. This is understood nationally to be attendance above 96%.



As part of our attendance strategy, we have introduced a range of rewards, details of which can be found on the attached images.

We're delighted that last week saw the first lucky dip draws, with 5 students pulling out prizes for their positive attendance.

Mrs Coombe will be doing the rounds again at the end of this week and we're hoping as the term unfolds, more and more students will be selected to draw a prize!

