



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Headteacher's Update Letter 16.10.25

There's a definite chill in the air, and leaves are turning through the autumnal yellows, golds and browns – signs that Halloween is on the horizon and winter is not far behind it!

With only two weeks left of this term, everyone is working hard to maintain the quality of education alongside the many extra-curricular trips, activities and opportunities that are equally important.

Some notable highlights include:

- The fantastic response to our Summer 2026 trips to London and Germany, with positive student numbers reflected in the speedy take up of places.
- Working (again) with Camps International to explore whether there is further appetite for international adventure in Summer 2027. Student assemblies and an evening for parents after half term will give anyone interested an opportunity to find out more.
- Partnering with local charities, employers and civic leaders to undertake development work that will benefit local children and their families.
- Careers advice and guidance for 48 Year 10 students visiting Yeovil College last week.
- STEM visit to Numatic in Chard for 20 students in Year 11 earlier this term.
- Looking forward to our KS3 Information Evening, Year 7 Meet the Tutor Evening and Careers Fair on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> November.

Wadham really is a community school, making a difference to the lives of the people in an around it, and for that we remain truly thankful for all that you do in making this work so successful.

### ***Lord God***

***Help us to use seasons and calendar events to promote community and understanding***

***Help us to reflect the fruit of the spirit in all we do***

***Thank you for opportunities to be lights in our communities***

***Reflecting your love and peace***

***Living and telling your story, using seasons and special days with wisdom and courage***

***Amen***

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



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Chair of Governors: Mr C Chapman



## Top Performing Students

We have a new Year Group leading the field! Well done to Year 9, and to the 5 students in this year below that have secured the podium places for House points last week.

I know Mr Jackson and Mrs Martin will be really pleased to see Year 9's hard work and efforts rewarded.

Well done, all, for another successful week of learning!

## Week Commencing 06.10.25








	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>1</b>	Harriet Keene	Zac Rasheed	Ethan Ash	Daniil Lyszyk	Eszter Kozari
<b>2</b>	Oliver Thomson	Joshua Isaac	Rose-Ann Cosby Lillian Thorne Mya-Rose Wilson	Eliza Sugar	Lucy Wood
<b>3</b>	Rory Grieve Mabel Salzer	Cody Adams Maggie Singleton	Olivia Mate	Esme-Rose Perry	Jack Anstey

## Homework Update

Another superb student performance has kept us well clear at the top of the Somerset Seneca League!

Speaking with Headteachers at a local conference last week, our students' efforts have been noticed – I suspect we'll see a rising challenge from the other 2 schools on the podium – great to have some competition!

Well done to everyone for making sure homework is completed to the required expectation – it really is helping you to know more and do more in lessons.

School name	XP 
  Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset <span style="border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 0.8em;">School synced</span>	1,465,996
  Robert Blake School Bridgwater, Somerset <span style="border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 0.8em;">School synced</span>	697,848
  Buckler's Mead School Yeovil, Somerset <span style="border: 1px solid purple; border-radius: 15px; padding: 2px 5px; font-size: 0.8em;">School synced</span>	594,196

## New Books in the Library!

Mrs George is delighted to announce that we've taken delivery of some exciting new books in our library.

With something for everyone, do come along at break and lunch to check out new arrivals, extend your existing loans, or to return and replace your current read.



Always a busy space, it's great to see so many of you enjoy reading, and with our annual Scholastic Book Fair taking place after half term, the library is going to see heavy footfall in the days and weeks ahead!

## Halloween Bake Sale – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October

Students involved in Outdoor Learning have come together to deliver a Halloween-themed bake sale on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October.

With all cakes priced at 50p, and a pumpkin raffle to boot, it's going to be spooktacular!

Students and staff can purchase cake and raffle tickets from under the circus tent at lunchtime on the day.

Many thanks for your support!



## Christmas Craft Fair – Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Save the Date!

Wadham PTFA are delighted to announce a Craft Fair, to be held in school on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, from 10.00-2.00pm.



With tables at just £12 each, it's a great opportunity for local businesses and artisans to come and sell their wares!

Refreshments will be available and we're confident we'll have positive community support for this event.

If you are interested in booking a table/tables, please email Liz Webb, [ewebb@wadhamschool.co.uk](mailto:ewebb@wadhamschool.co.uk) for further information.



## Ilminster Football Club – U14 Girls Team Opportunity!

*On behalf of Ilminster Town Football Club...*

Is your daughter currently in Year 8 or Year 9 and interested in joining a football team?

We are currently on the look out for new players of all abilities to join our U14 Girls' squad.

The team meet and train on a Tuesday evening in Ilminster, and whether it's training or matches you are interested in, we'd love to hear from you!

We love to welcome both old and new faces to our blue family and pride ourselves on a fun and safe environment for our children to grow in.

If you are interested to find out more, please complete the link below and the team Manager will be in touch with further information.

<https://www.ityfc.co.uk/contact/registerintrested/>



## A New Skatepark is Coming to Ilminster!

*On behalf of Ilminster Town Council...*

**A NEW SKATEPARK IS COMING TO ILMINSTER**  
RECREATION GROUND

**& WE'D LIKE YOUR INPUT**

**WHERE** ONLINE  
[maverickskateparks.co.uk/ilminster](https://maverickskateparks.co.uk/ilminster)

**WHEN** FROM NOW UNTIL 1ST DEC 2025

Help shape a new skatepark in Ilminster!

We're working with Maverick Industries to design an exciting new skatepark at the Recreation Ground.

We want to hear from the people who'll be riding it - your views matter.

Tell us what you'd love to see in your local park by filling out our short survey. Your ideas will help guide the first stage of the design. Take the survey and have your say before 1st Dec 2025.

The link to the survey can be found below:

[www.maverickskateparks.co.uk/ilminster](https://www.maverickskateparks.co.uk/ilminster)



The survey does not ask for any personal information, for example names and address, please DO NOT enter this information into the text boxes in questions 10 and 11 as part of your answer.

Richard Burgas  
16.10.25