



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Headteacher's Update Letter 23.10.25

T minus 1 final get-up and counting!

After 8 busy weeks it's fair to say everyone is looking forward to a well-deserved rest! We've worked hard to build on the 'positive social norms' for learning and personal development that have seen significant improvement in academic results, but more importantly, in the happiness and well-being of our community.

Evidence collected from student and staff voice, visits from the Local Authority, visits from our Governors, feedback from Ofsted, as well as the valued informal feedback we receive from parents, carers and visitors to the school all combine to indicate that we're fast becoming the community school of choice within the local area.

With plenty to offer, it's wonderful to see that student interest and participation in our extra-curricular offer continues to increase, reflected in both strong turnout to Year 11 after-school intervention sessions and by the number of students on the field enjoying the varied clubs and fixtures in place. The impact this shift in our culture has had in growing resilience, confidence and a responsibility within ourselves is something we have deliberately worked hard on as part of "New Wadham."

This is because every person has a duty to be part of society.

I am immensely proud of the little-wins, achievements and significant milestones that our Wadham Community has achieved since September, and hope you enjoy reading more about developments this term in the latest edition of 'The Quill' – due to be published imminently!

Whatever your plans for next week, I wish you all a positive and peaceful half-term break.

***The blessing of the quiet earth, upholding you, strengthening you.  
The blessing of the wind that blows, inspiring you, exciting you.  
The blessing of the fire that burns, warming you, refining you.  
The blessing of the water that flows, delighting you, refreshing you.  
The blessing of the God of life, whom we come to know in Christ,  
and who lives in us through the Spirit, be yours this day, and always.  
Amen***

(Richard Sharples)

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



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## Top Performing Students

We have a new Year Group leading the field! Well done to Year 10, and to the 4 students in the table below that have secured the podium places for House points last week.

It's great to see a regular changing of names across all year groups, reminding us that every week is a fresh start and opportunity to see your hard work and achievements recognised.

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

## Week Commencing 13.10.25







	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
<b>1</b>	Fletcher Pitman	Lucy Ellis	Jack Charles	Judit Kozari	Eszter Kozari
<b>2</b>	Harriet Keene	Alice Henly	Bella Veres	Daniil Lyszyk	Sam Dawson
<b>3</b>	Ethan Bartovsky	Asha England	Jake Hardman	Zoe Barrett Bella Storey	Esme Hallett

## Homework Update

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

With 723 active students last week, it's clear that routines for independent learning are well established. 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.

Finally, a reminder that after half term homework detentions will be set for students in Year 7, based on the completion of homework set this week – do check the Homework grid if unsure.

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School name					XP ⓘ
	 Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced			1,297,116
	 Buckler's Mead School Yeovil, Somerset	School synced			543,892
	 King Arthur's School Wincanton, Somerset				501,906

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



Mrs Vowles and the Outdoor Learning Team would like to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone that supported yesterday's bake sale by either donating cakes, or by buying them, along with tickets for the pumpkin raffle.

A positive (and busy!) lunchtime provided a little treat for all involved, and an opportunity to celebrate coming to the end of the term over a piece of cake. Well done!

Winners of the pumpkin raffle are as follows:

- 1st prize = Mrs Guppy
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize = Miss Davidson
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize = Mrs Brown
- 4<sup>th</sup> prize = Mrs Webb
- 5<sup>th</sup> prize = Kai Baker (the only student to win a prize!)
- 6<sup>th</sup> prize = Mrs Coombes
- 7<sup>th</sup> prize = Operations Centre (A syndicate ticket!)

### Christmas Card Competition

With only 62 days and 9 weekends left until Christmas, it's time to launch our annual Christmas Card Competition.

Designs must have a Christian connection and be A4 or A5 in size.

They can be a sketch, painting, collage or created digitally.

The winning design will be used as our official 2025 Greetings Card.

Designs need to be handed to your Art Teacher by 3.00pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November!

We can't wait to see your creations 😊

Richard Burgas  
23.10.25



....We come back on a Week A!