



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 11th November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Headteacher's Update Letter 11.11.25

One week into the new term and there is already much to report!

Last Tuesday and Thursday we welcomed the Rotary Association who were back to put Year 11 through their paces with 2 days of practice interviews.

On Friday, Year 11 Geographers were out all-day completing fieldwork in Bristol and returned just before 3pm full of useful data and lines of enquiry in preparation for their studies.

This morning, Year 7 students, along with representatives from Student Leadership, took part in our Remembrance Service. Poems were read, a wreath laid and the Last Post played to fulfil our act of commemorating the 55 young men from Wadham School that gave their lives in the Great War and in the Second World War. We also spoke about how our annual Remembrance Service commemorates both 'the fallen' and those that continue to serve, and not necessarily just those in the armed forces, and why it is so important that we take time to remember the sacrifices others continue to make to protect the liberties that we enjoy. My sincere thanks to our student leaders, those attending in cadet uniforms and Reverend Stephen Gray from the Crewkerne Community Church for making this morning's service so special.

Today is also the launch of our 4-day Scholastic Book Fair, where once again the library becomes a busy hub of new books, purchases and reading!

This Thursday we have our annual Careers Fair, a Personal Development Drop Down day for all students, and an evening where we'll be meeting parents from Years 7, 8 and 9. And this Friday we'll be fundraising for Children in Need, with a non-uniform day for students and staff, as we have done in recent years.

With plenty going on, it'll be December in a flash and then the countdown really does begin! As ever, thank you for your support.

***God of all nations, we remember those who have fought for peace and justice.
Help us to work together for a world where all can live in harmony.
May we be peacemakers in our communities and beyond.
Amen.***

Yours sincerely,

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Top Performing Students

We have a new Year Group leading the field! Well done to Year 8, and to the 5 students in the table below that have secured the podium places for House points last week. Will you be there next week, though!?!

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







Week Commencing 03.11.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Oliver Hodder	Asha England Edward Parcell	Logan Fowler	Harvey Howard	Evie John
2	Henry Clarke	Ava Davenport Alice Henly	Mya-Rose Wilson	Keira Bentham	Eszter Kozari
3	Stevie Watts	Lucy Ellis	Hollie Difford	Darcie Charlton	Grace Steer

Homework Update

Another superb student performance has kept us well clear at the top of the Somerset Seneca League! As well as our overall XP Points, this week I am sharing details of student engagement and study time, arranged by Year Group.

It's not surprising to see Year 11 at the top of the table regarding average study hours, achieving a whopping 102 hours, against the whole school average of 60 hours. This bodes well for the mock exams, with the added benefit of giving confidence to students in knowing that they have prepared well!

School name	XP
  Wadhams School Crewkerne, Somerset School synced	1,220,484
  Robert Blake School Bridgwater, Somerset School synced	563,697
  Preston School Academy Yeovil, Somerset School synced	556,614

Year groups

Active students	Study time	Average score
Average 129	Average 60h 18min	Average 79%
Year 11 140	Year 11 102h 1min	Year 10 83%
Year 10 132	Year 10 70h 46min	Year 11 81%
Year 7 129	Year 7 53h 53min	Year 7 79%
Year 8 127	Year 8 40h 41min	Year 8 78%
Year 9 116	Year 9 34h 10min	Year 9 77%

Year 11 Mock Interviews

A highlight event for our Year 11 students - their Mock Interviews. We organised these in collaboration with our local Rotary Groups and we invited 27 interviewers into school over two days.

Each student had the opportunity to practise their interview skills before their real college, sixth form and apprenticeship interviews begin shortly.



It was brilliant to see them dressed smartly and be so prepared for this event.

We'd like to say a big thank you to all the volunteer interviewers from rotary groups, local employers, and education establishments for giving up their time.

And a massive well done to all our students for making a great impression and representing Wadham School so proudly.



Wadham Book Fair: 12th – 17th November

The Book Fair is back in the library for the next 4 days!

All Key Stage 3 students will be given the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day, and the fair will be open to all year groups at break and lunch.

The book fair will also be open during the Key Stage 3 Evening, being held this Thursday.

There is also a fantastic opportunity for top Sparx Readers to win a book voucher to spend at the fair.

The top 5 students, on Sparx, from each year group will be entered into a raffle to win a £5 voucher. There are 5 vouchers to be won and points will be calculated on Thursday 13th November.



Children in Need – Non-uniform Day Friday 14th November

It's that time of year again and we're gearing up to raise funds for Children in Need with a non-uniform day this Friday.

For a voluntary £1 donation, students and staff can wear their own clothes during the day – there is no overall theme, or requirement to wear a particular colour, but I suspect the changing weather will dictate choices made.

Warm, comfy clothes are the order of the day!

Many thanks for supporting this important charity.



Christmas Lunch 2025 – Thursday 18th December

Amber and her team will once again be serving Christmas Lunch to students and staff.

This will take place during lunchtime on Thursday 18th December (only 5 weeks away!) and will be the only hot food served on the day.

Everyone, including those in receipt of free school meals, wanting a Christmas Lunch **MUST** order and pay as soon as possible, and before the end of the day on Friday 28th November.

ALL ORDERS TO BE IN BY:
FRIDAY 28th November
CHILDREN & ADULTS!
NO ORDERS AFTER THIS DATE.
PAYMENT NEEDS TO BE MADE WHEN ORDERED PLEASE
ASK FOR ALLERGENES

THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER
MAIN:
ROAST TURKEY
OR
QUORN FILLET
PIGS IN BLANKITS, STUFFING, VEG, ROAST POTATOES & GRAVY
PUDDING:
MINCE PIE FLAPJACK WITH CHOCOLATE TOP
OR
VANILLA FESTIVE CAKE

FREE SCHOOL MEALS ALSO NEED TO PRE ORDER BEFORE THIS DATE PLEASE
GF/DF ALSO AVAILABLE, PLEASE STATE WHEN ORDERING

£3.50 per child,
Adult inc V.A.T. **£4.20**

NO OTHER HOT FOOD AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY, ONLY COLD FOOD WHICH IS NOT PRE ORDER.
THIS WILL BE IN THE NEW SPORTS HALL.

Merry Christmas

Pick Up and Drop Off – Safety Reminder

Please do not come onto the school site if you intend to drop-off or pick-up your child by car. Buses need to be able to enter and leave safely and too many vehicle movements, if parents are coming in or have parked in the coach area, will compromise this. Thank you.

Richard Burgas
11.11.25



Sport In Mind

November 2025

Somerset

We are Sport in Mind - the charity that uses sport and physical activity to improve the lives of people with mental health needs. Our sessions take place every week, throughout the year and are fun, casual drop-in sessions. All equipment is provided and all abilities are very welcome! All we ask is that you fill in a participant form the first time you join a session. To find out more about sessions in your area please visit sportinmind.org or contact our free, confidential phone line: 0300 102 1400

Bath Sessions

Day	Time	Activity	Instructor	Venue
Mon	2-3pm	Yoga	Mark	YMCA Bath, BA1 5LH Entry via Broad Street or Walcot Street

Paused until further notice

Crewkerne Sessions

Day	Time	Activity	Instructor	Venue
Fri	1-2pm	Tai Chi	Robin	Henhayes Centre, South Street Car Park, Crewkerne, Somerset, TA18 8DA

Weston-Super-Mare

Day	Time	Activity	Instructor	Venue
Fri	1-2pm	Football	Andy	Weston super Mare AFC The Optima Stadium, Winterstoke Road BS24 9AA

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Attendee Sign-Up

