



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Re: Headteacher's Update Letter 09.12.25

Despite what the weather may throw at us it's business as usual here in school, with a packed calendar of assessments, lessons, trips, sporting events and rewards to look forward to as we count down the final days of this (long!) Autumn term.

There's no denying that everyone is feeling a little tired. That said, speaking with students and seeing how well they continue to follow routines, rising to the challenge of each day and generally meeting life with a smile and a "can do" attitude does wonders to both the quality of relationships we enjoy, and the quality of learning we can achieve.

Yesterday was a great example of this – Year 11 left in several coaches to visit Bath University and then enjoy some down time together in the city centre. Work and Play – equally balanced at the end of a busy term, giving them an opportunity to learn and consider what the next steps are going to look like for them in the near future.

University isn't for everyone, but a sense of community and togetherness certainly is, and I'm proud that Wadham Students are kind, hard-working and generous people who will make a positive difference to the world around them, wherever they choose to be.

I see and hear examples of these values every day, and it gives me great joy to be part of a community where time is spent developing the 'person' as much as the 'academic.'

### ***Heavenly God***

***Thank you that at this time of Advent***

***we can know today the glad tidings of great joy.***

***Thank you that this joy is to all people,***

***and through your presence we need not fear.***

***Help me, through your gift to us, to notice and to find joy in myself,  
in our world and in you.***

***Help me to know and share in the glad tidings of great joy today.***

***Amen***

As ever, thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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Chair of Governors: Mr C Chapman



## Top Performing Students

Year 9 take the trophy with 5 students sharing the Top 3 podium places – more than any other Year Group last week!

4 months into the year and we still get to see new names added to the table – always a reminder that no matter what happens this week, next week is a fresh start and a new opportunity to shine!

Well done, everyone, for another successful week of learning 😊

## Week Commencing 01.12.25

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Evie Charles	Evan Lock	Alec Proctor	Eliza Sugar	Ruby Bryant
2	Brody Ranson Max Welch	Ayse Ozsevgec	Caitlyn Saunders	Lerryn Brown	Stanley Bristow
3	Anna Whitfield	Jake Barrett	Logan Fowler Ella Priddle Harry Willmott	Samantha Carter	William Duncan Isabelle Wilkins

## Reverse Advent Continues!

One week in, and it's great to hear from families that are squirreling away items for donation.

Whatever you can give will be gratefully received, and is going to be put to good use this Christmas Holiday.







Donation boxes can be brought to the school as soon as they are ready, no later than Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, where they will be stored in the Boardroom (next to Reception) for collection.

Thank you so much for your support.



## 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, ranked according to individual study time and average score.




	 Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced	1,403,672
	 Huish Episcopi Academy LANGPORT, Somerset	School synced	708,154
	 King Arthur's School Wincanton, Somerset		594,078

Well done to Max in Year 11 for moving back up the ranks in the "Study Time" leaderboard and great to see Team Ridewood still have a player topping the table for "Average Score" – great work, Darcie!

### Top students by study time

	Maks Orzechowski	Year 11	8h 58m
	Eli Crick	Year 11	8h 46m
	Alfie Senior	Year 10	8h 42m
4	Summer-Louise Green...	Year 11	8h 33m
5	Thomas Gibson	Year 11	8h 25m
6	Frankie Rousell	Year 11	8h 18m
7	Evie Ridewood	Year 11	8h 12m
8	Casey Westerberg	Year 11	7h 28m
9	Cooper Austin	Year 11	7h 26m
10	Cloda Hyde	Year 11	7h 26m

### Top students by average score

	Darcie Ridewood	Year 7	100%
	Bella Taylor	Year 9	100%
	Lily Madgin	Year 11	100%
4	Evie Ridewood	Year 11	100%
5	Wyatt Titterrell	Year 9	100%
6	Daniel Bryant	Year 11	99%
7	Adom Baah	Year 7	99%
8	Amber Quartley	Year 8	99%
9	Fred Cox	Year 8	99%
10	Harry Bayford	Year 10	99%

## Wadham Carol Service

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.00-7.30pm**

Ms Middleton and Performing Arts Students invite you to join us for an Evening of Christmas carols, seasonal songs and readings.

A relaxed affair, we gather in the Hall to celebrate the story of the Nativity and mark this important time of the year in our Christian calendar.

Everyone is welcome – it's a great opportunity to press pause on our busy lives and enjoy a Christmas experience to get the festivities started!



## Sparx Maths – Top Performing Students




With the end of the Autumn Term approaching, Mrs Richardson and the Maths department are delighted to publish the Top 5 students in each Year Group for Sparx Maths XP so far!

Well done, everyone, on this fantastic achievement 😊






### Year 7

 <b>Yearly Leaderboard</b> This academic year		
	Edwin Lijin Stephen (Edwin the Horizon)	12,135 XP
	Luke Hodnett (Luke the Pathfinder)	11,399 XP
	Amelia-Louise Weymouth (Amelia-Louise the Infinity)	11,123 XP
	Dixie Bradshaw (Dixie the Wonder)	10,679 XP
	Sofia Galan-Wilkinson (Sofia the VIP)	10,666 XP

### Year 8

	Talha Bin Jubair (Talha Bin the Traveler)	24,997 XP
	Aurelio Tribot (Aurelio the Bee's Knees)	11,096 XP
	Ayse Ozsevgec (Ayse the Captain)	10,886 XP
	Eva Finch (Eva the One and only)	9,992 XP
	Elliott George (Elliott the CEO)	9,104 XP

### Year 9

	Emilio Tribot (Emilio the Wordsmith)	11,187 XP
	Logan Fowler (Logan the Wordsmith)	8,252 XP
	Ella Priddle (Ella the Mentor)	6,937 XP
	Oscar Weymouth (Oscar the Orator)	6,607 XP
	Leon Godfrey (Leon the Historian)	6,529 XP

## Year 10

1	Alfie Senior (Alfie the Icon)	10,907 XP
2	Alfie Charlesworth (Alfie the Navigator)	9,869 XP
3	Zoe Barrett (Zoe the Twilight)	9,687 XP
4	Rhiley Clarke (Rhiley the Challenger)	9,008 XP
5	Andrei Radulescu (Andrei the Twilight)	6,778 XP

## Year 11

1	Vincent Brown (Vincent the Aviator)	9,485 XP
2	Lily Madgin (Lily the Legend)	9,083 XP
3	Zuzanna Bamburska (Zuzanna the Specter)	6,241 XP
4	Ruby-May Norris (Ruby-May the Helper)	6,091 XP
5	Faye Dwyer (Faye the Winner)	5,919 XP

### Wadham School Christmas Fair – 06.12.25

The PTFA would like to thank everyone that came in support of our Christmas Fair on Saturday.

Braving the blustery weather, the Fair provided the perfect excuse to come in out of the cold and purchase some Christmas presents, sweet treats and for people to try their luck on the raffle and tombola.



Thanks to your generosity, The PTFA raised £720 on the day, with further raffle ticket sales to staff taking place this week.



It was a great event, and something the PTFA are keen to offer again...



...Easter egg, anyone?



## **End of Term Arrangements**

With only 8 more get-ups remaining, there's a lot still to do to bring this year to a close. Here's a reminder of some of the key events taking place:

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December**

- Christmas Jumper Day: non-uniform for all, with the option to wear a Xmas jumper!

### **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

- Year 11 Mock Results Published (Breaktime)
- Year 11 Reports Published (Emailed home)
- Christmas Cash-in Trip to Exeter – 48 students

### **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

- Christmas Cash-in Gold, Diamond and Platinum Awards events (in school)

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

- Awards Assemblies Years 7-10
- Christmas Lunch
- Christmas Carol Concert 6.00-7.30pm

### **Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December**



- Last Day of term
- Year 11 Rewards Assembly
- Carousel of Reward activities, Christmas Assembly and Tutor Time
- Half Day for students – school ends at 12.10pm

Richard Burgas  
09.12.25



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 **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY** 




**Thursday 11th  
December**



 **Non-Uniform Day**


Wear your favourite **Christmas Jumper!**

 **£1.00 Donation**

All donations will support:

 **Crewkerne Food Bank**

 **FERN Animal Sanctuary**

Let's spread a little kindness this  
Christmas! 


# The Parent Place


A welcoming space for parents/carers to connect, share, and find support. Practical advice, signposting, and helpful resources. All in one friendly drop-in session.

Every Wednesday  
9am-11am  
INCLUDING HALF  
TERM

A NEW community project run by your friendly Parent Family Support Advisors:  
Jemma Henwood  
Rebecca Larcombe  
Suzanne Morris

Children welcome || Refreshments provided || Spotlight sessions with other professionals (Dates TBC) || Parenting resources || Signposting and form filling support || Healthy snacks for all ||

 Be A Good Neighbour - Community Church, Barn Street, Crewkerne. TA18 8BP

 Keep up to date via our Social Media - search 'The Parent Place'

Scan the QR code to find out more and register your interest.



<https://forms.office.com/e/EeZrBvhm7v>

# Reading Advent

Keep track of your reading, how many pages (or books!) can you read during advent	Try the first chapter of a new book	Sign up for (or use!) your library card	Share a book with a friend	Make a festive bookmark!	Revisit your favourite book from when you were younger
Write a book review to recommend a book to someone in your class	Take an extreme reading photograph!	Write your own Christmas cracker joke	Watch a Christmas movie based on a book	Compile a list of books you'd like to read	Make a bookish decoration for your tree!
Take a story for a walk – take turns adding the next part of the plot...	Follow a recipe to cook or bake something together	Read a magazine or news article	Read together over lunch – make a snack and grab something to read!	Donate any books you don't want to read again to your local charity shop or food bank!	Write an acrostic poem using a festive word
Listen to an audiobook or episode of a podcast	Rewrite the lyrics to a Christmas carol or traditional song!	Ask someone for a book recommendation	Take time to relax and read!	Watch an Authors Live broadcast together!	Create a cosy reading den with blankets, pillows and books – hot chocolate optional!