



# Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 12.02.26

Well, that was Term 3!

Six busy weeks, with a Local Authority SIP Visit thrown in for good measure. I am immensely proud of the way that Wadham students and staff continue to take everything in their stride and embrace the challenges of daily life with such a positive attitude.

In this last week we've continued to complement learning with extra-curricular opportunities such as a trip to Taunton Racecourse on Monday, where Wadham School students took part in a Sustainable Futures Conference; a Drama trip to the theatre today for our KS3 and KS4 performers; and the return of the 'Bank of Dreams and Nightmares' workshops, helping students involved become accomplished storytellers and published authors in their own right.

The first Year 7 Core Learning Habits raffle took place on Monday, and was well received by students. With the first wave of prizes awarded, it was back to lessons with chances every hour to gain further raffle tickets. The tutor boxes are filling up again nicely!

Regarding whole school rewards, I am delighted to share that work is already underway to repeat the Cash-in celebrations at Easter.

Looking ahead to next term, do make sure you have booked your tickets for 'Grease' - our production once again taking to the stage at the Warehouse Theatre in Ilminster. Full details, including a link to ticket sales are included within this letter.

Finally, with only one more get-up remaining, I would like to thank students, parents and staff for everything you continue to do in keeping learning and well-being the focus at Wadham School and wish everyone a positive and peaceful half-term break. We come back on a Week B!

### ***Heavenly God***

***Thank you that we are humans with body, mind and spirit***

***Thank you that we can experience joy and wonder around us***

***Thank you that we can show empathy and love to each other***

***Thank you that we can know inner peace and your peace within ourselves***

***Thank you that you offer us life in all its fullness.***

***Amen***

Yours sincerely,

Richard Burgas  
Headteacher



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## Top Performing Students

It is great to see several students sharing the podium across the year groups, with Year 7 taking the crown from Year 10 to be our overall winners for last week – it was close though! Whatever the reason, it is lovely to see everyone’s hard work rewarded. Well done, all, for another successful fortnight of learning. 😊

## Week Commencing 02.02.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Abel Anil	Alice Henly	Amelia Dart	Nolen Gratton	Lucy Spooner
2	Adom Baah Leon Priddle Lillie Williams	Asha England	Leon Godfrey	Keira Bentham Maria Cox Jenny Pitman	Keira Hamilton
3	Ebony Osborne	Toren Radford-Hyland	Darcy Gentle Emma Pitman	Elsie Swatridge	Emily Harwood

## Year 7 Core Learning Habits – Week 1 DONE!

It was an absolute pleasure to see the joy in the Hall and hear the applause from students as tickets were pulled and prizes happily given to our winners this week, based on last week’s raffle.

7KRH achieved the most tickets overall, making them the winning tutor group, with individual winners drawn from all tutor boxes.

This week we added another core learning habit to the reward criteria, and judging by the steady stream of students posting raffle tickets at break and lunch, I suspect it will be another positive assembly after half term – keep up the great work!

## Well done to our “Week 1 Winners” shown here collecting their prizes!



## Homework Update

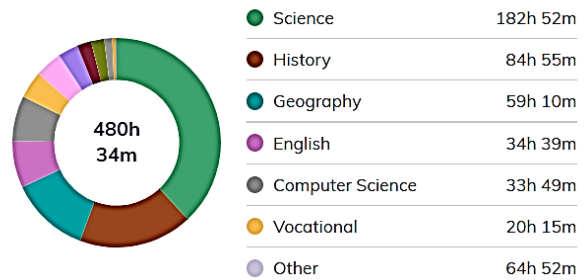
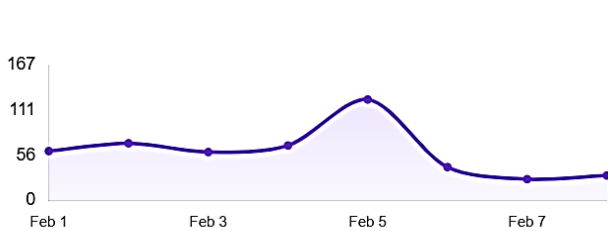
Another week at the top of the Somerset Seneca Leaderboard – Well done, everyone!

School name			XP
	Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset	School synced	1,749,608
	Brymore Academy Bridgwater, Somerset	School synced	618,966
	Robert Blake School Bridgwater, Somerset	School synced	579,156

Students amassed a whopping 480 hours of learning on Seneca last week, with Science once again being the most heavily studied subject.

Although Humanities have pushed English off the podium, it is great to see that Core and Foundation subjects form the backbone of independent study, making up roughly 360 hours, or 75% of all last weeks' study time.

### Study time



Finally, a massive WELL DONE to everyone listed below, last week's Seneca Champions!

### Top students by study time

	Frankie Rousell	Year 11	3h 37m
	Esme Beentjes	Year 7	3h 25m
	Sienna Isaacs	Year 11	3h 22m
4	Amie Parsons	Year 11	3h 6m
5	Thomas Baker	Year 11	3h 6m
6	Holly Harwood	Year 11	3h 1m
7	Katelin White	Year 10	3h 0m
8	Dolly Baker	Year 11	2h 53m
9	Jack Anstey	Year 11	2h 48m
10	Emily Hutchings	Year 11	2h 36m

### Top students by average score

	Wyatt Titterrell	Year 9	100%
	Daniil Lyszyk	Year 10	100%
	Jack Tilley	Year 9	100%
4	Darcie Ridewood	Year 7	100%
5	Jenny Pitman	Year 10	100%
6	Harry Bayford	Year 10	100%
7	Olivia Turton	Year 8	100%
8	Edward Oleen	Year 10	100%
9	Ellis Roughsedge	Year 9	100%
10	Alice Henly	Year 8	100%

## "Show some Love" Day – 11.02.26

Wadham School's Well Being Ambassadors would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone that baked or donated sweet treats for the lunchtime bake sale, along with a further THANK YOU to everyone that supported the event with donations for wearing non-uniform and/or by purchasing a sweet treat.

Thanks to your generosity, the bake sale sold out in 12 minutes!

The weather didn't deter a positive and up-beat mood throughout the day, though I suspect Obi being here had something to do with it too!

The Ambassadors hope everyone enjoyed the day, and it has helped generate a meaningful donation to the Samaritans.



## Grease is the Word!



The box office is OPEN!

We are just a few weeks away from our first performance and ticket sales have started well.

A reminder that we are performing at the Warehouse Theatre, Ilminster, with all booking being made through their website – details below.

<https://www.seaty.co.uk/grease26>

Over 3 nights, our amazing cast and crew will transport you back to the 1950's rock-and-roll era and have you signing along to all the classics from this much-loved musical.

Of all the show tickets out there, this is the 'one that you'll want.'



Richard Burgas  
12.02.26

# FEBRUARY

## Graphic Novels Month



This month we are promoting graphic novels in the library, these titles and more are all available to borrow.

Ask Mrs George about the **Excelsior Awards** for access to the latest books, the cosy reading corner and biscuits!



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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
- Parenting resources
- Signposting and form filling support
- Healthy snacks for all

 Be A Good Neighbour - Community Church,  
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