



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Wednesday 18th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 18.03.26

A positive week so far, with a successful visit to the RSPCA on Monday (we came back empty-handed), nearly all of Year 8 out in Bristol today, The Bank of Dreams and Nightmares back with us for more scary stories and The Flying Start Event taking off tomorrow.

Overall, though, progress as we lead up to the Easter break can be summarised as follows:

The Good: we continue to secure additional funds to improve site facilities and classroom spaces. Further details can be found in this letter and demonstrate our commitment to championing for continued and sustained investment in our premises. It is no less than the students and staff of Wadham School deserve.

The Bad: we're hearing an increase in unnecessary shrieking, calling out and use of inappropriate language (swearing) during lesson transition and at social times. This is sometimes accompanied by running / rushing around the corridors. Such unkind behaviour goes against the positive social norms we expect and is having a negative impact on the well-being of others in these spaces. We're speaking to students involved and expect a return to better behaviours very quickly.

The Ugly: Litter. It's our collective responsibility to use the many bins provided. There is no excuse for dropping litter or leaving food waste on tables for someone else to tidy up. While there are many strengths in our culture and practice, this bad habit needs attention now so that the school site looks as good as the effort and pride students show in their learning.

Dear Lord,

It's sometimes easy to let stress and business shape my tone.

But I want to reflect You even in the busiest or most frustrating moments.

Help me be respectful, thoughtful, and fair in word and deed.

Remind me that kindness always matters.

Help me choose encouragement over sarcasm, patience over snappiness, and truth spoken in love over silence or gossip.

Use my words to promote unity, not division.

Let others experience Your love and peace through the way I speak, even when we disagree or face tension.

Help me remember that kind words can open doors, build trust, and make a difference.

I want to represent You well wherever I go.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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Chair of Governors: Mrs R Hawkes



Top Performing Students

Well done to everyone listed below for being our House Point Leaders last week. Year 9 remain on top – but they are now joined by Year 10 and Year 11 also!

Great to see a mix of familiar and new names being added – whoever you are, never forget that every week is another week to reset and shine – will it be you from Monday?

Week Commencing 09.03.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Ebony Osborne	Toren Radford-Hyland	Leon Godfrey	Jenny Pitman	Ruby Bryant
2	Chloe Masterman	Teddy Pithers	Leah Marshall	Tasker Shepherd	Keira Hamilton Emily Harwood
3	Samuel Hardwill	Asha England	Jake Hardman Rhys Vaughan-Mitchell	Thomas Doherty Molly Lafford	Lucy Spooner

Year 7 Core Learning Habits – Final Draw Done!

Yesterday saw the last draw of the Year 7 Core Learning Habits Incentive.

Ms Osborne praised students for their relentless energy and enthusiasm in meeting this challenge, before a final set of names were drawn and prizes given.

This Weeks' Raffle Winners were:

Alivia Manley, Joseph Mate, Noah Thompson, Abel Anil, Ethan Bartovsky, Sebastian Glaubitz

7KRH were crowned the Winning Tutor Group for this final week.




I'm also delighted to announce the Top 4 students for the week:

	Student	Tutor Group	Raffle Tickets
1 st	Stanley Chard	7 ELC	110
2 nd	Lily Greenham	7 KRH	105
3 rd	Oliver Thomson	7 KRH	104
4 th	Clara Hallett	7 LXR	102



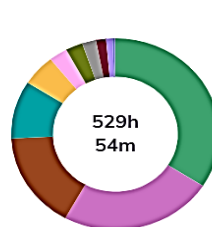
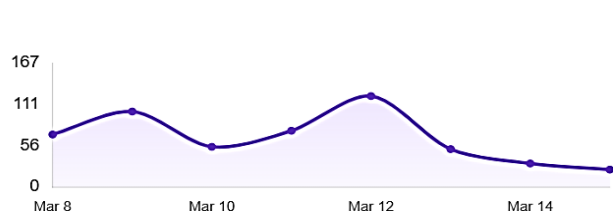
Homework Update

Another busy week of homework and exam revision kept us well clear at the top spot. ...but interesting to see a big increase from King Arthur's School!

School name	XP
 Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset School synced	1,887,920
 King Arthur's School Wincanton, Somerset	982,806
 Huish Episcopi Academy LANGPORT, Somerset School synced	568,514

Study time this week stayed well above the 500 hours mark!
Well done everyone, you are absolutely smashing it! 😊

Study time






Science	180h 37m
English	126h 38m
History	86h 20m
Geography	51h 47m
Vocational	27h 48m
Religious Studies	15h 18m
Other	41h 23m




Finally, a massive WELL DONE to everyone listed below, last week's Seneca Champions! Crowns go to Evie and Daniil in Years 11 and 10 respectively, making it another week of KS4 at the top of the study timetable.

Also great to see a large number of KS3 students achieving 100% scores – strong habits and routines that will make GCSE studies a little easier – well done!

Top students by study time

 Evie Ridewood	Year 11	5h 50m
 Zuzanna Bamburska	Year 11	4h 41m
 Eli Crick	Year 11	4h 12m
4 Alfie Senior	Year 10	4h 4m
5 George Tuck	Year 11	3h 48m
6 Cloda Hyde	Year 11	3h 44m
7 Dolson Curtis	Year 11	3h 38m
8 Jack Anstey	Year 11	3h 38m
9 Callum Gates	Year 11	3h 38m
10 Katelin White	Year 10	3h 31m

Top students by average score

 Daniil Lyszyk	Year 10	100%
 Toby Maddocks	Year 9	100%
 Harry Bayford	Year 10	100%
4 Callum Brazier	Year 11	100%
5 Hedley Egré	Year 9	100%
6 Clide Zwiyo	Year 7	100%
7 Amelia-Louise Weymo...	Year 7	100%
8 Liam Crick	Year 7	100%
9 Fletcher Aslett	Year 9	100%
10 Lucy Ellis	Year 8	100%

Hello, Brand-New Multi-Use Classroom!

We're delighted to open a brand-new teaching space at Wadham School.

B05 and B06 were 2 adjoining rooms, with various uses in the last few years as we've grown and adapted to meet the needs of our community.

Securing additional funding from the Local Authority, we have been able to remove the dividing wall to open up both areas and create a large, fit-for-purpose classroom that offers:

- 34 PCs around the outside of the room.
- Tables and seating for 24 students in the room.
- A brand-new Interactive Screen for learning.
- Plenty of space and natural light.

This means we now have 3 IT classrooms, with additional devices able to be booked and used within the library space also. (This library is already well used and part of our curriculum timetable!)

B05 was officially opened this week with students across Years 7-10 completing their Spring Reading Assessments, and the response has been hugely positive.



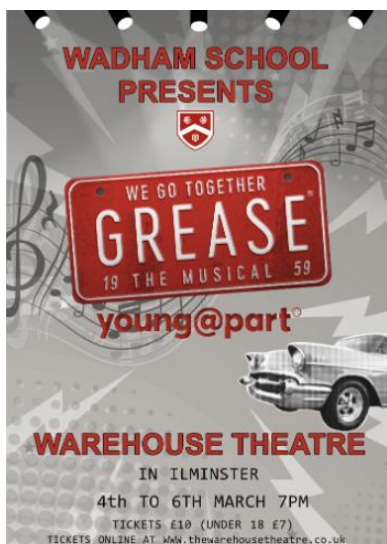
What's this? New Seating in the Food Hall!

The improvements continue! We have been able to replace all the seating in the Food Hall. Changes were made yesterday morning, with doors opening for breakfast at 8.00am.

Everyone is loving the fact that we can now seat over 100 students and maintain space to move through the area throughout service times.

An added bonus is that 2 tables have been relocated to create an indoor seating area for Year 11 – this opens tomorrow and is already looking to be a premium space!





Grease is the Word!

With thanks to the parents and colleagues that have responded so far.

If you were lucky enough to get tickets, and are happy sharing, there is still time to let me know what you thought of this year's school production.

I appreciate that photography was not permitted at the Theatre, but am grateful for the feedback, comments and stories already received.

Please send your comments, to rburgas@wadhamschool.co.uk by Friday 20th March.

It would be lovely to publish a collective response to what is such an important community event for our school.

Equipment for Learning – The Learning Eight

Tutors have been monitoring students' equipment each morning to ensure that everyone arrives to school prepared and ready to learn. It may seem basic, but this fundamental expectation can have a huge impact on the pace of learning if a student is unable to complete work because they have items missing.

Students were given a mini-white board and board pen at the start of the year. We understand that pens, pencils, etc run out – ***students can replace their empty whiteboard pen free of charge in the Hub.***

All other items can be purchased from the Finance Office.

Pen
(Blue or Black)



Ruler



Pencil



Purple Pen



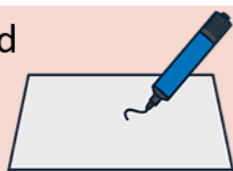
Calculator



Knowledge Organiser



Mini-Whiteboard



Whiteboard Pen



Non-Uniform Day – Friday 27th March

A reminder that students and staff are invited to wear non-uniform on Friday 27th March in support of Devon & Somerset Fire Rescue Service.

We're hoping to have a Fire Engine onsite for lunchtime and we've been asked to publicise that Crewkerne Fire Station will be washing cars and hosting other fundraising activities on Saturday 28th March.

Thanks for your support.



Important changes to holiday food voucher provision in Somerset (REMINDER)

The government's Household Support Fund (HSF) ceases at the end of the month. It is being replaced by a new fund called the Crisis and Resilience Fund (CRF).

Holiday food vouchers were part of the original HSF government package. However, this was the final voucher provision of its kind under the HSF scheme. The Government have told us there will be no holiday food vouchers issued under the HSF scheme after the 31 March date.

For further information, including details of support, please see the letter from the Council: [Somerset County Council Holiday Food Voucher Update Letter](#)

Parent Governor Vacancy

The Board of Governors for Wadham School currently has vacancies for a Parent Governor. As a mother, father, or carer of a young person attending our school we are grateful that you are considering putting yourself forward for this vital role.

Parent Governor

This is a parent or carer of a pupil(s) attending the school who is elected by the parents/carers to give a parental perspective in discussions and decisions. In addition, it would be expected that Parent Governors bring a range of skills that will help them to contribute effectively to the work of the Board of Governors.

Further information, including how to apply, can be found in the letter on our website here: [Parent Governor Invite Letter 18.03.26](#)

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor for this school, please complete the nomination form in the letter above and return to the Clerk to the Governors, Laura Andrews by 3pm, Friday 3rd April.

Forms can be emailed directly to landrews@awadhamschool.co.uk or posted/hand delivered to the school, F.A.O Mrs Laura Andrews.

Do not hesitate in contacting Laura Andrews should you have any further questions.

Richard Burgas
18.03.26

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WRITING



COMPETITION

KS3 (Years 7 – 9)

Theme – Friendship, anger and what we don't say

KS4 (Years 10 and 11)

Theme – Temptation, responsibility and choice

Your story should be approximately 1,000 words
Please see Mrs George or your English teacher for
further details on the story themes

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**Deadline
26th March 2026**




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- Rebecca Larcombe
- Suzanne Morris

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- Refreshments provided
- Spotlight sessions with other professionals
- 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.

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