



Wadham School

A Church of England Community School

"Life in all its fullness" John 10:10



Wednesday 29th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Headteacher's Update Letter 29.04.26

We are 8 days into the Summer term and heading towards a bank holiday weekend!

For me, the summer term always marks the beginning of the end, or the end of the beginning, depending on the current stage of your education and where your aspirations and actions will take you next.

Year 11 have returned well, with positive attendance to the 'Just the Boost you Need' revision sessions this week and last. French and German speaking assessments have been successfully completed, as have the Art and Photography exams. In a few days, written exams will begin. We know how hard everyone is working, such that my final message to our wonderful students is simply to say – you've got this!

Plans for transition are well underway, with colleagues already going out and meeting our new Year 7s from September in their current schools. We're also hosting 4 days of welcome and showcase activities to Year 5 students from June – very much celebrating our achievements and giving insight to families that are looking for their secondary school.

For everyone else, it's 'business as usual,' which means we've returned from the Easter break and have settled quickly to familiar routines for learning.

As the summer term unfolds, thoughts naturally turn to 'legacy' – the end of the academic year invites personal reflection on what has been achieved; our successes, as well as the things on our to-do list that got away! Whatever your goals for this term, do take a moment to recognise and celebrate your achievements from the year so far and use them to push yourself across the finish line in July!

Heavenly God

Thank you for the image of the tress flourishing because they are rooted well

Thank you that we can be rooted in you and in your positive values so that we might bear the fruit of the spirit

Thank you for the opportunity we have to use this fruit to help others

Thank you that each one of us can leave a legacy that makes a positive difference

Please show me how, today.

Amen

Yours sincerely,

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Headteacher



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Top Performing Students

Only one week into the summer term and already there's crowding on the podium! Well done to everyone below for your efforts in securing a top-3 place.







Year 9 are overall winners, with Year 11 a close second!

Week Commencing 20.04.26

	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
1	Ethan Thompson	Alice Henly	Leah Marshall	Rhiley Clarke	Emily Harwood
2	Samuel Hardwill	Olivia Moncur	Lily Hallett James Robinson Lillian Thorne Harvey Winter	Lewis Larcombe	Callum Brazier Emily Wood
3	Reuben Caines	Lucy Ellis	Jake Hardman Alec Proctor	Emily Salzer Gwen Turner	Ruby Bryant Caspar Crouch Sam Dawson

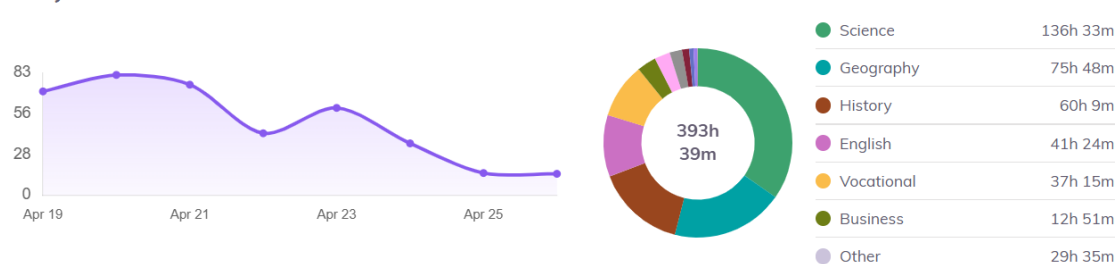
Homework Update

After a much-deserved Easter break, students were straight back on it last week and reasserted their dominance across the Somerset Seneca League. Superb work!

School name	XP
  Wadham School Crewkerne, Somerset School synced	1,438,988
  King Arthur's School Wincanton, Somerset	598,548
  Huish Episcopi Academy LANGPORT, Somerset School synced	554,232

Study time last week nearly hit the 400-hour mark, with engagement consistent across all year groups – WELL DONE!

Study time



Homework Update (continued)

...and here are the top-performing students using Seneca last week. No surprise to see Year 11 dominate the 'study time' leaderboard, and really encouraging to see new names across the year groups finding their place on the 'average score' leaderboard.

Well done to Hannah and Duncan – Last week's Seneca Champions!

Top students by study time				Top students by average score			
1	Hannah Egré	Year 11	5h 48m	1	Duncan Knowles	Year 11	100%
2	Imogen Cremen	Year 11	4h 40m	2	Wyatt Titterrell	Year 9	100%
3	Lewis Thompson	Year 11	2h 52m	3	Daniil Lyszyk	Year 10	100%
4	Eli Crick	Year 11	2h 49m	4	Toby Maddocks	Year 9	100%
5	Terence Bateman	Year 11	2h 46m	5	Clide Zwiyo	Year 7	100%
6	Lucus Dawe	Year 11	2h 44m	6	Maddison Cole	Year 7	100%
7	Cloda Hyde	Year 11	2h 28m	7	Kian Coombs	Year 7	100%
8	Amie Parsons	Year 11	2h 26m	8	Tina Laxton	Year 7	100%
9	Josie Bulmer	Year 11	2h 15m	9	Milo McGhee	Year 10	100%
10	Xavier Coombe	Year 11	2h 13m	10	Andrei Radulescu	Year 10	100%

Year 8 Boys are District Champions!

Big congratulations to the Year 8 boys' football team who won the South Somerset District Cup this week! They have made history by becoming the first ever Year 8 Wadham team to win the title! Well done boys- we could not be prouder!

In the semi-final the boys played the current holders and rivals, Holyrood. After a slightly slow, disjointed start, the team found the form they have displayed all season to dominate the second half. Final score 1-0 Wadham thanks to a beautiful 25-yard strike from Max H.



This set up a final against local rivals Stanchester....

Whilst both sides were clearly talented, Wadham were able to largely neutralise the Stanchester attack, with keeper Joe W rising to the occasion to make some fantastic saves when Stanchester did break through. In the second half, one of the many fantastic balls from Harvey B picked out Finn S who found the back of the net, shortly followed by Harvey B himself who scored an impressive long-range effort to secure the 2-0 Wadham win.

Players of the Match: Joe W for his amazing shot stopping and Harvey B for his pin-point pings.

Goals: Max H (1), Finn S (1), Harvey B (1)

Year 10 Boys are District Runners-up!

On Monday, the Year 10 boys' team took on a strong Sexeys side in the Semi-final. Playing with the wind in the first half, Wadham started strongly and scored an early goal thanks to Rusty. Sexeys equalised just before half time. Wadham then dominated the second half, racking up multiple chances before two fantastic finishes from Jasper and Harvey put the game to bed and gave Wadham a 3-1 win.

In the final that followed, the boys took on local rivals and current champions Stanchester. Despite starting well, and scoring early thanks to Otto, Stanchester took control and their quality shone through.

The boys battled the whole game and stayed in the fight, only for late goals from Stanchester moving victory beyond them. Wadham boys finished runners up and can be extremely proud of their efforts and attitudes to school football this year.

Student Council Welcomes Adam Dance MP!



Last Friday, members of the student council welcomed Adam Dance MP to Wadham School. Following a brief tour of the school with Mr Burgas (with much lobbying for a 3G pitch, a dedicated drop-off zone for parents and funds to improve site accessibility), Adam was delivered to the newly opened B05 multi-use classroom for a working lunch.

Plates loaded and drinks poured, Adam and student council members spent 40 minutes discussing a range of topics regarding education in the local area and the values and reasons behind Adam's decision to become an MP.

Both Adam and our students spoke humbly and with passion, showing a shared appreciation for the moral purpose of education. Although Adam was clear to point out that no promises could be made, he did explain how students and the school could seek his support in areas that will benefit our local community – we're already on it!

We are grateful to Adam for making time in his busy schedule to visit Wadham School and look forward to welcoming him back in the future – last Friday was the beginning of what we believe will be a positive working relationship.

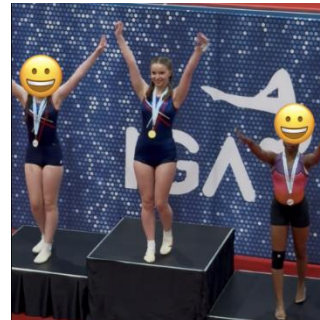


Isabella Dicker is the 2026 IGA National Tumbling Champion!

Last weekend, Bella Dicker (9WLD) was crowned the IGA National Tumbling Champion in Women's Level 6 Tumbling (13-14 years).

Bella has worked hard to reach this level of competition and becoming champion is such an incredible achievement – parents are rightly proud and as a school we are delighted to see Bella's commitment and resilience rewarded.

Well done, Bella, we can't wait to find out where Tumbling takes you next!



Year 11 Prom – Clothing Initiative

On behalf of the Student Prefect Prom Committee.....

This year, Wadham School has started a program whereby prom dresses and suits will be available to borrow for free for Prom and 'Dress you Best' day.

This service will be available for all Year 11 students for this year, and for years to come.

Therefore, we are also looking for previously owned suits or dresses that are in good condition that you are willing to donate to the school, for students to borrow and then return to the school, to be used again.

We currently have 11 dresses (from sizes 6 to 14), 1 blazer and trousers, but we are hoping to get more through donations.

For enquiries and further information on donating or borrowing dresses/or suits for prom or 'Dress your Best' day, please contact Mrs Gray or Mrs Mee.

Any donations would be greatly appreciated, including from any current Year 11's once they have finished with their prom and any previous students who have prom (or formal) dresses and suits they would like to donate.

To donate, please drop off items in Reception during school hours.

Many thanks!

Richard Burgas
29.04.26



Blue dress, lace up back

Size 12

Originally from

Signature Collection



Light pink dress, floral pattern

Size 12

Originally from

God Diva



Blazer and Trousers

Blazer Size 42s 107cm

Trousers 34R 86 cm

Originally from

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On behalf of Girlguiding Crewkerne....

A dark blue recruitment poster for Girlguiding Crewkerne. At the top center is the Girlguiding logo, a white trefoil with a star. Below it, the text reads: "Girlguiding Crewkerne", "Calling all 4-18 year old girls...", "Are you looking to make new friends?", "Ready for your next adventure?", and "Then what are you waiting for? Sign up today and join the fun!". Below this, it says: "We currently have spaces in Brownies, Guides and Rangers". The poster features four photographs: top-left shows a group of girls and a leader; top-right shows a smiling girl in a blue shirt; bottom-left shows two girls in red and yellow uniforms; bottom-center shows girls in kayaks on a lake; bottom-right shows a girl in a yellow shirt and a leader. The background is decorated with colorful geometric shapes and icons like stars and magnifying glasses. A large yellow magnifying glass icon is in the bottom right corner, and a rainbow is in the bottom left corner.

Further information can be found by contacting Girlguiding Crewkerne through either their Facebook or Instagram links below:

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facebook.com

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