

Wallscourt Farm Academy

We are well into Term 2, with lots of visits and visitors enhancing the curriculum and bringing learning to life. Last week was full of family learning conferences, and lots of great reflections on the learning achievements of the children. We had tree planting last week and visits into the wider community. As we are now heading into the festive season there are plenty of events, activities and a fair sprinkling of glitter in the air... read on for further updates...

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Events Calendar

Friday 1 st December	Christmas Discos – KS1 – 5:00-6:00pm KS2 – 6:15-7:15pm School children only
Wednesday 6 th December	WFA Choir at St Georges- 7:00 meet
Thursday 7 th December	St Michael's Christmas Carol Service at WFA – 6.00
Monday 11 th + Tues 12 th Dec	Nativity – Oak Learning Zone
Wednesday 13 th December	Christmas lunch for all
Thursday 14 th December	Christmas Sing Along
Friday 15 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 3 rd January	Term 3 Starts for all children



Family Learning Conferences

It was great to link with families last week and talk through the children's learning achievement. We dedicated lots of extra time to these meetings and aimed to be as flexible as possible to meet all needs. The teaching teams provided a range of home learning guidance documents and we really hope these were useful. Please do let us know if you have any follow-up questions and thank you for your ongoing support.

Please remember that children should be in school ready to learn at 8.45 a.m. This is valuable learning time for all year groups. **The gates are shut at 9.00 a.m. If you arrive after that time, please take your child to the Welcome Zone so that they can be registered and booked in for lunch. This lateness is recorded in the register, which is examined by the Education Officer.** Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details including mobile number and emails for our school comms text and email service. **Follow us on twitter @wallscourt and the learning zones @YRWFA, @Y1WFA, @Y2WFA, @Y3WFA These are official school twitter accounts.**



Learning and Community updates



Future Leader Representatives Message

A huge thank you to all for the Christmas Shoebox donations and the monies raised for Children in Need. We have one further charity event this term – **Friday 15th December** - the final day of term children will be invited to wear a **Christmas Jumper**, and the charity donations (£1) will be given to Save the Children.

Green Ambassadors Message

Our Green Ambassadors request that you take action to save the planet and keep us all safe and healthy. Please do not leave cars idling (with the engine running) in the drop off zone. We will be reviewing our Travel Plan in the new year, so please make sure you use sustainable routes to school and always park safely and sensibly and act within the law in terms of conduct.

Out of Hours request – if you have any pre-loved games before or after the festive period that you are clearing out, the team in Afterschool club would love to put these to good use. Please drop them off directly to the Superclassroom any evening after school. Many thanks.

LINE – Tree Planting

A huge thank you to our Green Ambassadors and Community Green Ambassadors for your support on Friday. We have worked with the Forest of Avon Woodlands Trust to plant some new trees in the garden. We are continually developing our outdoor environment to provide the best learning opportunities outcome for Learning in the Natural Environment (LINE). Each year we develop the farm aspect a little more and we are so delighted that children and families are supporting with this growth.

Community Updates – CCA – further dates to follow in the new year

A huge thank you to the CCA for their support with the sparkly shopping evening and for photos! There are some further festive events coming up. Thanks also to CCA for the contribution to our Christmas tree, which will be on display from the start of December!

Fri 8th Dec @ 3.15 – Year 4 cake/pre-loved uniform sale

Year 4 families will provide some cakes (baked and bought) which will be available after school, there will also be preloved uniform available to buy.

Friday 1st December–Christmas Disco – 1 for Rec and KS1 and 1 for KS2

All children will be invited to enjoy the Christmas Disco which will include games and dancing, drinks provided (no food available).

Term dates for Academic Year 2017-18

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Tuesday 5 th September Thursday 19 th October	Tuesday 31 st October - Friday 15 th December	Wednesday 3 rd January 2018-Friday 9 th February 2018	Monday 19 th February 2018 – Friday 23 rd March 2018	Monday 9 th April 2018 – Friday 25 th May 2018 Monday 7 th may – Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th June – Tuesday 24 th July 2018 INSET – Friday 6 th July and Monday 9 th July 2018

Attendance & punctuality – We will be holding Late Gates over the next few weeks. Please ensure children are on time every day. The gates open at 8:40 and learning begins at 8:45. - Please **only book holiday during school holidays**. We **do not authorise** holiday taken during term time. Attendance is closely monitored at Wallscourt Farm, and we need to work together to ensure that children are in school and accessing learning every day. The impact of missing school days is significant and our Attendance Welfare team work closely with the school. The national average for attendance is 96.1% and we aim to be above the national average.