

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Welcome back and we hope you had a good break. The children have settled back into the new term and there is a real sense of Spring in the air with some children already out in the allotment preparing for planting. We also have World book Day approaching with some really exciting learning planned. Thank you to all of you who have offered to help in school. This year we have seen a significant increase in the number of volunteers in school which is really benefiting the children's learning. If you are volunteering in the mornings, we would request that you sign in at the Welcome Zone before you drop off your children to avoid walking through the Learning Zones.

Reminder - Community update –the markings will be finished in the drop off bays shortly and signage is already in place. In the meantime, **please park considerably and do not park illegally**. Please remember to drive safely and responsibly for the safety of all of our children and families. This is everyone's responsibility.

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Events Calendar

Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day – Dress as a character from a book.
Friday 3 rd March 3.15-3.45 p.m.	Celebration of learning from World Book Day
Friday 10 th March	Quiz Night – CCA event 7-10 p.m.
Monday 20 th and Tuesday 21 st March 2017	Family Learning Conferences
Friday 7 th April	Travelling Light Theatre performance

World Book Day Thursday 2nd March 2017

As part of our celebration of World Book Day, we are inviting children to come to school dressed as a character from a book. During the week, we will be using books as a focus for our learning and would like to invite families to come to the Home Zones to share this learning on Friday 3rd March from 3.15-3.45 p.m. We will also be submitting learning to the 2017 Bristol Reading project Competition.



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 gate is 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 booked in for lunch.

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 and @Y2WFA

The Wallscourt Pond

We are currently linking with Steve England and UWE on a project to develop the Pond area. The development of the project will include UWE students and a contractor has offered free labour and materials for a Pond Dipping Platform. This is an exciting opportunity to create a valuable learning resource for the children. We will be sharing these developments with the children as we map the changes in habitat and the increase in the diversity of plants and living things.

School meals Update

There are yoghurts and fresh fruit available every day and children can ask for these when desserts are being served.

Community Updates

Wallscourt Farm Academy Community Cultivation Alliance (CCA) Have you heard about the CCA? Do you wonder what we do?

We are a group of parents and carers who meet termly to organise events and activities to benefit the school and our local community. We have had many successes including the family Lego day, Christmas disco for the children and the Christmas shopping evening which was enjoyed by the parents and the local community. The money that we raise goes back into the school and this term the children will be enjoying a visit from the ‘Travelling Light’ Theatre Company and we are sure the pupils will be engaged by a magical performance.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming ‘Quiz and Tacos’ night, last year’s event was great fun and an opportunity to get to know other parents and staff, you never know, you may win the first prize of a meal for 4 at Boston Tea Party!

We are also working towards our annual summer fair, which will happen on 1st July this year. It is always a huge success (whatever the weather) and plans are afoot to make it even bigger and better this year!

We are always looking for more parents and carers to join us on the CCA, it is an opportunity to work alongside other parents and further enrich our families’ experience at Wallscourt Farm Academy, please come along and join us.

Find out more on the Wallscourt Farm Academy CCA Facebook page, or ask a member of staff.

Next meeting is on Monday 3rd April at 6pm, we hope to see you there.

Wallscourt Farm Academic Year 2016-17

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Monday 5 th September –Friday 21 st October	Wednesday 2 nd November 2016 - Friday 16 th December	Wednesday 4 th January 2017- Friday 10 th February 2017	Monday 20 th February 2017 – Friday 7 th April 2017	Monday 24 th April 2017 – Friday 26 th May	Monday 5 th June – Friday 21 st July July 7th 2017 – INSET – CLF Conference

Please **only book holiday during these times**. We are not able to 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.