

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Well, the term seems to have flown by, although lots of learning has taken place since the start of the year, and the children have really settled into their new classes during the term.

We have lots planned for the coming term, and some reflecting to do on all the amazing achievements of this term.

Earlier in the term we held the Meet the Team/Curriculum meetings, which we hope helped give you all a sense of the rituals and routines in each Learning Zone. Next term we have Family Learning Conferences, which will provide you with the opportunity to meet with your child's teaching team to talk through the progress they have made and discuss ways you can further support them with home learning during the year.

We hope you all have a fantastic holiday, and thank you for all the support during the first term.

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Events Calendar

- Wednesday 21st October **Last day of term for all children**
- Monday 2nd November **INSET – SCHOOL CLOSED**
- Tuesday 3rd November **Term 2 starts for all children**
- Friday 13th November **Children in Need – Be a Hero Dress up and Cake Sale**
- Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th November 4-7pm **Family Learning Conferences – Meeting with Parents – letters to follow**
- Friday 27th November 5:30 for 6:00 **CCA Nutty Noah Performance for families – Ticket only event. All welcome. See posters for info**

Engage Cultural Dance Festival



Children from Willow Learning Zone were involved in a South Gloucestershire Engage Culture Festival on Saturday, and they really did us proud. They performed an African Dance called the Kptacha, to celebrate Black history month. It was a great opportunity to showcase their learning on a live stage. Thank you to all who took part. It was fantastic to see the children enjoying sharing this dance.



Attendance is a key priority. The impact that missing learning has on children's learning is huge. Please make sure your child is in school EVERY day to support them in their learning. Holidays during term time cannot be authorised.

Learning and community updates

Academy Updates – The Academy Council have been really busy this term, holding a cycle of learning walks during the school day. The council gave lots of positive feedback through their observations, and we have also been looking at the curriculum development as we grow as a school. The Academy Council are in the process of drafting an Academy Council Newsletter, which we hope to be able to share with you at the family learning conferences in November.

Rights and Responsibilities update – The Future Leader representatives have been busy planning a range of community and charity events for the year ahead. We wanted to thank you for all the Sainsbury’s Active Kids vouchers – we have now had the items we saved for – a range of extra equipment for lunchtime play. Also last week the driver from The Matthew Tree came to collect the food items we collected at our harvest festival last week – and they were really pleased we had managed to gather so much to support the food bank charity – thank you all for your support.

CCA – Community Cultivation Alliance – The CCA have been really busy so far this year. We have recruited several new members from across the school, and planned out a range of activities for the year. Thank you to the CCA, who supported with School Photos last week, helping to make sure Concept photography took photos of the children looking their best! Next term we will have our first charity dressing up day – in the theme of Be a Hero for Children in Need. Children can come as themselves – as they are all heroes, or they can come dressed as anyone they consider to be their hero, including (dare we say it!?) superheroes etc). We will be asking families to make a voluntary donation. We will also be holding a cake sale at the end of the day. This time, we will be asking families from children in Beech Learning Zone to donate cakes, and we will then rotate this over the year for other fundraising events. See key dates and posters for further events including the Nutty Noah Festive show and we have plans for a disco!

Festive events and the New Year – Save the Dates- We have a range of events planned for December and January. We will provide more information next term, but so you have the dates – we will team up with St Michaels and Beaufort Grange for a Carols evening on Thursday 10th December 6:00pm. Children in Oak Learning Zone will lead a Nativity performance on Monday 14th December 2:00pm and Tuesday 15th December at 9:15am and our first Disco on Wednesday 16th December. Looking into the new year, Saturday 23rd January will be our Project Grow Community Day. We will share more information on these events in the new term.

Wallscourt Farm Academic Year 2015-16 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.

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Wednesday 2 nd September 2015 Wednesday 21 st October 2015	Tuesday 3 rd November 2015 – Friday 18 th December 2015	Tuesday 5 th January 2016 -Friday 5 th February 2016	Monday 15 th February 2016- Thursday 24 th March 2016	Monday 11 th April 2016- Friday 27 th May 2016	Monday 6 th June 2016 – INSET- JULY 8th Thursday 21 st July 2016
Tuesday 1 st September INSET	Monday 2 nd November INSET	Monday 4 th January INSET			July 8 th INSET July 22 nd INSET