

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Term 5 has whizzed by, with lots of learning and special events taking place over the term. We hope everyone has had a chance to read our fantastic Ofsted report, and thank you for all your support and positive feedback before, during and after our first full inspection. We were so pleased with the way our learners shone during the course of the inspection, and this is reflected in the final report so well.

This term there have been visits and visitors, and even a legomania event organised by CCA. We have also been growing the team at Wallscourt Farm Academy, with recruitment for new members of the teaching team taking place over the last few weeks. We will update you on developments in the new term.

Reminder – Summer is nearly here! Children are able to wear summer dresses in light/primary blue, or black or grey shorts. Please make sure shoes have backs (no sandals). Children can administer sun cream for themselves. The bottle needs to be clearly labelled with their name. We also ask that children don't bring sunglasses to school as invariably these are not UV protected, and often get lost or broken. Children are encouraged to bring sun hats to protect them from the sun. Please let us know if you have any queries about this update.
Thank you for your support to keep children safe.

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Events Calendar

Friday 27th May	Last day of term
Tuesday 31st and Thursday 2nd June	Sports Heroes Holiday Club at Wallscourt Farm. See posters for more information.
Wednesday 25th May	Class Photographs for all
Monday 6th June	First day of term
Saturday 25th June 12:00-3:00	Summer Fair - Wallscourt Farm Academy
Wednesday 13th July 1:30-3:30	Sports Day Afternoon - Save the date

A great learning skills day for all



We had a great day on Friday 13th with lots of collaborative learning skills and problem solving going on. This was a Happy Puzzle Company event, and the facilitator was blown away by the children's skills, knowledge and learning dispositions. He was giving the year groups puzzles well above their chronological age and they were FAB!

Learning and community updates

Academy Updates

Assessments- Thank you to all those who were able to attend the Year 2 SATs meeting. The children have been supported really well to have a go at these new tests set out by the government, and there has been a wide variety of other learning opportunities taking place this term too! Next term the Year 1 children will all be taking the Phonics screening check – during week 2 – w/b 13th June. We will send home some home learning to support with this check, but this is just part of the children’s normal learning experiences. Please let us know if you have any questions. We will share updates with you in the children’s end of year reports.

Polling Days – Polling day in May went well, with no disruption to learning for the children – although lots were very interested to read the polling day signs on arrival! The next date is 23rd June. There will be complete segregation throughout the day. There will be no disruption to learning and we have asked for an additional marshal to support with a staggered lunch. Safeguarding and no loss of learning were our two key priorities when planning the days with the electoral team. Please ask if you have any questions.

Family Learning session for Parents/Carers- This term we will be holding a Family Learning Workshop, where you can come back to school and find out a bit more about how we learn and teach at Wallscourt Farm. The focus this term will be on mathematics and this will be held on **Wednesday 25th May at 6:00** as per email.

Term dates – The term dates for 2016-17 are below. Please remember to book holidays during school holidays only.

Parent View Update- we are aware that a couple of people gave feedback on parent view that may mean they are concerned about something. We have an open door policy and really welcome feedback and communication from all, so please do let us know if we can support you to resolve any concerns or issues – these things can normally be sorted out through partnership working. Many thanks for your support with this matter.

CCA –We wanted to thank all of those who helped plan the recent Lego mania event, and all those families who came along to support this event – it seemed to be a real success. We are also fully into planning the **Summer Fair** – **Save the date** – **Saturday 25th June 12:00-3:00**. This week we will be sending out a request for helpers of all kinds!

Wallscourt Farm Academic Year 2016-17

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.

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