

Wallscourt Farm Academy

Welcome back to Term 5! We are so impressed with the way the children have all settled back into their learning zones. There has already been lots going on over at Wallscourt Farm, and we are busy planning in a whole host of learning opportunities for the rest of the year.

Our new Playpod has been installed and is already a big hit with the children and adults. We are also using our fantastic outdoor seating areas, as the weather is warmer.

Now the weather is warmer we wanted to update you on uniform! 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

- Wednesday
27th April
3:15 onwards

Family Playpod Session

- Saturday
14th May

Lego Mania – CCA event –
10:00- 12:00

See posters for more
information.

- Saturday
25th June –
Save the date

**Summer Fair -
Wallscourt Farm Academy**

- Friday 27th
May

Last day of term for all

- Monday 6th
June

First day of term

Our fab new Playpod is in!



The children in each year group loved their first session with the Playpod last week and this week it opened. There is a session for families to come along and find out more about the Playpod, and join in and have a go! We hope you can join us on **Wednesday 27th April 3:15 onwards**. If you have any questions, just ask the team.

Learning and community updates

Academy Updates

Assessments- We were so pleased to meet with families at the end of the term for our Family Learning Conferences. This term and term 6 the children will be having a range of assessments. Some of these will be national, standardized assessments including the Year 1 phonics check and the Year 2 SATs. We will share further information with you, but for the children we make sure this just feels like their normal learning and assessment, and would ask that you do the same if possible. All the information and home learning guidance we have shared with you before will have covered these assessments. Please ask the teaching teams if you have any questions.

Polling Days - We are sure you are all aware, as we sent out communication at the start of term, but just to be sure – the Community Rooms will be used for Polling on 5th May and 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 Workshops- 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. We will send out invites in the next week or two.

Term dates – The term dates for 2016-17 are below. Transition dates for new Reception children will be shared with families over the next couple of weeks, and we are really looking forward to welcoming our new children and families!

Community Updates – Filton Library are holding an exhibition of AMAZING photographs taken by the children of Wallscourt Farm Academy. The display will run until 7th May. Do go and check out our gallery and have a look at all the things our local library can offer.

CCA – We are busy planning a range of events between now and end of the academic year. We hope you have all seen the **Lego Mania event on 14th May**. We are also fully into planning the **Summer Fair – Save the date – Saturday 25th June 12:00-3:00**. We will soon be putting 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