

Dear families,

We find ourselves at the end of another term. As always, term 2 is a busy one, and this one has been no exception. Alongside the many events and activities, there has been some fantastic learning happening. In this newsletter, I will share some of the highlights of this term as well as some reminders. I wish you all a fantastic December holiday and thank you again for your support and partnership.

Charlotte Black (Principal)

Families Questionnaire

There are a number of times across the year where we reach out to families and ask you to share your voice. There are several reasons why capturing your voice is helpful. It is to:

- Hear your **opinions** and **perspectives**
- Hear any **concerns** and provide an opportunity to discuss concerns
- Help us continue to improve and **evaluate**
- **Celebrate success** and pass on your **positive feedback** to teachers and staff

At our most recent Family Learning Conference, we shared the (right) QR code in order to capture your voice. **We have only received 39 responses.** It would be brilliant if we could hear from everyone!

I am sharing this again so that we can try to capture the feedback from the whole school. Many thanks for your support 😊



Your opinions are important to us



Please scan the QR code to
complete our Family
Questionnaire

Christmas Events

This term we have been celebrating and taking part in a wide range of fantastic events to celebrate Christmas. Thank you to all those who took part or helped at any events.

Choir Performed at Bristol Beacon



Made for Christmas



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Elfridges with Friends of Wallscourt Farm Academy!



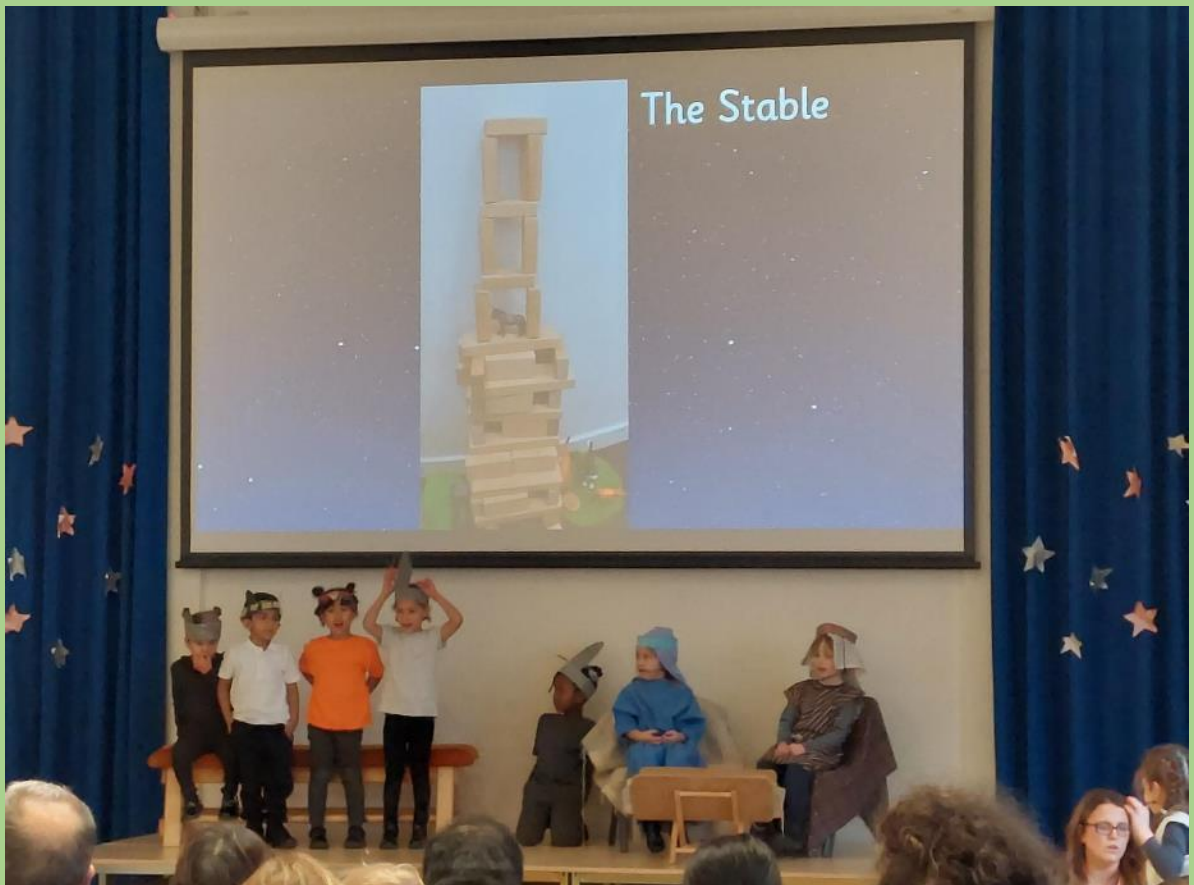
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Nativity!!



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Key Stage 1 Singalong



Christmas Lunch



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Key Stage 2 Singalong



Year 6 Gathering



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Election Time!

Every year, we learn about democracy and the rule of law by taking part in an election process to vote in new Future Leader and Green Ambassador representatives. Earlier in the term we explored the themes below in one of our whole school gatherings.

Democracy in the UK

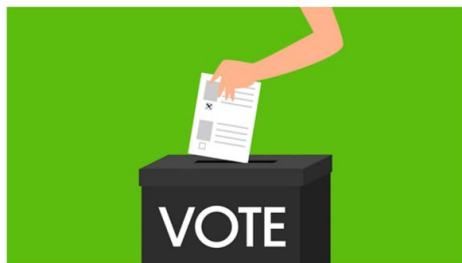
Democracy means 'rule by the people'.

In a democracy, like the UK, the people elect the government 🗳️ and have a say in how it is run.

They do this by voting in elections 🗳️.



The Houses of Parliament in London, where MPs are elected to



What will you see in a democracy?

In the UK we have political parties 🗳️.

In a general election 🗳️ candidates from each party campaign to be elected in their own areas.

The person with the most votes in each area becomes a Member of Parliament 🗳️ ('MP').

The party with the most MPs in Parliament 🗳️ forms the **Government**. They are in charge.



In order to take on these roles, learners will need to demonstrate outstanding rights and responsibilities to all other learners. Be a positive role model and have good communication skills.

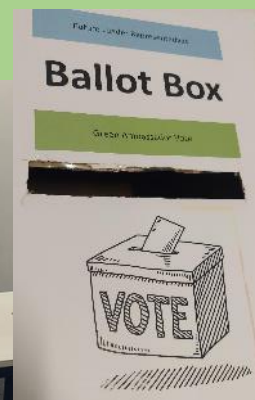
What is a Future Leader?

- Future Leader Representatives (FLR) are a group of learners that help to make the school even better.
- FLR's listen to the learners in their class so that they know what they think about school.
- FLR's might organise events to raise money for the school and charities.

What is a Green Ambassador?

- Green ambassadors are also a group of learners that help to make the school even better, but they have a focus on the environment.
- Green ambassadors will help us to continue to work on our Green Flag award.
- Green ambassadors might focus on things such the school grounds, biodiversity, recycling and litter and waste.

Voting Begins!



Election Time!

We have carried out this process and each learner voted for the people who they thought would take on these roles well. *children without photo consent have been hidden from view

Future Leader Representatives

March 2024



Who has been voted in for this year?

Green Ambassadors

March 2024



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Future Leader Representatives | Elected 2024

Beech Learning Zone
Year 1

Acer Learning Zone
Year 3

Hazel Learning Zone
Year 5

Willow Learning Zone
Year 2

Maple Learning Zone
Year 4

Elm Learning Zone
Year 6

Green Ambassadors | Elected 2024

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Ready for term 3...

Each term, the schedule for sports will change. This is to ensure that all year groups get the opportunity to take part in a full range of sports and use different spaces. Please see the below sports schedule for term 3.

| Weekly sports sessions – please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--------------|----------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
| Year 2 – Willow | Reception – Oak Year 5 – Hazel | Year 6 – Elm | Year 1 – Beech | Year 3 – Acer Year 4 – Maple |

Reminder

Please note that we are a **no smoking site**, this also includes vaping. Thank you for respecting the air space on the school site by not smoking/vaping while on the school site. We would also ask that you refrain from smoking in the spaces just outside the school gates as this is where all families congregate to enter and exit the school. Thank you for your support with this.



Parking – Reminder

We would like to remind families that the **car park is strictly for school staff use only**. We ask that families do not park in the car park or use the car park as a place to turn around. Space is very limited for our team and we need to ensure all staff are able to park safely.



Please also remember that if a member of staff approaches you about the car park use, they are doing so in order to keep everyone safe.

Please support us by being **understanding and respectful** 😊

We do have disabled parking however this must be agreed in advance and is only for very rare use. Please also remember **not to walk or cycle through the car park** but to walk around using the path. We have had several near misses where children have walked or ran through the car park when cars are in use. Thank you for supporting your children and others in the community to do this.

Entry and Exit | One Way System

In order to drop off and pick up your children, please can we ask that you adhere to the **one-way system** that is in place at WFA. At any one time, we have over four hundred families making their way in and out of the school site at the start and end of each school day. In order for this happen smoothly and safely, we ask that you use the below entry and exit points. This will ensure that school staff are able to monitor who is entering and leaving the site and allows children to be dropped off and collected on time.



Bikes and Scooters

It is great to see so many of you walking or cycling to school! Thank you for thinking about the environment as well as reducing the number of cars parking outside of school.

When doing so, please remember to support your child to walk their bike or scooter when on the school site. Not just at the front of the school where the leadership team are welcoming families, but also at the back of the school ;)





We fully understand that families may want to top-up the branded Wallscourt Farm uniform with plain jumpers, t-shirts and school uniform trousers etc. These can be purchased from any number of budget and high street shops.

Jumpers need to be Primary Blue, and t-shirts need to be light blue. School uniform trousers and skirts need to be grey or black, and appropriate school shoes in black must be worn.



Jewellery

Children should not wear jewellery to school other than simple stud earrings or small objects of religious significance. Ideally, for health and safety reasons, these should not be worn on the day your child is an athlete.

PE Kit



A blue school jumper, cardigan or fleece can also be worn if it is cold.

Term 2 Sports – On this day, send your child to school in their sports kit

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| Oak | Beech | Willow | Acer | Maple | Hazel | Elm |
| Tuesday | Thursday | Monday | Friday | Friday | Tuesday | Wednesday |

Remember, the PE kit does not include football shirts or other T-shirts with logos and emblems etc.

Important Reminders:

Birthdays

We will always make your child feel special on their birthday. We request that you **do not** send sweets or **chocolates** into school or give them out at the end of the day.

Sunglasses and Sun cream

In warm weather, we encourage children to wear sun cream as they are outside for at least 30 minutes at lunchtime. If you would like your child to apply their own sun cream, please provide a named bottle of cream. An adult will supervise the application, but we are not allowed to put it on your child for them. We request that your child does not wear sunglasses unless arranged with the school due to hay fever or allergies.

Trim Trail and Monkey Bars

Please **do not** let your child use any of the outdoor equipment at the beginning or end of the school day. This equipment is for use during learning time only.

Due to serious allergies, we are a **nut and seed free** school – please do not send these items into school as part of a packed lunch.

Term dates

These can be found on the school website. Please ensure you check these before booking any holidays.

Please only book a holiday during school holidays. **We do not authorise holidays taken during term time.** Unauthorised absence may result in a fixed penalty fine.