

Dear families,

Term 4 is now underway, and all learning zones are getting stuck into their author enquiries. In this newsletter, I would like to share with you some information about our Friends of Wallscourt Farm Academy (FWFA) group, our SEND and Inclusion team and some staffing updates.

Charlotte Black (Principal)

Staffing Updates

Since the start of this academic year we have been busy recruiting for new members for our out of hours teams. We are pleased to have welcomed a fantastic group of play workers for our breakfast, lunchtime and afterschool clubs. I thought it would be worth sharing with you the members of these teams so that you are up to date. Everyone who is new to the team this academic year has a **blue frame** around their picture.

Breakfast Club Team



Mel Bevis
Play Leader



Iwona Borska
Play Worker



Kerry Walker
Play Worker



Ruchika Mahendru
Play Worker



Zhujun Chen
Play Leader

(currently Mat leave)



Ragini Kesharwani
Play Leader

(Mat Leave Cover)



Ruchika Mahendru
Play Worker



Barsha Baral
Play Worker



Joanna Claydon
Play Worker



Billy Price
Play Worker

Afterschool Club Team

Lunchtime Leaders



Stacey Brown
Play Leader



Iwona Borska
Play Worker



Ruchika Mahendru
Play Worker



Alice Miles
Play Worker



Billy Price
Play Worker



Ewelina Proch
Play Worker



Lisa-Marie Walters
Play Worker



Sarah Stone
Play Worker



Sudepta Patra
Play Worker



Ying Huang
Play Worker



Barsha Baral
Play Worker

More staff information and updates...

Inclusion Team

As a school, we work collaboratively in our interconnecting teams. Over the last six years Hannah McDonnell has been our SENCo (Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator), as well as leading the team of Learning Partners and Thrive Practitioners. As we have grown as a school, we have also seen an increase in the range of and number of additional needs experienced by our learners. As such, we continue to review and refine our provision. Last year, we added to our SENDCo offer by recruiting an assistant SENCo and since the start of this year we have restructured our Inclusion Team to include an overall Inclusion Lead and a separate SENCo. We are pleased to say that Ellen Sullivan (previously assistant SENCo and current year 2 teacher) has been appointed to the role of SENCo. Please see the below information for who's who in the Inclusion Team.

Inclusion Team



Hannah McDonnell
Inclusion Lead
Vice Principal
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Ellen Sullivan
SENCo
Year 2 Teacher
Being a Citizen Lead



Celia Monte
Thrive
Practitioner



Sarah Berry
Family Support
Worker

Learning Partners ---- Works 1:1 with Learners



Agnes Galla
Learning Partner



Donna Fry
Learning Partner



Emily Kwok
Learning Partner



Ruchika Mahendru
Learning Partner



Stacey Brown
Learning Partner

All Learning Partners work with both Teachers and Teaching Partners in collaboration to ensure that all learning meets the needs of all learners.

More Staff News!



We are delighted to share that year 5 teacher and being an athlete lead, Isobel Arken is expecting a baby. Isobel will continue to teach in year 5 up until around May when she will go off on maternity leave. We are currently in the process of finding a cover teacher for the remaining part of this year.

Friends of Wallscourt Farm Academy



Since the school opened in 2013, we have always had a group of interested parents supporting the school and organising community events. Back in 2013, this group was called the *Community Cultivation Alliance (CCA)*. We now know this group as the *Friends of Wallscourt Farm Academy (FWFA)*. We wanted to take this opportunity to share some information about the work that this group does and to **promote new memberships!**

What do the FWFA do?

The FWFA exists to raise funds and to enrich the learning experience of children at WFA.

We do this in a variety of ways with some events purely for the children, some purely for their adults and some for the whole family.

We encourage and desire involvement in the FWFA from all parts of the school community and wider community.

Plan	Publish	Purchase	Meet
Plan and manage events for fundraising	Publish quarterly newsletter	Purchase equipment/experiences to enrich children's learning	Meet monthly to discuss plans with SLT

Who are they?



Mandie Millett – Chair
Children in Year: 6 and one past student

What's my real life job: Pensions Administrator

When did you join FWFA? 2015 (my oldest daughter was in the second intake at WFA)

What do you enjoy doing for FWFA? I love organising events! Summer Fair, Elfridges and the quiz are my favourites

Why do you do it? I love being part of a fantastic group of people where we all help to raise money which is spent on things to help enrich our Children's education.

What has your highlight been? Organising Nutty Noah in 2022, it was the first event post COVID and seeing the kids faces to be in such a big group was amazing and emotional



Hayley Towler - Secretary
Children in Year: 5 and one past student

What's my real life job: Higher Level Teaching Assistant

When did you join FWFA? 2016

What do you enjoy doing for FWFA? I enjoy meeting new people. I find it very rewarding seeing the positive impact FWFA's fundraising has.

Why do you do it? Helping enhance children's educational opportunities and experiences. I know first hand how greatly appreciated and important extra funding is.

What has your highlight been? The Summer Fair and the quiz, they are both great for community spirit



Ceri Parsons – Vice Chair
Children in Year: R and 4

What's my real life job: I work in IT, managing compliance and data security of software development.

When did you join FWFA? Just over a year ago

What do you enjoy doing for FWFA? Communications and organising

Why do you do it? My kids LOVE seeing their parents involved at their school. I love the feeling of helping my kids school offer wider experiences to the children.

What has your highlight been? Helping Mario and Luigi greet kids at the school fair



Nicola Steer
Children in Year: 1

What's my real life job: I work in HR

When did you join FWFA? October 2022

What do you enjoy doing for FWFA? I enjoy getting involved in the fundraising with the team and baking for events. (She is our resident quiz master and queen of the PA system)

Why do you do it? To support the school and local community

What has your highlight been? All of it!



Kate Ellis
Children in Year: 1

What's my real life job: Community Engagement at the University of Bristol

When did you join FWFA? 2022

What do you enjoy doing for FWFA? Face Painting! And making the pre-loved uniform available so it doesn't go to waste

Why do you do it? So I can make a difference, like my mum did on the PTA when I was at primary school

What has your highlight been? Learning how to do super cool face painting techniques from Melissa and seeing how much the kids love them.



Carly Dawson
Children in Year: 6 and one past student

What's my real life job: Specialist Teaching Partner

When did you join FWFA? 2017

What do you enjoy doing for FWFA? The events (Summer Fair and the Quiz) and supporting WFA for the kids.

Why do you do it? I love being part of events and getting lots of fab things for the children.

What has your highlight been? It's been amazing to support my children and their school and plan some incredible events. I loved watching my child use the headphone microphones which we raised the money for! His smile said it all



Melissa Palmer
Children in Year: 6 and a past student

What's my real life job: Pre School nursery practitioner

When did you join FWFA? 2017

What do you enjoy doing for FWFA? Enjoy being able to help out when I can, it's been a great journey having had 2 kids at the school.

Why do you do it? I do it because I like having a say and it's great to be part of organising and running events.

What has your highlight been? The Summer Fair and doing my first lot of face painting with the team, also the quiz is a great night.



Friends of Wallscourt Farm Academy



Events



Cake Sale
Pre-loved Uniform
Uniform
Summer Fair
Sale
Quiz^{Disco}
Panto
Made for Christmas
Elfridges
Year group Cake and Uniform sales

What has been purchased with the proceeds?

Radio Mics!



Wet Play Boxes!

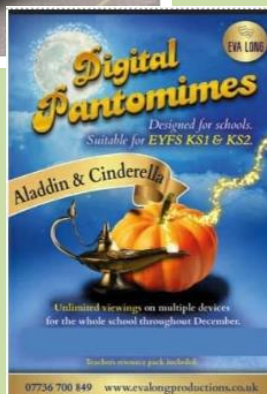


Nutty Noah and his grass covered van!

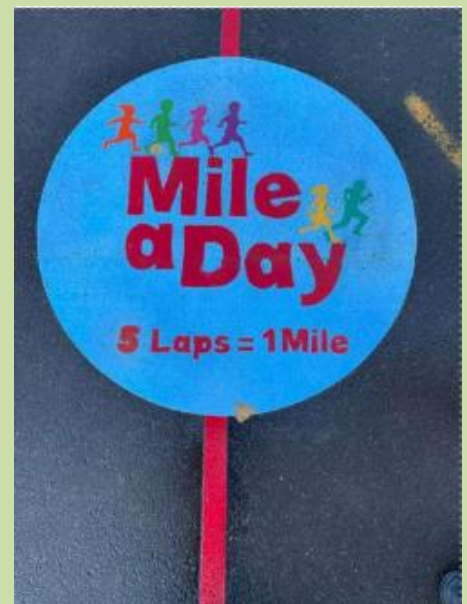


Digital Pantomimes!

- Friendship Benches
- Playtime Sports equipment
- Explorer Dome
- Annual Contribution to Year 6 trip
- Books Books and more Books



Playground Markings!



Friends of Wallscourt Farm Academy

Committee Meetings

We meet monthly with the Senior Leadership Team

Committee Roles

Discuss ideas/plan for events, what to spend money on and any ideas people have had

Chair

Alternating between in person and online meetings to help more people attend. (Dates on Facebook page)

Vice Chair

Secretary

Bring kids to in person meetings, usually held at school.

Treasurer

All these roles will be elected at the AGM on the 4th March – 6pm



How can you help?



We would REALLY like more people at meetings to get a broader view of parent's opinions

But we also REALLY need

Volunteers for events who can help organise, setup, shop, face-paint, go-for, if you've got an hour we can find you a job

People to help with communications, grant applications, raffle prize gathering,

Friends of Wallscourt Farm
Academy



If you think you can help, please give us some details so we can contact you when appropriate.

<https://forms.office.com/e/if1RQ3XYLS>

Bedtime Story Event! - Thursday 7th March

WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

Stories at bedtime

Join us on Thursday 7th March from 6 – 7pm for our 'Stories at Bedtime' event.


WORLD BOOK DAY
7 MARCH 2024

9 DAYS TO GO

- 1) Book your tickets online via [scopay](#) BEFORE 6pm on Friday 1st March.
- 1) Register for the story you would like to listen to at your chosen time slot. (Each story will be read at the following times 6:00 - 6:15, 6:20 - 6:35, 6:40 - 6:55)
- 2) Return to school with your adult from 6pm on Thursday 7th March ready to listen to your story. Learners are welcome to come to school in their pyjamas and slippers!
- 3) Make sure you visit the Super Classroom to enjoy your hot chocolate and doughnut. (Any adults wishing to enjoy a hot chocolate or doughnut must order in advance so we can ensure we have ordered enough.)

This is a ticketed family event so all learners must be accompanied by an adult and all tickets must be purchased in advance.

Ticket Prices	
Child (includes hot chocolate and doughnut)	£3
Accompanying Adult	Free
Additional hot chocolate and doughnut (can be purchased as a product on Scopay for accompanying adults!)	£3



Please join us at our evening Bedtime Story event on Thursday 7th March!

Each year, we celebrate our love of books and reading! This year we are holding an evening Bedtime Story event which you are all invited to! Please see the poster above for details of how to book. The evening will run as follows:

- The school adults have chosen a book that they will read during the evening.
- They will be based in a location in school and will read their book three times during the three story slots: 6.00pm to 6.15pm, 6.20pm to 6.35pm and 6.40pm to 6.55pm.
- You need to book one of these sessions vis scopay to register for the event but when you arrive you can select one other bedtime story to attend which you will not need to book.
- **Arrive at the front entrance gate by 5.50pm to enter at 5.55pm ready to be in the right place for the 6pm start.**
- Upon arrival check the map to locate the story you are listening to. If you have more than one child attending, please accompany your eldest child to their story point, where you can leave them with the adult reading the story. It will then be possible for you to stay with your youngest child whilst the story is being read. All learners will stay with the adult reading the story until their family member collects them.
- During the event, there will be an opportunity to go and collect your hot chocolate and doughnut from the Super Classroom in your third remaining slot.

On the next page you will find the menu of stories to choose from alongside the adult who is reading them. I have made an example Bedtime Story schedule which will hopefully help you to envisage how the story event will work. **Note: You can plan your stories and hot chocolate in any order. If you have other commitments and are unable to stay for the whole event, you are free to leave at any time.**

6.00pm
Arrive in Year 1 ready to listen to...



6.20pm
Go to the Super Classroom to collect...



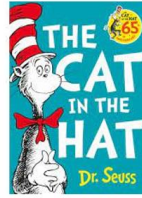
6.40pm
Arrive in Year 4 ready to listen to...



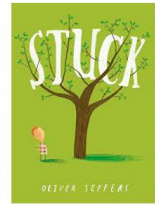
Bedtime Story Event! - Thursday 7th March



Miss Todd is reading...



Miss McClelland is reading...



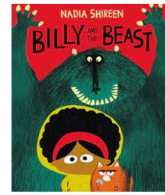
Ms Scott is reading...



Miss Ravenhill is reading...



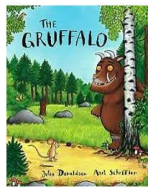
Ms Sullivan is reading...



Miss John is reading...



Mr Boocock is reading...

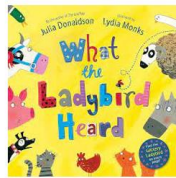


Mr Underwood is reading...

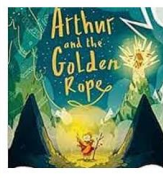


Ms Galla is reading...

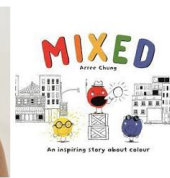
Read in Polish!!



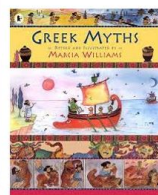
Mrs Allen is reading...



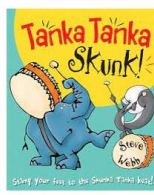
Ms Hewitt is reading...



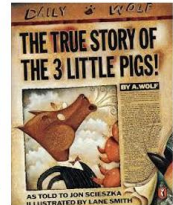
Ms Happe is reading...



Mrs Arken is reading...



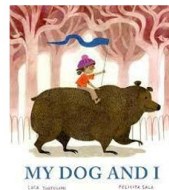
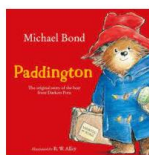
Mr McLean is reading...



Mr Miller is reading...



Miss Black, Ms McDonnell, Mrs Rea are reading...



Ms Salmon is reading...

Which stories will you choose?



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

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

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.