

## Dear Families,

We find ourselves at the start of term 4 and halfway through this academic year! Alongside the many events and activities, there has been some fantastic learning happening across the school. In this newsletter, I'll share some highlights from the term as well as important updates.

*Charlotte Black (Principal)*

## Staffing Updates

### Emma Jacques – Teaching Partner

Emma joined our team last term in her role as Learning Partner and following a thorough round of interviews, she has been successfully appointed into the role of Teaching Partner. Emma joins the year 4 team full time this term. Congratulations Emma!



### Diala Al-Habahbeh – Lunchtime Leader

Last term, we were also thrilled to welcome Diala into our lunchtime team. It's been great having you in the team!

## Library Project Update



A **huge thank you** to our fantastic **Friends Of** group for their incredible hard work and support. Thanks to their fundraising efforts, they have been able to contribute a whopping **£6,000** towards completing the next stage of our Library Project.

This means we can now go ahead and place the final order needed to finish the space! We will keep you updated as the work progresses.

We are so grateful for the generosity and community spirit that continues to make projects like this possible for our learners.

# WFA Library – Books Going Home



We're thrilled that children are now able to take WFA library books home! This is a wonderful way to encourage reading for pleasure and explore our fantastic collection.

## How it works:

- Books will be signed out during your child's weekly library slot using our new *Libib* system.
- Each child can take one book home at a time and must return it before borrowing another.

## Loan periods:

- 1 week: Picture books (Oak Fiction, Oak Non-Fiction, KS1 Fiction & Non-Fiction)
- 2 weeks: Topic books (Historians, Geographers, Athletes, Scientists, KS2 Non-Fiction)
- 4 weeks: KS2 Fiction (chapter books)

## Please help us look after our library books:

- These books are a significant investment for our school.
- Do not remove the plastic protective jackets.
- No drawing or writing in books.
- **Lost or damaged books may be subject to a replacement cost.**
- Sending books home depends on families supporting us in caring for them.
- Thank you for helping us keep our library in great condition so all children can enjoy it!

# Coming Up This Term!

## Stories at Bedtime

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 6pm – 7pm - See the next page for further details!

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FEED YOUR FAMILY FOR £5  
**JERK CHICKEN WITH RICE AND BEANS**

Feed your family of four for £5 with this delicious Jerk Chicken recipe. You can make it yourself, just scan below to watch the method and get the recipe card.

SCAN ME  
TO WATCH

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FOR THE RECIPE CARD

WORLD BOOK DAY  
7 MARCH 2024

## Stories at bedtime

Join us on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March from 6 – 7pm for our 'Stories at Bedtime' event.

- Reserve your space on Eventbrite**  
Use the link provided to book your child's place. Choose **two story sessions** and **one hot chocolate slot**.
- Pay on MCAS**  
After booking on Eventbrite, log in to **MCAS** to pay for your child's ticket.
- Optional treats for Families**  
Adults may also book their own hot chocolate and doughnut on MCAS.

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

To help the event run smoothly, each story session and hot-chocolate slot has a capacity limit. Please make sure you arrive at the exact time you've booked, especially for hot chocolate, so we can avoid queues and ensure everyone has a calm and enjoyable experience.

Ticket Prices	
Child (includes hot chocolate and doughnut)	£3
Accompanying Adult	Free
Additional hot chocolate and doughnut (can be purchased on MCAS)	£3

## Coffee Morning - Feed a family for £5!

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March

More info to come!

## Learner Plan Meetings – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

If you have a child who has an individual learner plan, then we will be running our termly review meetings for you to meet with the class teacher online. The invites will be shared via email as usual.

## Family Learning Conferences – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

All families will be invited to our twice-yearly family learning conferences. These are key meetings where you meet with the teaching team to hear about the great learning that your child is doing at school. Booking information to be shared later in the term.

**SGPC**  
South Glas Parent Carers

**Partnership for Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS Project)**

**Working and Co-producing change with parents**

[www.sgpc.org.uk](http://www.sgpc.org.uk)

## PINS Engagement Session 3

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March 8.50 to 9.50

Come along to find out what we've been developing through our PINS work this year, and to share your insights as we plan the next stage of this work with our school community.

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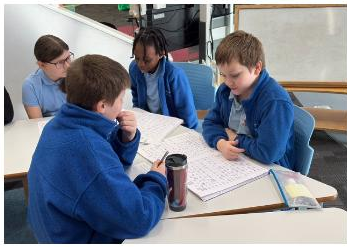


# Wallscourt Farm Academy News

We hope that you have continued to view our news stories previously shared. Here are some of the headlines:

**Follow this link**

**<https://wallscourtfarmacademy.clf.uk/news/>**



## Mystery writers 'bring stories to life'

📅 Tuesday 3rd February

Year 4 learners at Wallscourt Farm Academy have been busy developing their reading, writing and oracy skills through an exciting mystery writing enquiry based on *The Great Crisp Robbery* by Pamela Butchart. Throughout the enquiry, learners explored how authors build suspense using descriptive language, carefully chosen vocabulary



## Wallscourt Farm pupils learn online safety

📅 Tuesday 3rd February

Learners from Year 6 at Wallscourt Farm Academy recently welcomed Sam and Max, Police Community Support Officers from Staple Hill Police Station. They delivered a special workshop on the dangers of sharing images online. The session explored how young people can stay safe, make responsible choices, and

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## Learners celebrate first library book borrowing

📅 Thursday 22nd January

Learners from across Wallscourt Farm Academy have loved taking home books from the new school library for the very first time. Around 170 books have already been borrowed, covering a wide range of topics and interests, reflecting learners' curiosity and enthusiasm for reading. Each class visits the

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## Wallscourt pupils begin exciting brass music journey

📅 Tuesday 20th January

Learners at Wallscourt Farm Academy had an incredibly exciting start to a 10-week musical adventure as Year 3 pupils began their brass lessons with the fantastic support of the Bristol Beacon. The first session kicked off with an inspiring demonstration from a visiting musician, who showed learners

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## Learners discover the joy of reading

📅 Friday 16th January

It has been an exciting time at Wallscourt Farm Academy as learners have begun taking books home from the school's brand-new library. In preparation for the launch, Year 6 learners took on the role of school librarians, learning how to use the academy's new online library system

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# Community News

## Parking Considerately Near School

A Message from Our Local PCSOs

We've recently been contacted by our local **Police Community Support Officer**, Sam Norster, who has asked us to share an important reminder about parking safely and respectfully near the school.



## Sam Norster

PCSO

**School Link Officer for:**

Christchurch Infant, Frenchay Primary, Pathways,  
Wallscourt Farm Academy

We've been made aware that cars parking on **Sharples Close** during busy drop-off and pick-up times are sometimes making it difficult for people who live there to access their road. Sharples Close is clearly signposted as **private land**, and parking is not permitted. When cars stop there, residents can struggle to get in or out of their homes.

We kindly ask all parents and carers to help us maintain positive relationships with our neighbours by avoiding parking on Sharples Close and choosing alternative safe places to park. **Thank you**, as always, for your cooperation and for helping keep our whole community safe and supported.

## Conduct in and around the school site

We would also like to gently remind all families of the importance of maintaining calm, respectful and considerate behaviour while on the school site and also in the areas immediately outside the school during drop-off and pick-up times. These are shared community spaces used by many children, families and neighbours, and it is important that they remain safe and positive for everyone. To be clear on the expectations, please refer to our [Code of Conduct for families and visitors](#) – on our website.

Thank you for your support in helping us maintain a welcoming and respectful environment for our whole community.

## Uniform Expectations Reminder

We have noticed an **increasing number** of learners arriving at school **not** wearing the correct uniform. We would like to take this opportunity to remind families of our uniform expectations and to thank you for supporting your child to attend in the appropriate clothing each day.

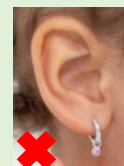
If you are short on uniform or would benefit from financial support to top up, please do make use of our **pre-loved uniform**, which offers good-quality items at a very low cost. If you need further support, please speak to us in confidence.

### Jewellery, Nails and Makeup

To help us maintain a safe, calm and focused learning environment, please can families support us with the following uniform expectations:

#### Jewellery

- No jewellery should be worn to school.
- Learners with pierced ears may wear **one set of small stud earrings only**.
- If your child can remove their earrings, **please ensure they do not wear them on days they have PE or sports**.
- Jewellery worn for religious reasons should be **kept safely tucked under clothing**.



#### Nails

- Learners should not wear **nail polish** to school.
- **False nails, gel nails or acrylics** are not permitted under any circumstances, as they can pose a safety risk.



#### Makeup

- Primary-aged learners are expected to attend school without makeup.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us maintain high standards and keep everyone safe.

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 polo shirts need to be light blue. School uniform trousers and skirts need to be grey or black.





## PE Kit

Learners should wear their blue school jumper, cardigan or fleece with their sports kit.

## Footwear

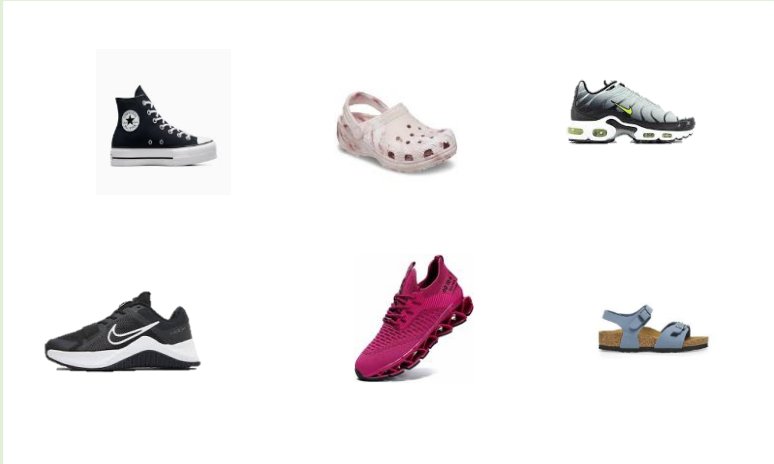


School shoes must be completely black.

## Not School Uniform



Learners should not be wearing cycling shorts or leggings to school on a non-sports day.



## Bringing in resources from home

Please support your child not to bring in items from home. This may include footballs, teddies, books, pencil cases or fidget toys. Where your child has a specific need, appropriate resources should be agreed with your child's class teacher and the SENCo.



## FWFA Needs You!

Our brilliant Friends of WFA group are looking for new members to help keep all of the fantastic events and fundraising opportunities running.

Their AGM is coming up soon – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March - everyone is welcome!

If you'd like to find out more about what they do, how you can get involved, or the roles available, please take a look at their information on our website – and do come along to the AGM if you're curious or want to help shape the year ahead.



FWFA needs YOU!

Join us to shape the year ahead

Our FWFA Annual General Meeting (AGM) is just around the corner, and we would love for you to be involved!

**AGM Date: Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

**Time: 6pm at WFA**

Each year at the AGM, the current committee steps down and new members are elected. This year is a little different as at the moment **we don't have enough volunteers to fill the key roles** needed for the FWFA to continue.

This is a **fantastic opportunity** to build a fresh, vibrant FWFA that represents the whole school community, bringing new ideas, new energy, and helping create events and opportunities that benefit every child at WFA.

### Why Your Support Matters

Without a minimum committee of three people (Chair, Secretary, Treasurer), the FWFA will unfortunately have to close. If that happens, all funds will pass to the school, and many of the wonderful things the FWFA currently provides will stop including:

- Summer Fair
- Elfidges
- Funding for big projects like the library
- Smaller but important items like wet-play boxes and football goals
- Pre-loved uniform
- And countless extras that enrich school life for our children

We know how valued these activities are, so let's keep them going – together!

### What Roles Need Filling?

A standard FWFA committee includes three elected roles:

- **Chair** - Leads meetings, makes sure everyone is included, and guides the direction of discussions.
- **Secretary** - Takes notes, records decisions, and helps keep everything organised.
- **Treasurer** - Looks after the finances, keeps clear records, and ensures everything is managed properly.

These roles **work as a team**, supported by many other amazing volunteers who help with things like social media, designing posters, organising events, sourcing raffle prizes, and much more. You don't need to take on a big role to make a big difference!

### Want to find out more?

Everyone is welcome! If you're curious, have ideas, or would simply like to hear more about how the FWFA works, we'd love you to join us.

Find us on Facebook "Friends of Wallscourt Farm Academy", Instagram or email us [friends@wfa.cof.uk](mailto:friends@wfa.cof.uk)

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

Oak	Beech	Willow	Acer	Maple	Hazel	Elm
Tuesday	Wednesday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Friday	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.

### Winter Weather

In colder weather, we encourage children to come to school with warm, suitable clothing, as they spend at least 30 minutes outside at lunchtime. Please ensure your child has a named coat, and, if needed, hat, gloves, and a scarf. If your child needs to apply their own lip balm or moisturiser, please provide a named product. An adult will supervise the application, but staff are not permitted to apply these products directly.

### 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.