

Wallscourt Farm Academy

We have now been back in school for just over 3 weeks and I would like to thank you all for your flexibility regarding the changes we have had to put in place. Your children have been so flexible and positive and they are respecting everyone's right to be safe. Our new Reception children have settled in really well in Oak Learning Zone and it is a pleasure getting to know them.

30th September 2020

Events Calendar

21st October 2020	Last day of Term 1 for children.
12 th /13 th October 10 th /12 th November	Family Learning conferences Year 6 Years R-5

New beginnings

One of our original WFA team of 6 has decided to move onto a new challenge. At the end of this term, one of our teaching partners in Oak Learning Zone, Jacqui Holbrook will be leaving us after 8 years at WFA. Jacqui has played a significant role in making WFA what it is today and we will miss her but wish her happiness in her new career.

After the Fall

At the beginning of the school year, Years 1-6 used this book for a stimulus for their learning. The book tells a story of resilience in the face of challenges.



Learners from Elm Learning Zone collaborating to recreate scenes from the book.

Meet our new Family Support Worker – Emily Arnold



We are pleased to introduce our new Family Support Worker. This is a new role for WFA. Emily will be working with SLT on attendance but also organising parent workshops and other activities once we are able to do them.



We are excited to share some news. Mrs Wiggan, Miss Driver, and Miss McDonnell are all expecting babies. I am sure you will join with us in congratulating them.

Family Learning Conferences

We will be sending information about these soon. The meetings will be held via Microsoft Teams. Year 6 meetings will be this term and the rest of the school will be in November. We will be sending an online form for you to indicate your preferred time band and we will then give you a confirmed time slot.



Please make sure we have the most up to date contact details including mobile number and emails for our school comms text and email service

Follow us on twitter @wallscourt and the learning zones @YRWFA, @Y1WFA, @WfaYear2, @Y3WFA, @Y4WFA, @WFAYear5, @WFAYear6 @WFAtheArtists These are official school twitter accounts

Learning and Community updates

Academy updates

Academy Council – new Chair of Academy Council

We would like to say a huge thank you to our outgoing Chair, Nathan Leigh who has supported us so well over the past few years. We are happy to say he is continuing as a member of our Council. Our Vice Chair Michael Small has now been appointed as our new Chair and we look forward to working with him over the coming year. Michael is also our Safeguarding Link Councillor. We will also be looking for a new parent councillor to join this group and will be sending out further information later this term.

Parking

As you are aware the car park at the school is for staff only. We have staff in and out at different times of the day and therefore cannot have children in the car park being dropped off or collected. From a Safeguarding perspective please do not park in the car park even if the gate is open and do not use the car park as an entrance to the school when walking.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child is wearing the agreed school uniform. This includes a Primary Blue School jumper, a pale blue Polo shirt, grey or black shorts/trousers/skirts and blue checked dresses. **Children should be wearing school shoes not trainers. Please do not let your child wear jewellery to school unless they have pierced ears in which case they should only wear small stud earrings.** **On the children's 'Being an athlete' day, children must come to school in their sports kit - black shorts, white T-shirt and daps or trainers. In colder weather black leggings/joggers and a sweatshirt can be worn. They will not be able to take part in Sports sessions without the agreed P.E. uniform.**

Vacancies

We have some vacancies for after school club staff. Please see the Cabot Learning Federation website if you are interested in applying.

Staggered drop off and Pick Up

Please only arrive at WFA a few minutes before drop off or pick up and leave as soon as you have dropped or picked up your child. Below is a reminder of the timings of the day for each year group.

	Year R	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Drop off	8.55 a.m.	8.40 a.m.	8.40 a.m.	8.45 a.m.	8.45 a.m.	8.35 a.m.	8.35 a.m.
Pick up	3.25 p.m.	3.10 p.m.	3.10 p.m.	3.15 p.m.	3.15 p.m.	3.05 p.m.	3.05 p.m.

Term Dates 2020-21

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4	Term 5	Term 6
Tuesday 1st September- Friday 23rd October 2020 INSET – Tuesday 1st September, Thursday 22nd and Friday 23rd October 2020	Monday 2nd November- Friday 18th December 2020 INSET – Friday 18 th December 2020	Monday 4th January-Friday 12th February 2021 INSET- Monday 4th January 2021	Monday 22nd February- Thursday 1st April 2021 INSET- Wednesday 17th March 2021 Good Friday 2nd April 2021	Monday 19th April – Friday 28th May 2021 May Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021	Monday 7th June - Wednesday 21st July 2021 INSET- Friday 2nd July 2021

Please only book a holiday during school holidays. We do not authorise holidays taken during term time.