

# The Barn Croft Bulletin

Dear Parents & Carer,

It is only 2 weeks now until our Summer Fair! It is going to be a wonderful day so please come along, invite your family & friends and please do offer to help out with anything you can. There is a Summer Fair Noticeboard at the front of the school where you can offer help. Thank you to the Friends of Barn Croft for all their hard work in the background at the moment - I know we would not be able to hold such an event without the support of our parents!

Next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June is our whole school Sports Day! (If it rains we will have it the next day on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>). You are most welcome to come along to cheer on your children - it will be so lovely to have our Sports Day in the normal way - this is the first proper one since summer 2019! We will be in the park from 9.30am. For those new to the school, we have mixed age teams with children from Nursery to Y6 in each team - this means that the children work together and support each other. My favourite thing about our Sports Day is how the children encourage each other and how the older children help the little ones. It promises to be a great day!

Share shop - we are revamping the Share Shop to be a monthly household essentials/personal care items give away. We will make up bags of these essentials to give to families - we will ask parents to confidentially let the office know if they would benefit from this and we will make the offer to parents we know might benefit. The aim is to try and get one done before the summer holidays and then one a month from September. We will be asking for donations in order to make this happen and more information will come soon on how you can donate or tell us if you would like to receive a monthly bag.

Finally, I would just like to let you know how proud I have been over the last few weeks of our children. If they have been doing any of the statutory tests then you should know how calm and resilient they have been! They have done so well considering how much school some of them have lost out on over the past 2 years. I have also seen so many pieces of work this week which children have brought round to show me. I have been blown away by the amount of progress I am seeing in their books. And even better are the smiles on their faces and the pride they are showing at how hard they have worked.

It looks like it is going to be a nice sunny weekend so enjoy!

Tracey Griffiths  
Headteacher

## Key Diary Dates

**14<sup>th</sup> June**  
Sports Day

**15<sup>th</sup> June**  
Back up Sports Day

**17<sup>th</sup> June**  
Class School Photos

**20<sup>th</sup> June - 25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Yr 6 Swimming

**25<sup>th</sup> June**  
Summer Fair

**28<sup>th</sup> June – 1<sup>st</sup> July**  
Y6 Residential – Gilwell

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Certificates this week have been awarded for *Science Week*

*Reception – Gaby & Zara*

*Year 1 – Fionn & Rose*

*Year 2 – Dorothy & Dylan*

*Year 3 – Clea & Max*

*Year 4 – Arti & Darragh*

*Year 5 – Elita & Makar*

*Year 6 – Finn & Jessica*



### Item Request!!

Early Years would really like any of these unwanted items for their home corner; Floor lamp and bookshelf.

### Hot Chocolate

Reception – Robin

Y1 – Aidan

Y2 – Olive

Y3 - Josephine

Y4 – Lucia

Y5 – Anabel

Y6 – Mahir

This term open Homework will be story boxes of the children's favourite book.

### Note

We will be having a reading week in July and part of that event we will have a book sale. If you have books you would like to donate, please donate these items to Mrs Pipe/Miss O'Neil.



This is the project that Early Years are making with the 4pint empty milk bottles. Please can you bring in your empty bottles for them to use?  
Thank you!

### School Packed Lunches for Trips Important Information

As Natasha's Law came into effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2022, Waltham Forest Catering are now asking all schools to order all packed lunches in advance, so that they can be prepped and packaged with labels. The Law states that "all food outlets must provide a full ingredient list with allergen information on pre-packed for direct sale foods".

Therefore, if your child is going on a trip and you are entitled to UIFSM/ FSM and are requesting a school packed lunch please fill in the form straightaway. You will have a choice of sandwich options on there so that we can let the kitchen know in advance.

**Early Years  
Storytelling Hub**

**Story 'n' Rhyme  
Parent/Carer Session at  
Barn Croft Primary School**

Start date: 25th May 2022  
Days of session: Every Wednesday afternoon  
How often: Weekly (term time)  
Session Time: 2.00pm - 3.00pm

**Call 020 8521 1145 to book your place  
or just come along**

Waltham Forest

# ROOT FOR VEG CHALLENGE CARD



With people in the UK eating twice as much meat as vegetables, and most people are eating the same 4 or 5 meals every week, we're on a mission to get more people to Root for Veg.

Together, we need to reduce our meat intake and add more variety to our diets – it'll be better for you and our planet. Even the small changes you make at home can make a BIG difference.

We're inviting you to take part in our Home Challenges and join the movement to #CheatonMeat.

## GROW IT! CHALLENGE: GROW IT DON'T THROW IT



Did you know that you can grow beans literally anywhere? All you need is a ziplock bag, paper towels, water, bean seeds and sticky tape.

1. Dampen a paper towel and put inside the bag
2. Place the bean on the paper towel and seal the bag
3. Tape the bag to a sunny window
4. Add water if the paper towel dries out

The bean plant should grow in 3-5 days!



## COOK IT! CHALLENGE: CHEAT ON MEAT

### CHEAT ON MEAT CALCULATOR



We're challenging you to cheat on meat and reinvent your family's favourite – perhaps you could try swapping beef mince for earthy lentils, meaty black beans or buttery broad beans.

You could head to: [www.knorr.com/uk/cheatonmeat.html](http://www.knorr.com/uk/cheatonmeat.html) for inspiration!

Please remember to always cook with adult supervision – never on your own.



## CHANGE IT! CHALLENGE: MAKE YOUR PITCH AT HOME



How will your family Root for Veg? What changes will you implement at home? What are you planning on doing differently? Your challenge is to make a pitch for your family.

Let your family know about what you've learned. How rooting for veg is better for our health and the health of the planet.

Be creative – you can suggest a meat free day a week and suggest some of the delicious meals you've learnt about.



Choose a challenge and tick the box when you have completed it – don't forget to take pictures of the process (or the outcome!) because we'd love to see them. You can tag us with the hashtag #RootforVeg

Once you have completed the challenge (spud-tacular!), get a parent/carer to sign the bottom of this card and take it into school, along with your pictures, to give to your school council.

You will then be awarded with a Root for Veg certificate.

My child (name): \_\_\_\_\_  
has completed all 3 of the Root for Veg Home Challenges.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
In completing these challenges, you've had a positive impact on the planet. Well done!

Encourage Awareness and Environment Protection

Bring in photos of your challenges to collect your certificate.



RAISING FUNDS FOR OUTDOOR PLAY EQUIPMENT



# SUMMER FAIR

**ADULTS £1  
KIDS FREE**

**Saturday 25th June  
12pm to 3pm**

*SEND quiet time 11-12pm*

BOUNCY CASTLE ~ GAMES ~ TOMBOLA  
BBQ ~ SALAD BAR ~ SMOOTHIE BAR  
TEA COFFEE CAKES ~ RAFFLE  
ARTS ANDS CRAFTS ~ POTION MAKING  
WILDLIFE GARDEN ~ PLANT SALE  
FACEPAINT ~ NAILS ~ HENNA  
PERFORMANCES ~ UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

**SEND  
FAMILY SUPPORT  
GROUPS**  
Summer 2022

Open to parents and carers of children aged 5-18 with SEND in mainstream schools in Waltham Forest. Come along and share experiences, discuss ideas, explore resources and develop a support network. All led by specialist Advisory Teachers.

To join us complete the [Booking Form](#) here Or

email: [enquiries@sendsuccess.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@sendsuccess.org.uk) or call: 020 8498 4249

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| Down's Syndrome | Tuesday 28th June<br>10:30 – 11:30 am  | At Whitefield Academy Trust |
| Dyslexia        | Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June<br>10:00 – 11:00 am   | Virtual                     |
| Autism          | Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> May<br>12:00-1:00 pm<br>Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July<br>12:00-1:00 pm | Virtual                     |

Links to all  
virtual sessions will  
be sent via email  
prior to the session

Please can you send your requests for a space via the SEND email address on:  
[send@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk](mailto:send@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk)



# Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2021-2022

## Autumn Term 2021 (73 days)

|                                     |                                    |
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| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
| Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September  | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September    | Staff Training Day – School Closed |

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| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September</b> | <b>School Starts</b>                |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October        | School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term |

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| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October - Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October | Half-Term Holiday – School Closed |
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| <b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November</b> | <b>School Starts</b>                     |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December      | School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term |

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| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> December – Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January | Christmas Holiday – School Closed |
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## Spring Term 2022 (59 days)

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| Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
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| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b> | <b>School Starts</b>                |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> February        | School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term |

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| Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> February - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> February | Half-Term Holiday – School Closed |
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| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> | <b>School Starts</b>                     |
| Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> April           | School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term |

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| Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> April | Easter Holiday – School Closed |
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## Summer Term 2022 (42 days)

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| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April | Staff Training Day – School Closed |
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| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> | <b>School Starts</b> |
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| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May | Bank Holiday – School Closed |
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| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May | School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term |
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| Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June | Half-Term Holiday – School Closed |
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| <b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b> | <b>School Starts</b>                         |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> July    | School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term     |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July      | Queens Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday in lieu |