

# The Barn Croft Newsletter

*Courage, Love, Excellence*

Dear Parents & Carers,

This week the children have been really settling into their new classes and working hard in lessons. I have been around to see lots of the work the children have been completing and have been impressed with their attitude towards learning and the content that they are producing at such an early point in the year.

Sports trips have resumed as part of the Waltham Forest School Sports Network, this week some children attended a football festival and had a fantastic day. A big thank you to Mrs Sandy for organising all of these trips and for parents accompanying children as this could not happen otherwise. All children will have the opportunity to attend a sports event across the year.

The children have been learning about safeguarding in assemblies and PSHE lessons, we do this to ensure all children know how to seek support if they need to. You would have received a link to Barn Croft's safeguarding policy, please do familiarise yourself with this as safeguarding is our first priority at school.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Miss Kelly  
**Acting Headteacher**

## What else have staff been doing this week?

- Teachers had training in maths planning and assessment from our maths expert, Ms Lewis
- Miss Kelly attended Adultification Bias training and a Harmful Sexual Behaviours refresher
- Mrs Moses attended the DSL forum for safeguarding leads
- All staff have completed their fire awareness training and exams
- Ms Nair has completed her safer recruitment training
- Ms Nair has been updating medical registers – please see the office if you have not informed us of a medical need
- SLT have been writing, reviewing and finalising policies for the year
- Parent Governor Nominations have been sent out – please do consider applying if you think you are suitable to the role
- Interventions and keep up sessions have started this week
- Anna Collin, our Safeguarding Link Governor has been into school to meet with Miss Kelly and review the school's start of year safeguarding duties
- Our Solihull Parenting Course with Mrs Moses and Helen started on Thursday, thank you to all who attended a very successful first session
- Ms Nair has been working to finalise review dates and target meetings
- Curriculum long term maps have been finalised and will be on the website in due course
- Miss Kelly had a meeting with the Local Authority to review progress against the school's action plan. The feedback was positive and they continue to support the school on this development journey.
- SLT have had many meetings with parents, carers, other professionals and groups
- Private music lessons have been organised and are restarting in the coming weeks
- After school clubs are being organised and letters will be coming out in due course
- Action for Happiness pastoral groups have started with Mrs Sandy and Helen, these provide valuable learning for the children with their self-regulation and resilience

## Key Diary Dates

**23<sup>rd</sup> October – 27<sup>th</sup> October**  
Half Term  
**School Closed**

**30th October**  
Children return to School

**7th November**  
Individual School Photos

**13th November**  
Staff Training Day  
**School Closed**

**21<sup>st</sup> December**  
Last day of Term  
**2:00pm finish**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December – 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024**  
Christmas Holiday  
**School Closed**

**8th January**  
Staff Training Day  
**School Closed**

**9th January**  
Children return to School

**Non-Uniform Day**  
**Year 1**  
**Friday 29th**  
**September 2023**



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Maths*  
*Reception – Alva & Penfield*  
*Year 1 – Digby & Elisa*  
*Year 2 – Annie & Arthur*  
*Year 3 – Ezra & Ferial*  
*Year 4 – Albert & Theo*  
*Year 5 – Adrianna & Schane-Jae*  
*Year 6 – Elif & Esme*

## REMINDERS FOR PARENTS FOR THE NEW TERM!

### Asthma Pumps / EPI PEN

If your child is asthmatic or has severe allergies that require an epi-pen, then please ensure that your child has a labelled asthma pump/epi pen with them in school at all times, **and that it is in date**. Asthma pumps and epi pens are the **only** medicine which should be kept in the classroom with the child for prompt access.

### Free School Meals Trawl

Even if your child brings a packed lunch or receives the Universal Free School Meal and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals then please do apply to the Borough as the schools funding can greatly benefit from this!

### Mobile Phones

Pupils bringing mobile phones to school must ensure they are put away before they come through the school gate and **must** be handed to the office before registration for safe keeping during the school day.

### Appointments

Parents and carers are asked most earnestly **not** to arrange these during school sessions, except in cases of urgency, so that considerable interference with school work is avoided. Please do not keep children out of school for the whole day unless absolutely necessary.

Thank you!

## LABELLING UNIFORM

Please remember to label your child's school uniform clearly. If your child's uniform is misplaced, it is difficult to find the owner if there is no name on the label!



## Understanding your child's behaviour

A Solihull Approach group for parents and carers



- Would you like to know more about your child's development?
- Would you like a better understanding of your child's behaviour?
- Do you know why your child has emotional outbursts?
- Would you like a chance to meet with other parents with children of a similar age?

We will be running a group for parents and carers at Barn Croft Primary School.

The group is based on an approach developed in Solihull that has been helpful to parents and carers and has been shown to improve children's behaviour. It is a non-judgemental, supportive space where we share ideas and encourage one another. The sessions will be run by: Chris Moses and Helen English.

The group will be run for two hours once a week for 10 weeks, every Thursday. Groups do not run in the school holidays.

The course covers:

- ❖ Session 1: Introduction to the Solihull approach (21/9)
- ❖ Session 2: How are you and your child feeling? (28/9)
- ❖ Session 3: Tuning into your child's developmental needs (5/10)
- ❖ Session 4: Responding to your child's feelings (12/10)
- ❖ Session 5: Different styles of parenting (19/10)
- ❖ Session 6: Having fun with your child (2/11)
- ❖ Session 7: The rhythm of interaction and sleep (9/11)
- ❖ Session 8: Self-regulation and anger (16/11)
- ❖ Session 9: Communication and attunement – how to recover when things go wrong. (23/11)
- ❖ Session 10: Celebration (30/11)

The first meeting will take place on **Thursday 21st September 2022 at 9:00- 11:00 am.**

The group is free of charge. Refreshments will be served. If you're interested in joining the group, please contact the office prior to the first meeting. Also, feel free to contact any of the group leaders for more information

(If you have previously done the course, you are free to join us again or drop in on any Thursday).

One of the only state schools in the country to offer the Classics to all students



Kelmscott School  
Putting Learning First

# Open Evening

Wednesday 27th September 2023

5:00pm - 7:30pm

We are pleased and proud to invite prospective parents, carers and students to visit our school in person, to gain an insight into our school and the Kelmscott community.



### See the school

Watch interactive activities and meet our teaching staff and students.

### Hear the Headteacher's address

During two scheduled times during the evening, Mr Jones will share with you our vision, and the "five year journey" of a typical Kelmscott student.

### Taste a sample from our new lunch menus

We are proud to launch a new partnership with "The Pantry" this year, providing a wide variety of hot and healthy meals to all our students.

Please book a time slot via [eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com) to ensure an enjoyable visit to our school:  
[www.kelmscottschool.co.uk](http://www.kelmscottschool.co.uk)



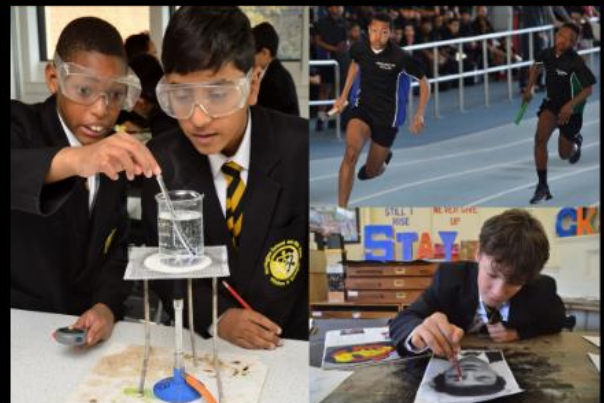
## Norlington School & 6th Form

Year 6 Open Evening

Thursday 28th September 2023

6pm—8.30pm

'School of choice for the local community'



**Address:** Norlington Road, Leyton, E10 6JZ

**Website:** [www.norlington.net](http://www.norlington.net)

**Phone:** 020 8539 3055

**Email:** [norlington@norlington.net](mailto:norlington@norlington.net)

**Twitter:** @norlingtongsch

# School Health Team Waltham Forest

Thgpcg.wf0-19SPA1@nhs.net

0300 033 6200

Drop-in sessions:

Our Community Nursery Nurses are providing monthly drop-in sessions in Waltham Forest Primary schools,

offering advice, support and signposting on a range of topics including:

Healthy eating, height- weight management  
sleep routine, hygiene, toileting  
hearing and vision, child development

Available to all parents and pupils every month

Please ask at the School Office for more information, upcoming dates and appointments



## Educational Psychology Service Free Monthly Parent/Carer Consultation Sessions

### Dates:

20th September 2023  
18th October 2023  
22nd November 2023  
6th December 2023  
17th January 2024  
28th February 2024  
27th March 2024  
24th April 2024  
22nd May 2024  
19th June 2024  
17th July 2024

To book a 30 minute  
consultation, please  
contact our  
Business  
Support Officer  
below

EDUCATIONAL  
PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

Thorpe Hall School  
123 Hale End Road  
E17 4DP

Office  
02084961732 07776 589 597

Do you have concerns about your  
child?

Would you like to talk to an  
Educational  
Psychologist in confidence?

### Appointment Only Sessions

Afternoon sessions are 12.30-2pm  
Evening Sessions are 3.30- 5.00

Individual consultation with an Educational  
Psychologist are offered via phone/zoom or in person for  
Parents and Carers living in London Borough Waltham  
Forest.

Sessions last for no more than 30 minutes and provide an  
opportunity to ask any questions or discuss concerns  
with a member of our culturally diverse Educational  
Psychology Team.

Educational Psychologists are qualified specialists in child psychology and child  
development, with particular expertise in supporting children and young people with  
special educational needs, learning difficulties, and social, emotional and behaviour  
difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health  
Care Professionals Council.

educationalpsychologyservice@walthamforest.gov.uk



# Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2023-2024

## **Autumn Term 2023** (74 days)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September Staff Training Day – **School Closed**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September School Starts**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October School Starts**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Spring Term 2024** (54 days)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January School Starts**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February School Starts**  
Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Summer Term 2024** (67 days)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April School Starts**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June School Starts**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term**