

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

Please be reminded that Monday 13th November is an INSET day and school is closed to all children.

Please ensure that all parents are reading all communication sent via ParentMail. This is the school's method of communication for all letter and information, it is vital that you access the information sent as it is key information you will need to know. Please also note the dates section to the right of the newsletter. Taking the time to carefully read all communication via ParentMail from school will ensure you have information in good time, can prepare for upcoming events and really help the school office staff. We appreciate your support with this.

Next week (Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th November) are Parents Evenings. If you have not booked then please access the letter and link in ParentMail and book online. Please note a parent is expected to attend for every child in the school as these meetings are important. Missed meetings/no bookings made will be logged, in the event that you cannot attend, please call the school office on Monday 13th November to make alternative arrangements. We look forward to seeing you all at the meetings and sharing your children's progress so far in their new classes.

We are pleased to inform you that our new Speech and Language Therapist, Maria Diou will be joining us from next week for one day a week. Parents of children on the Speech and Language caseload will be contacted by Maria when their child is to be reviewed.

This week Year 6 attended 'Show Racism the Red Card' at Leyton Orient Football Club. They explored the impact of racism and predigest and looked at how they can be the change going forward. The children also met some first team players and had a tour of the stadium. They spoke highly of the experience, what they had learned and what they would take away from the session.

I conducted further learning walks this week and spoke to the children about their learning in class, they are positive about their lessons and we saw some really positive improvements in classes. I met with the Local Authority for a routine strategic review of progress against the action plan and the feedback was positive, they happened to be on site when the fire alarm was accidentally triggered and commented on how efficiently, calmly and speedily the building was cleared and swept as well as how impeccably well the children followed procedure and instruction. Well done to all!

A reminder to all parents about road safety. We have seen increasing numbers of children running across the roads outside school without looking for traffic and without adult supervision. We endeavour to be on the gates however as we are a small team, there are times that we are not able to. We have stopped a number of children (particularly younger children) from exiting the gate without adequate parent/carer supervision – the roads outside school are dangerous, Brunel Road is a blind bend and South Access Road is known for speeding, reckless drivers trying to 'beat the cameras' by driving through at high speed. I have raised this concern with the council however before and after school the responsibility of supervision and care of the children lies with the parent/carer, please hold your children's hands and ensure they are not out of your sight to avoid a safeguarding risk to your children.

Finally, next week is an exciting week for Barn Croft, our solar panels are being installed! We spoke to the children in assembly about safety around scaffolding and about the install that is happening. The Solar for Schools team will be holding some sessions with school council to show them the install process and to learn about the benefits to the environment and school. School Council will share their learning with their classes. A huge thank you to everyone's fantastic fundraising efforts to make this project happen – we are grateful for everyone who backed the campaign and shared it far and wide. The install will be filmed and shared in due course. Please do be careful around the scaffolding and compounds, ensuring that children are supervised and not allowed to climb on any of the equipment or fencing.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Miss Kelly
Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

13th November
Staff Training Day
School Closed

14th November
Parents Evening Day 1
3:40pm-7:00pm

16th November
Parents Evening Day 2
3:40pm-5:40pm

10th December
Winter Fair

21st December
Last day of Term
2:00pm finish

Non Uniform Day

**Friday 17th
November**

Year 6

Hot Chocolate Friday Reception – Rhidi

Year 1 – Elisa

Year 2 – Harry

Year 3 – Winnie

Year 4 – Lycia

Year 5 – Ru

Year 6 - Joel



Stars of the Week

Certificates this week have been awarded for Spelling

Reception – Ellen & Nat

Year 1 – Elinor & Katrin

Year 2 – Belis & Hanaa

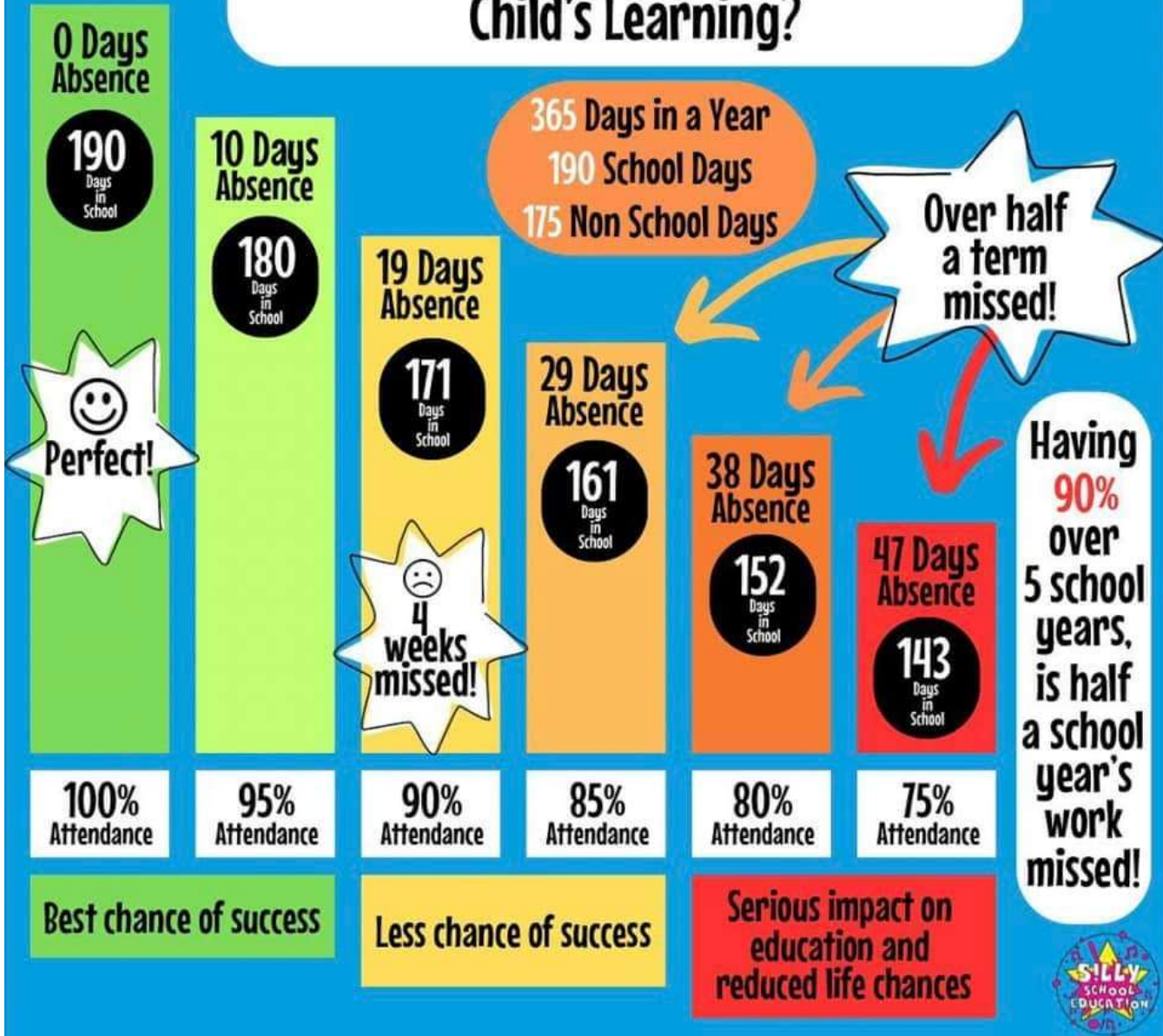
Year 3 – Lily-Rose & Tabby

Year 4 – Ami & Audrey

Year 5 – Grady & Izabela

Year 6 – Lily & Nassim

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



School Nurse Team

Thgpcg.wf0-19SPA1@nhs.net

0300 033 6200

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. Following dates in school;

Wednesday 15th November

Wednesday 13th December





Introducing our New Ceramics Tutor and Courses

Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service are excited to announce that we have a new ceramics tutor joining our team! Jassy Grez is a London based British Chilean artist Inspired by nature, organic forms and her Latin American heritage Jassy makes both sculptural and functional pieces and looks forward to welcoming you to the ceramics courses she has designed for you to explore your own artistic voice!

Join a nature inspire workshop (Hyphae) or create a lovely cup and saucer set as a gift. Or exploring the ancient tradition of Kintsugi, an upcycling/repair opportunity for a broken piece of loved ceramic.

AC0433C2 Ceramics - Beginners - Make a Mini Tea Set 14/11/23

Do you want to have fun exploring the possibilities of working with clay? Do you want to go home with your very own hand made personalised cup and saucer? This course is ideal for beginners who would like to experiment with clay and for those with some experience with clay who would like to refresh their skills.

AC0432C2 Ceramics - Hyphae, Ceramics inspired by nature - 14/11/23.

Do you want to have more fun exploring the possibilities of working with clay?
Do you want to work independently on your own projects with some support?

This course is for people that have completed the beginners' course or for those with previous experience who would like to refresh their skills.

AC0431C2 Ceramics - Advanced Form & Technique - 14/11/23

Do you want to expand on the possibilities of working with clay?

Do you have previous experience from the other courses offered and want to learn further develop and continue learning new techniques? This course is for people that have completed the beginners' course or for those with previous experience who would like to refresh their skills.

AC0434C2 One day Kintsugi Workshop (with Jassy Grez) 10/11/2023

Exploring the ancient tradition of Kintsugi, an upcycling/repair opportunity for a broken piece of ceramic brought in by each student. This workshop is ideal for students with a small, inexpensive ceramic item from home that they want to fix.

All of our ceramic's courses are suitable for adults of all ages and abilities. They are a great way to learn a new skill, meet new people, and get creative.

SIGN UP TODAY



Help your child grow and thrive! Family Learning



Our family learning programme delivers a variety of courses, workshops and events both in person, online and at different venues in Waltham Forest - courses and workshops are free for families.

List of upcoming courses / workshops

Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
Create a baby keepsake box (non-crawling babies are welcome)	Leyton Family Hub Queens Road E17	22.11.2023	10 -12pm	Wednesday
		6.12.2023		
<p>If you have any questions regarding family learning activities, please contact - cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk Curriculum Manager Family Learning</p>				

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Create a seasonal wreath	Wood Street Library E17	11.11.2023	1:30 - 3:30 pm	Saturday
Create a seasonal wreath	Hale End Library E4	18.11.2023	10:30-12:30pm	Saturday
Create a baby keepsake box (Non crawling babies are welcome)	Leyton Family Hub	22.11.2023 - 06.12. 2023	10am - 12:00 pm	Wednesday

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SEND FAMILY SUPPORT GROUPS

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 book online at: [Eventbrite](#)

Down's Syndrome	Monday 25 th September 2023 10.30-11.30	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/downs-syndrome-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-711179686587?aff=odcleoeventsincollection Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
	Monday 27 th November 2023 10.30-11.30	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/downs-syndrome-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-711200268147?aff=odcleoeventsincollection Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
Autism	Tuesday 10 th October 2023 11.30- 12.30pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-family-support-group-onsitevirtual-tickets-715196691557?aff=odcleoeventsincollection Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ
	Tuesday 28 th November 2023 11.30- 12.30pm	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/autism-family-support-group-onsite-and-virtual-tickets-715200222117?aff=odcleoeventsincollection Virtual or onsite Flourish outreach services, Macdonald Road, Walthamstow, E17 4AZ

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 4th September
Tuesday 5th September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
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Wednesday 6th September

School Starts

Friday 20th October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 30th October

School Starts

Monday 13th November

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Thursday 21st December

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Friday 22nd December – Friday 5th January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

Spring Term 2024 (54 days)

Monday 8th January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 9th January

School Starts

Friday 9th February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 19th February

School Starts

Thursday 28th March

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Friday 29th March – Friday 12th April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

Summer Term 2024 (67 days)

Monday 15th April

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 16th April

School Starts

Monday 6th May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 24th May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 3rd June

School Starts

Wednesday 24th July

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term