

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 4 attended an exciting Ice Skating event at Lea Valley this week, they had the opportunity to try out their skills on the ice and have a lesson to develop. The children (and adults!) had a wonderful time and showed real determination, resilience and team spirit even when faced with a challenging and sometimes frustrating skill to master! Well done Year 4.

This week I had a mammoth Hot Choc with the Head session, there were 18 of us in the staff room having a good chat about Barn Croft, the children's learning and a lot of excitement for the upcoming productions in school. Well done to all those from this week and last week for being consistently Ready, Respectful and Safe.

Next week is the EYFS and KS1 productions to parents. Please note that these will no longer be filmed and Barn Croft will not be allowing parents to film (as has always been the case except for COVID changes) due to safeguarding procedures and some children involved who are not allowed to be filmed. Please support us to follow our safeguarding procedures and enjoy the live action on stage.

We will be finalising plans for School Christmas Dinner and Class Parties in the coming week so watch this space for updates!

Finally, don't forget to contact Friends of Barn Croft of your class rep if you can help out at all for the Winter Fair (10th December). These events are really important for the school community as well as for fundraising to keep the lovely 'extras' at Barn Croft. Please do be generous with your time and skills if you can and please do make sure you come along on the 10th to enjoy the event and support our little school!

Have a restful weekend!

Miss Kelly
Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

6th December

Next dose of Flu
Vaccinations

10th December

Winter Fair 12-3pm
SEND quiet time 11 am-
12pm

12th December

Yr1 & Yr2 Christmas
show
**9:30-10:30am Parents
Welcome**

13th December

EYFS Christmas show
**9:30-10:30am Parents
Welcome**

21st December

Last day of Term
2:00pm finish



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Writing*

Reception – Murael & Suhaan

Year 1 – Amaya & Muhammed Essa

Year 2 – Sumayyah & Tommy

Year 3 – Lara & Marwah

Year 4 – Ali & Anelka

Year 5 – Dot & Schane-Jae

Year 6 – Leo & Margo

**Hot Choc Friday
Reception – Rollo**

Year 1 – Muhib

Year 2 – Inaya

Year 3 – Ezra

Year 4 – Verity

Year 5 – Adrianna

Year 6 – Ada

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?

365 Days in a Year
190 School Days
175 Non School Days

Over half a term missed!

Having 90% over 5 school years, is half a school year's work missed!

0 Days Absence
190 Days in School
Perfect!

10 Days Absence
180 Days in School

19 Days Absence
171 Days in School
4 weeks missed!

29 Days Absence
161 Days in School

38 Days Absence
152 Days in School

47 Days Absence
143 Days in School

100% Attendance

95% Attendance

90% Attendance

85% Attendance

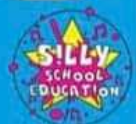
80% Attendance

75% Attendance

Best chance of success

Less chance of success

Serious impact on education and reduced life chances



Entry:
Adults £1
Kids Free

Join us for some festive fun at
Friends of Barn Croft's

Winter FAIR

**SUNDAY 10TH
DECEMBER**

12-3PM

SEND quiet time 11am-12pm



Cakes & Bakes. Hot Food & Drinks

Arts & Crafts. Festive Nails

Games. Music & Barn Croft Choir

Wildlife Garden Grotto & More



2 Brunel Road, E17 8SB

School Nurse Team
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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 13th December



Seasonal Sparkles

Unwrap the Festive Season with
Waltham Forest Adult Learning Service.

This November and December, we are delighted to bring you a spectacular line-up of FREE workshops infused with the magic of the holidays. From ceramics to horticulture, our courses will inspire you to craft, grow, and embrace the festive spirit in unique and imaginative ways.

Workshops Include:

- Wreath Making
- Ceramic Tiles
- Greeting Cards
- Bulb Planting
- Printmaking
- Printed Bunting
- Nature Crafts
- Felt Brooches

Visit the link below or scan the
QR code to learn more:

bit.ly/festive-workshops



How can I get my child to eat healthier if they won't try new things?



Our top 6 tips to tackle fussy eating at home

Peter Rankins, Family Wellbeing Specialist

- 1. The big "why"?** Why don't they try new things? Are there tastes or textures they love or hate?
- 2. Check your language.** Aim for encouraging language and avoid labelling. Swap "my child doesn't eat vegetables" for "my child loves sweetcorn."
- 3. Lower anxiety at mealtimes.** Phones away and focus on chatting. There's no need to pressure them to try new foods.

Get **FREE** support to get your family healthier

Join programmes starting in January, or start online programmes now!

- 4. Exposure.** Get them to pick out fruits and veg when you're out shopping and ask them to help chop them up.
- 5. Routine.** Set mealtimes to build regular habits and aim for 2 healthy snacks per day between meals.
- 6. Make it fun!** Make funny face pizzas and add some new toppings.



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to find out more

Sign up today!



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EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE



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

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123 Hale End Road
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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