

# The Barn Croft Newsletter

*Courage, Love, Excellence*

Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations to our Year 3 and 4 tri-golf team who took part in a thrilling competition this week. Mrs Sandy reported back that they displayed incredible determination and resilience throughout, even when faced with some tricky challenges. Their sportsmanship and conduct were exemplary, and they should be incredibly proud of their performance. Well done, team!

Ms Jennie's music lessons are back in full swing, with an even greater emphasis on high-quality, expert teaching in every class. This builds on the excellent progress we've been making across the school's music curriculum, and we're all excited to see the musical talent blossom even further.

Get ready for the curtain to rise on our Spring Performance in Year 3 and 4! A big thank you to the Friends of Barn Croft for sponsoring the production licenses – we can't wait to see what our budding actors and actresses create!

This week, our teachers participated in valuable training on online safety. We focused on the "four Cs" of online risks (Content, Contact, Conduct, Commerce), the importance of effective filtering and monitoring, and how to have open and supportive conversations with children about their online habits. We also reviewed our existing policies and procedures and explored ways to integrate online safety throughout our curriculum. I hope parents are finding our 'Fortnightly Internet Safety Parent Bulletins' useful – please do take the time to read these to support you to keep your children safe online. Internet Safety Day is coming up on February 6th, so stay tuned for more information about how we'll be celebrating responsible online behaviour.

Ms Tierney has continued to work closely with teachers this week, developing innovative planning, teaching, and learning strategies. She's even jumped into the classroom, teaching in various classes to provide additional support and challenge. Meanwhile, the senior leadership team has happily embraced the opportunity to get back to our roots and spend some quality time teaching again. Seeing the joy on our pupils' faces and being directly involved in their learning has been truly rewarding.

Monday saw a productive meeting with the Local Authority's Action Group, where we discussed the progress made in all areas of the school. We had a positive and honest conversation about the changes and developments implemented so far, as well as the challenges we anticipate in the coming term. Rest assured, we're fully committed to tackling these head-on and continuing our journey of improvement.

Finally, we were delighted to welcome a Governor link visit this week, focusing on the curriculum and teaching and learning in RE. The feedback was extremely positive, and we look forward to another governor visit next week to review core subjects. We express our gratitude to our governors for their dedication and valuable insights, which help us continuously strive to be the best school we can be.

That's all for this week! Have a wonderful weekend, and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday. Have a restful weekend!

Miss Kelly  
Acting Headteacher

## Key Diary Dates

**9th February**  
Last day of Term

**12th Feb – 16th Feb**  
Half Term Holiday  
**School Closed**

**19th February**  
**Children return to school**

**20th February**  
Parents Evening  
**3:40-7:00pm**

**22nd February**  
Parents Evening  
**3:40-5:30pm**

**28th March**  
Last day of Term  
**School ends at 2pm**

**29th March – 12th April**  
Easter Holidays  
**School Closed**

**15th April**  
Staff Training Day  
**School Closed**

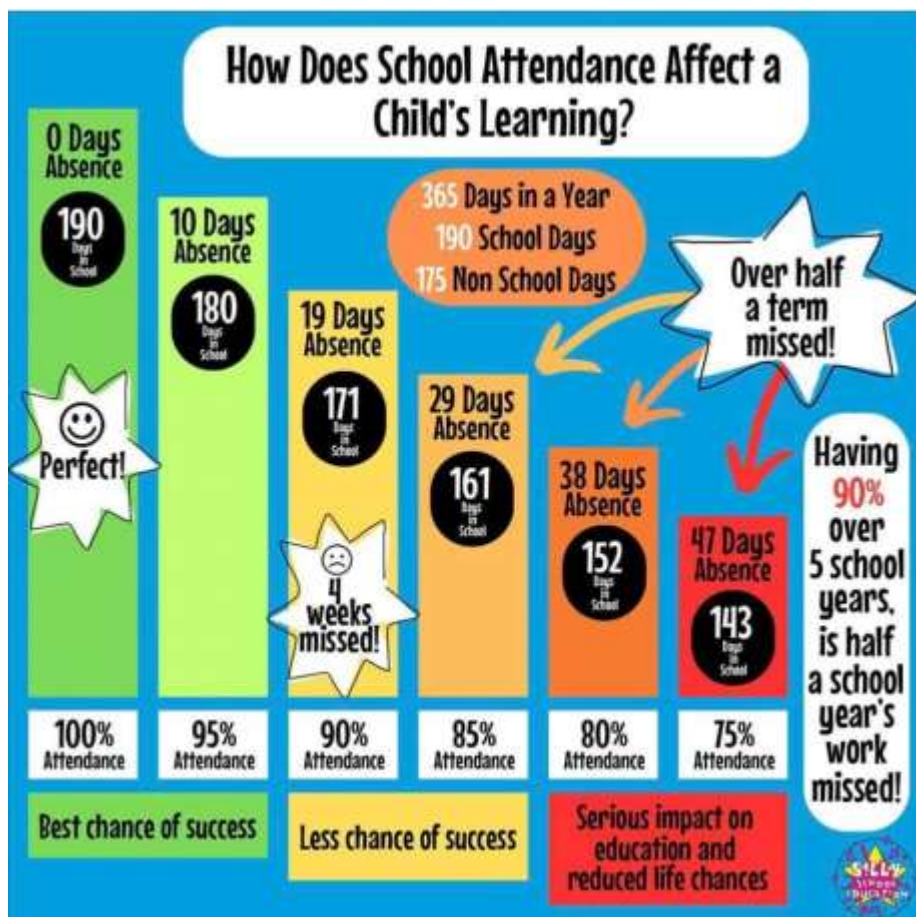
**16th April**  
**Children return to School**



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Attitude towards Learning*

*Reception – Edie & Rollo*  
*Year 1 – Setayesh & Sylvia*  
*Year 2 – Belis & Harry*  
*Year 3 – Ezra & Farley*  
*Year 4 – Lola & Mio*  
*Year 5 – Addan & Damian*  
*Year 6 – Jay & Lily*

**Hot Choc Friday**  
**Reception – Taron**  
**Year 1 – Eli**  
**Year 2 – Tommy**  
**Year 3 – Reuben**  
**Year 4 – Maham**  
**Year 5 – Taro**  
**Year 6 – Ronan**



### Links for Support below

For families seeking alternative support during the school holidays, the Holiday Activity and Food Programme will continue to run for the next year. This programme offers school age children receiving benefit-related Free School Meals the opportunity to get involved in activities and holiday clubs and have a hot meal.

[Holiday activities in Waltham Forest | London Borough of Waltham Forest](#)

Ahead of a Government decision on the future of the Fund, we are actively lobbying the Government to maintain the Fund and recently launched a petition to extend it.

[The crisis isn't over: Don't axe our lifeline | 38 Degrees](#)

## School Health Team Waltham Forest

[Thgpcg.wf0-19SPA1@nhs.net](mailto: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. Dates are;**

Wednesday 24th Jan  
Wednesday 7th Feb  
Wednesday 6th March  
Wednesday 17th April  
Wednesday 15th May  
Wednesday 12th June  
Wednesday 10th July



### YEAR 6 TRIP TO

GILWELL PARK

4<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> June

Don't forget you can start to make payments towards the Gilwell Park trip.

"SHOW UP COLLECTIVE" PRESENTS...

MAKE NEW FRIENDS

LEARN TO IMPROVISE

TELL STORIES

ENHANCE PUBLIC SPEAKING

IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

BUILD CONFIDENCE

PLAY GAMES AND MORE!


# IMPROV CLASSES FOR KIDS

FOR AGES 8-11

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS  
5-6 PM

IN WALTHAMSTOW

CENTRE 1  
1 CHURCH HILL  
WALTHAMSTOW



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WWW.SHOWUPCOLLECTIVE.CO.UK

WALTHAM FOREST ADULT LEARNING SERVICE



## 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
Calm Parents, Calm Children 5 weeks	Leyton Children and Family Hub Queens Road	10.01.2024	10:00 – 12:00 pm	Wednesday
Families make a bird feeder	The Junction Centre E11	20.01.2024	10:00-12:00pm	Saturday
Monthly Craft Club	Queens Road learning centre	20.1.2024	10-12pm	Saturday
Storytelling and crafts for Chinese New Year	Walthamstow Library	03.02.2024	12:30-2:30pm	Saturday
Valentines crafts for your loved ones	Walthamstow Library	10.02.2024	12:30-2:30pm	Saturday
Family craft workshop – Half term	Lea Bridge Road Library	14.02.2024	1:15 – 3:15pm	Saturday

If you have any questions regarding family learning activities, please contact - [cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk) Curriculum Manager Family Learning



## 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

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 behavioural difficulties. All LBWF Educational Psychologists are registered with the Health Care Professionals Council.

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For more information email [adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk)



## Healthy Families Group Programme



Do you have a child under 5? This free 8 week programme provides everything you need to help your child get off to a great start. All parents & carers are welcome!

We cover the following themes across 8 weeks:

- Feeling more confident as a parent
- Physical activities for the little ones
- What children and the whole family eat
- Family lifestyle habits
- Enjoying life as a family

Creche provided

Free toolkit!

NEW programmes starting January 2024:

- Mondays 9:30-11:30am at Paradox Centre
- Tuesdays 1-3pm, Leyton Family Hub
- Wednesdays 10-11am Online

Contact us to find out more




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Best Start in Life



