

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to a close on another busy term at Barn Croft, I'm writing to share some of the wonderful things that have been happening and express my heartfelt gratitude to our amazing community.

The star of the show, of course, are our incredible pupils! This term, they've worked with dedication and enthusiasm, making fantastic progress in all areas. They've tackled new challenges, embraced learning with open minds, and supported their classmates with kindness and friendship. Witnessing their growth and seeing their eyes light up with understanding is a joy that never gets old.

Today, I surprised everyone with a spontaneous pantomime performance! Laughter echoed through the corridors as they brought the characters to life with humour and heart. It was a wonderful reminder of the fun and creativity that thrive at Barn Croft, and it put a big smile on everyone's faces. Thank you to all the staff for their involvement – especially as they didn't know this was happening before the assembly!

We've made significant strides this term in implementing the action plan for curriculum, teaching, and learning development. With hard work and collaborative spirit, we're creating an even more enriching and engaging learning environment for our children. I'm excited to share further exciting updates about these developments in the New Year.

I'm delighted to announce that Ms. Tierney will be joining us in January as the new Assistant Headteacher. Her expertise and commitment to improving outcomes for all children will be a valuable asset to our Senior Leadership team as we continue the journey of improvement at Barn Croft. Sadly, Miss Begum (Miss J) is leaving Barn Croft this term, she is much loved by Year 4 and has been a dedicated Teaching Assistant here for over two years, we wish her every success in her new role and I know Miss J is looking forward to working closer to home!

A huge thank you goes to all our amazing staff for their tireless dedication and hard work this term. They have weathered challenges with professionalism and grace, always prioritising the wellbeing and learning of our pupils. They truly deserve a good rest and a holiday.

Finally, my sincere thanks to all you wonderful parents for your continued support. Your kind words, positive feedback, and lovely messages and cards never go unnoticed. We at Barn Croft love being part of such a supportive and engaged community. It makes our work even more rewarding.

The children return on **Tuesday, January 9th, at 9 am**. We're looking forward to welcoming them back after a refreshing holiday break and continuing our journey of learning and growth together.

To all the children and staff at Barn Croft, I say a huge well done for an excellent term! Here's to a bright and prosperous 2024, filled with even more laughter, learning, and community spirit. Merry Christmas to those who celebrate, happy holidays to everyone, and wishing you all health and happiness in the New Year.

Warmly,

Miss Kelly

Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

21st December

Last day of Term

2:00pm finish

22nd December - 5th January

Christmas Holiday

School Closed

8th January

Staff Training Day

School Closed

9th January

Children return to school

9th February

Last day of Term

12th Feb – 16th Feb

Half Term Holiday

School Closed

19th February

Children return to school

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



Barn Croft Sports News!

Together **E**veryone **A**chieves **M**ore

Autumn Term 2 - 2023



KS2 Primary Panathlon Swimming Gala



Year 5 and 6 Multi-Sport Festival



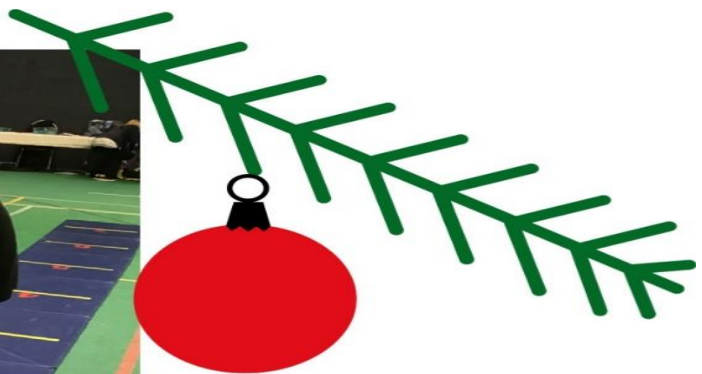
KS2 Swimming Festival



Year 5 and 6 Sportshall Athletics Competition



HO HO HO!



Year 3 and 4 Sportshall Athletics Competition



Year 2 Sportshall Athletics Competition



Year 6 – Leyton Orient Football Club

Show Racism the Red Card

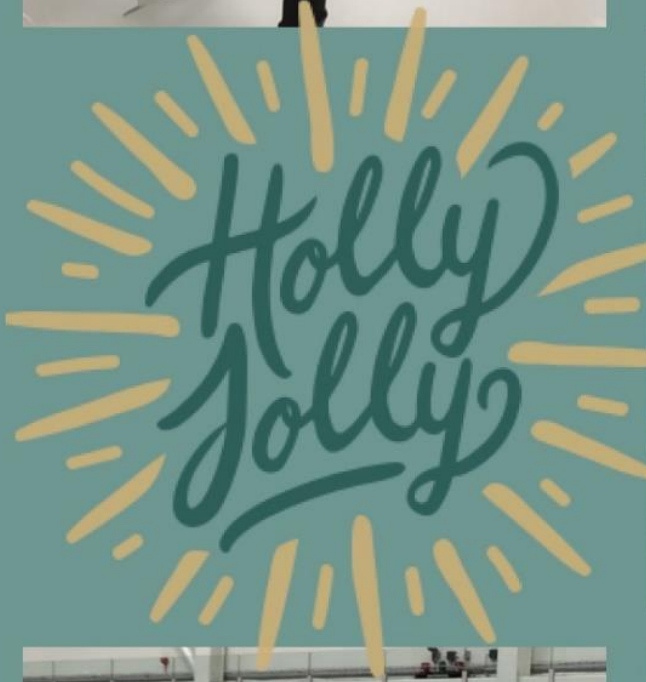




KS2 Kurling and Boccia Festival



Year 5 and 6 Ice Skating



Santa Dash







WALTHAM FOREST HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD PROGRAMME

2-5 JANUARY 2024

Are you aged between 5-16
and in receipt of benefit
related free school meals?

Funded by the Department for
Education, this winter we have
the opportunity for you to try a
wide range of free activities, have
fun, make friends and enjoy a free
meal every day across the borough.

**BOOKING
IS ESSENTIAL**

on all activities so
book early to avoid
disappointment



To book your place and find
out more scan here or visit

WALTHAMFOREST.GOV.UK/HOLIDAYS



Waltham Forest





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