

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

Get ready to celebrate the joy of reading next Thursday, March 6th for World Book Day! Your child will be bringing home a reading challenge from Usborne Books this evening to get sponsorship for their daily reading challenge. Virtual Book Fair - Support Our School! We'll be hosting a virtual book fair on Monday and Tuesday (information provided below in the Newsletter). You'll be able to access the fair through a QR code, and browse a wide selection of exciting books at fantastic prices. Every purchase directly benefits our school, helping us enhance our class book corners with even more stories for our young learners. We encourage you to participate and support this wonderful initiative!

Thank you for taking the time to respond to our recent parent survey. We are currently analysing the feedback and will share insights in the coming weeks. Your input is welcome in shaping the future of Barn Croft Primary.

The voting period for the parent governor election has closed, and we will announce the results next week. We appreciate your participation in this important democratic process.

This week, I had the pleasure of spending extra time in classrooms, playgrounds, and lunchtimes. It was a fantastic opportunity to hear first-hand from our children about their experiences at Barn Croft. Their feedback was insightful, offering both positive reflections on what they love about the school and even some "outrageous" (and perhaps slightly unrealistic!) suggestions for change.

We appreciate your patience over the past two weeks as our senior leadership team (SLT) has been impacted by illness. Thankfully, Ms. Tierney and Ms. Nair are recovering and getting back up to full speed. As we catch up on the backlog from their absence, there may be a slight delay in responding to inquiries or scheduling meetings. For a quick chat, please feel free to approach us at the school gates. However, for longer discussions or specific concerns, kindly call the main office to make a phone appointment. We are unable to accommodate unplanned phone calls or meetings due to our teaching commitments and pre-booked schedules. Urgent safeguarding matters will always be addressed immediately by an available Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL).

Thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Kelly

Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

7th March

World Book Day
9:00-9:15am - reading morning with parents

26th March

Year 3&4 Show
9:30am-parents welcome

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

Please keep sending in your World Book Day Photos! They are Amazing!!



Certificates this week have been awarded for Spelling

Reception – Hibat & Olive

Year 1 – Aila & Rufat

Year 2 – David & Masiah

Year 3 – Junior & Louis

Year 4 – Isaac & Violet

Year 5 – Adrianna & Ru

Year 6 – Leo & Lucia

Hot Choc Friday Reception – Jules

Year 1 – Uma

Year 2 – Hadi

Year 3 – Tabby

Year 4 – Willow

Year 5 – Dot

Year 6 - Brijan



World Book Day

Dear Parents and Carers,

Next Thursday the 7th March we are celebrating World Book Day

This year, children will come to school wearing their pyjamas and parents are invited into school for a Reading Morning in their child's classroom.

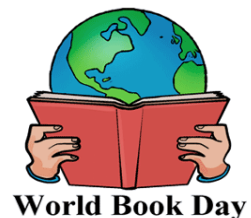
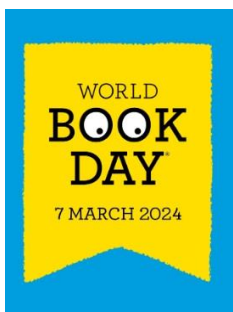
All classes will be coming together on the day in an assembly to celebrate and talk about their favourite books. Throughout the day, your child's class teacher will have planned a range of fun activities based around books and reading for pleasure.

Barn Croft will be taking part in the **Usborne's Reading Challenge**. Today children will take home a reading log, to record the minutes they have spent reading. This is a sponsored Reading Challenge and will start on Monday. On their reading log there will be a QR code to scan for anyone who wishes to sponsor your child with their reading.

Usborne have kindly given Barn Croft a Book Fair slot that opens on line next Monday and Tuesday. Using another QR code you can purchase discounted books on their website.

Get Caught Reading Challenge

As part of our celebrations this year, we would like children to take a photo of themselves reading their books in unusual and interesting places. The more creative the better! Please email your photos to school@barncroft.waltham.sch.uk





Dear Parent/Carer,

To celebrate and encourage a lifelong love of reading at home and school, we will be running a sponsored read between Monday 4th March 2024 and Sunday 10th March 2024.

The project is being organised in conjunction with our local Independent Usborne Partner, Jessica, and all the money raised will go towards brand new books for our school.

Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total book fair sales value raised in FREE BOOKS to the school. So, for every £600 of books purchased, we will get £360 in FREE Usborne books for our school!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words.

On the 1st March your child will receive a reading log, to record the minutes they have spent reading. On their reading log there will be a QR code to scan for anyone who wishes to sponsor your child with their reading.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

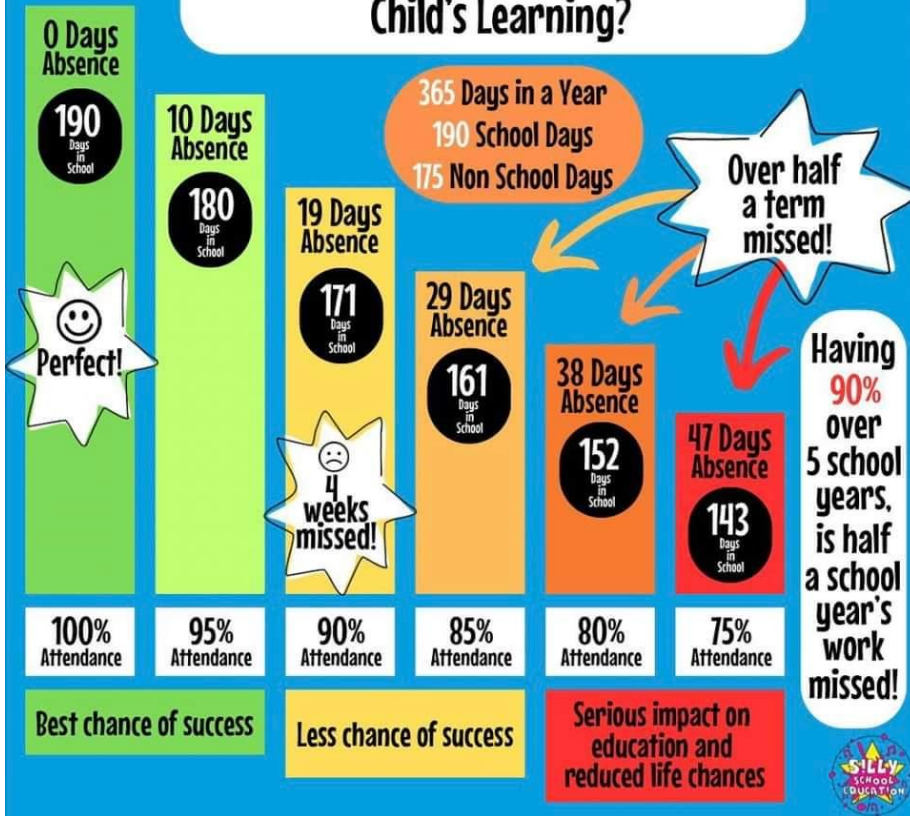
For more information, contact Ms Tierney at school
or visit us online: [usborne.com/gb/schools/world-book-day](https://www.usborne.com/gb/schools/world-book-day)

World Book Day is a celebration of books & reading, so we have an online book fair running on the 4th & 5th March. Just scan the QR code and have the opportunity to buy some lovely books for your little ones.

Online Book Fair



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



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

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 6th March
Wednesday 17th April
Wednesday 15th May
Wednesday 12th June
Wednesday 10th July



YEAR 6 TRIP TO
GILWELL PARK
4th June – 7th June

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

"SHOW UP COLLECTIVE" PRESENTS...

★ MAKE NEW FRIENDS ★ IMPROVE COMMUNICATION

★ LEARN TO IMPROVISE ★ BUILD CONFIDENCE

★ TELL STORIES ★ PLAY GAMES

★ ENHANCE PUBLIC SPEAKING ★ AND MORE!

IMPROV CLASSES FOR KIDS

FOR AGES 8-11



BOOK ONLINE @

WWW.SHOWUPCOLLECTIVE.CO.UK

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

5 - 6 PM

IN WALTHAMSTOW

CENTRE 7

1 CHURCH HILL

WALTHAMSTOW

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

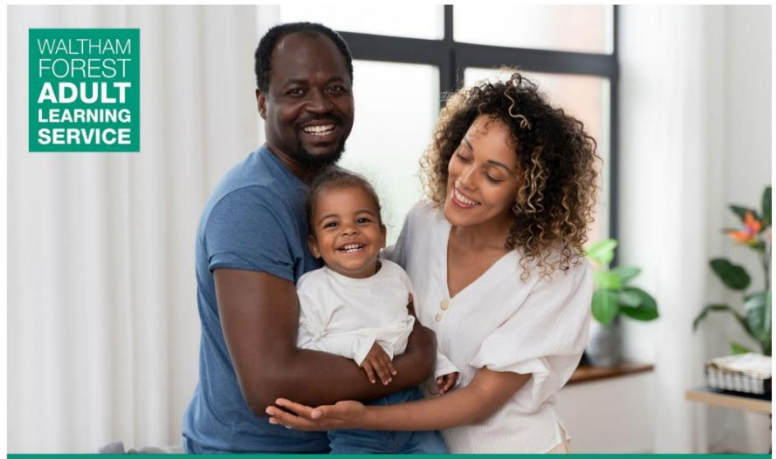
Individual consultation with an Educational Psychologist are offered via phone/zoom or in person for Parents and Carers living in London Borough Waltham Forest.

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

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
Storytelling and crafts for Chinese New Year	Walthamstow Library	03.02.2024	12:30 - 2:30pm	Saturday
Mosaic Paper art	Lea Bridge library	10.02.2024	1:00 - 3:00pm	Saturday
Valentines crafts for your loved ones	Walthamstow Library	10.02.2024	12:30 - 2:30pm	Saturday
Valentines crafts for your loved ones	Wood street library	13.02.2024	10:00 -12:00pm	Tuesday
Valentines crafts for your loved ones	Lea Bridge Library	14.02.2024	1:15 - 1:35pm	Wednesday
Fabric weaving craft workshop	Leyton Children and Family Hub QR E17	15.02.2024	10:00 - 12:00pm	Thursday
Supermarket Sweep Family Fun Day	Queens Road Learning Centre	16.02.2024 17.02.2024	9:30 - 12:00pm 1:00 - 3:30 pm	Friday Saturday
World Book Day arts and crafts	Lea Bridge library	24.02.2024	1:00 - 3:00 pm	Saturday
Support your child's transition from Nursery to Primary school	Queens Road Learning Centre	21.02.2024- 28.02.2024	10:00 - 12:00pm	Wednesday
Improve your digital skills for parents	Queens Road Learning Centre	28.02.2024 - 13.03.2024	1:00 - 2:30pm	Wednesday

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

Enrol now through our website - www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk
For more information email adult.learning@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**
Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

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