

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another cracking week at Barn Croft, and I'm delighted to share some exciting news and updates with you all.

Leaders have been taking a look at learning across the school this week. I'm thrilled to say that everyone's making fantastic progress – learning is buzzing, challenges are being embraced, and knowledge is flowing freely. Our teachers are sharing and explaining things clearly, giving the children plenty of opportunities to chat, explore, and really own their skills. A huge high five to all the staff for their amazing work!

This week, I managed to squeeze in some precious lunchtime playtime with the kids, and let me tell you, it was pure sunshine for the soul! Witnessing the older children running fantastic games for the younger ones, the library and number club flourishing under the guidance of caring Playground friends, and having genuine, laughter-filled conversations, reminded me of the true magic of this school. Plus, those duck duck goose rounds gave my fitness a bit of a nudge – those little speedsters are fast!

Some of our older children attended a dodgeball event today and had an incredible time, not only displaying brilliant skills but also showing exceptional sportspersonlike behaviour. One of the coaches even commended them to Mrs. Sandy for their honesty and fair play – how amazing is that? You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves!

The nurture group put on a culinary showstopper today, whipping up delicious pizzas. The teamwork, collaboration, and sheer joy radiating from the cooking room were infectious! Well done to everyone involved – that pizza certainly smelled heavenly!

Mark your calendars for some exciting events:

- **EYFS & KS1 Drama Workshop (Monday):** Get ready for some creative flair and theatrical fun!
- **Safer Internet Day (Tuesday):** Check your emails for the information letter sent earlier this week. Let's keep our online world safe!
- **Parent Maths Workshops (Wednesday):** Join us for engaging sessions tailored to Reception, Year 1, and Year 2. Learn fun games, discover how maths is taught now (it's changed a lot!), and support your child's learning journey. Don't miss out – sign up today!
- **Parents Evening (Tuesday 20th & Thursday 22nd Feb):** Booking opens tonight on ParentMail, first come, first served. Attending is crucial to discuss your child's academic progress and set goals for the rest of the year. See you there!

So there you have it, another packed week at Barn Croft. Have a wonderful, restful weekend, and get ready for a busy final week of the half term. See you all on Monday!

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 *Reading*

Reception – Fred & Taron

Year 1 – Digby & Zoe

Year 2 – Niamh & Raluca

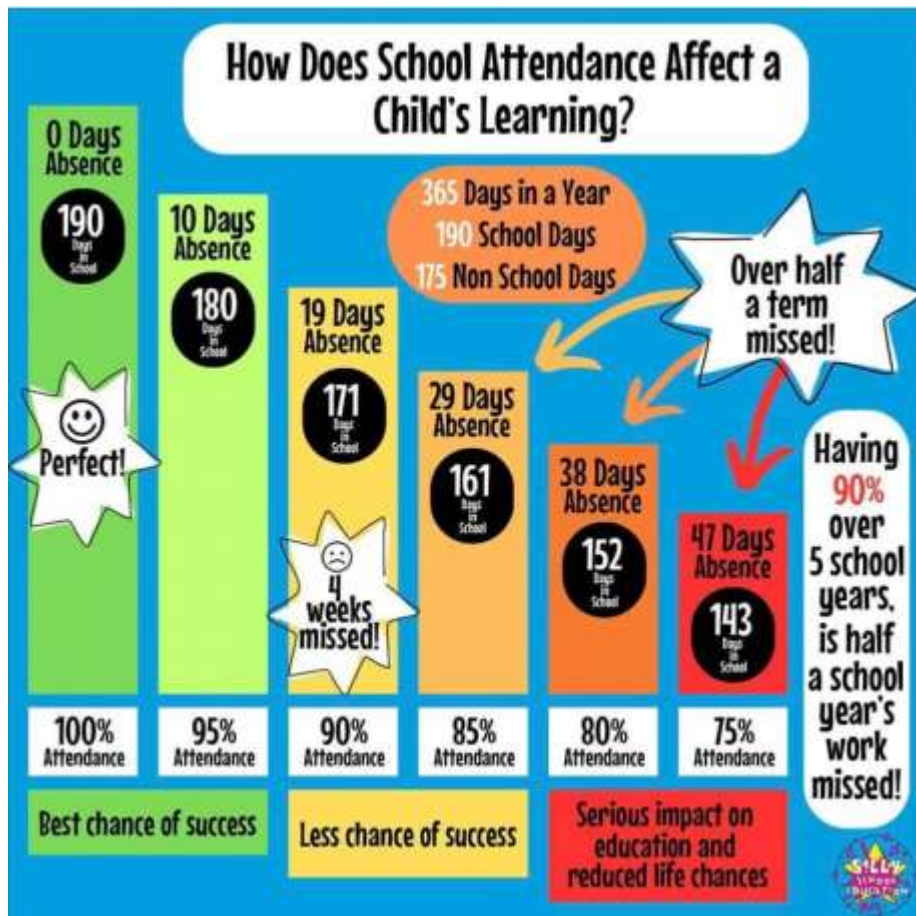
Year 3 – Ferial & Tabby

Year 4 – Anelka & Dylan D

Year 5 – Indi & Nateisha

Year 6 – Arti & Solly

Hot Choc Friday
Reception – Phoebe
Year 1 – Frankie
Year 2 – Arthur
Year 3 – Nina
Year 4 – Loni
Year 5 – Mikel
Year 6 – Esme



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 7th Feb
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...

IMPROV CLASSES FOR KIDS

FOR AGES 8-11

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
5-6 PM
IN WALTHAMSTOW CENTRE
1 CHURCH HILL
WALTHAMSTOW

WWW.SHOWUPCOLLECTIVE.CO.UK

SAVE CASH AND CUT WASTE IN WALTHAMSTOW

The Walthamstow Swap Shop at the E17 Toy Library is now open!



COME AND SEE WHAT THERE IS FOR FREE AND BRING ITEMS NO LONGER NEEDED FOR CHILDREN UPTO 8 YEARS OLD!

WALTHAMSTOW TOY LIBRARY, WILLIAM MORRIS HALL, SOMERS ROAD.

The Walthamstow Swap Shop is now open!

For the last year we have been running a community project to help residents with the cost of living and cutting waste in our community. A swap shop is a place where you can take usable items you no longer need and swap them for something you do- there is now a permanent swap shop operating out of the Walthamstow Toy Library for items for children upto the age of 8. Please donate at the Toy Library on Somers Road items that meet this criteria, especially clothing, and come and see if there's something your family may need too! If you want more information about donations or have something you're not sure would be accepted please contact them on 020 8509 3401 or email thetoylibraryoffice@gmail.com.

Thank you to local carpenters Radek E17 who renovated a room in the Toy Library to enable this project to happen- [you can watch a short video about this project here](#) and if you would like to volunteer with this project to help cut carbon waste in our community and help with the cost of living crisis please do get in touch with my office as we are seeking more sites for swap shops to be set up!



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 | Queens Road Learning Centre | 16.02.2024 | 9.30 - 12.00pm | Friday |
| Family Fun Day | Queens Road Learning Centre | 17.02.2024 | 1.00 - 3.30 pm | 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.lbwfadulthoodlearning.co.uk
For more information email adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk





STRATFORD FEBRUARY HALF TERM CAMP



AT: CHOBHAM ACADEMY

Temple Mill Lane, Stratford, Olympic Park E20 1BD

HELD ON MONDAY 12th TO FRIDAY 16th FEBRUARY 2024,
9AM – 3PM
FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGED 4 – 13

WE HAVE BEEN RUNNING OUR FOOTBALL CAMPS AND COURSES IN YOUR COMMUNITY FOR OVER 24 YEARS!

Exciting news! We are running our annual February Half Term Camp on Monday 12th to Friday 16th February 2024.

- The Camp is for 5 days from 9am-3pm. Lunch is 12.15pm-1pm, children must bring their own packed lunch and plenty of drinks.
- The camp is held on Astro turf football pitches and Sports Hall (If bad weather) therefore children may wear trainers or moulded sole plastic studs if playing outside.
- On Friday at 2.15pm we hold a presentation, whereby **EACH CHILD WILL RECEIVE AN ENGRAVED TROPHY** as well as many opportunities to win extra trophies, including the FA Cup Tournament, penalty shoot out competition, skill point winners.
- The camp is run by FA qualified coaches, who are DBS checked and are currently working with children in schools daily, enabling them to learn essential football techniques, building **CONFIDENCE**, improving **FITNESS** and providing the most important ingredient of all ***FUN!**
- The cost of the 5 day camp is £100 per child (£60 for additional brothers and sisters). £25 daily rate.

There will be consent forms to complete on arrival and payment should be made on the first morning of the camp or in advance via payment link.

www.walthamforest.org

TO RESERVE FEBRUARY CAMP PLACES

PLEASE TEXT:

CHOBHAM CAMP+ CHILD'S FULL NAME + AGE

and receive confirmation by text to:-

07456 098547



Supermarket Sweep Family Fun Day

February 16th and 17th

Join us for fun, learning, and fantastic savings with Multiply's Supermarket Savvy Family Day! Join us on February 16th or 17th for an exciting event aimed at local parents, where families can discover the secrets to smart and budget-friendly grocery shopping.



Learn more on our website:
bit.ly/wf-supermarket-sweep



Health and Wellbeing Courses Inspired by Nature

Join our **FREE** 5 week art courses at the inspiring Walthamstow Wetlands

- 1 **Drawing - Inspired By Nature (Ref: AC0461C2)**
Thursday 29th February – 28th March 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 2 **Printing - Inspired By Nature (Ref: AC0462C2)**
Thursday 25 April – 23rd May 10.00am – 12.00pm
- 3 **Watercolours - Inspired By Nature (AC0377C2)**
Thursday 6th June – 4th July 10.00am – 12.00pm

To book please call: **020 8496 2974**

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