

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

On Thursday 6th March, the school was a delight to see! The children looked incredible in their pyjamas, costumes, and book-themed outfits. We loved welcoming parents in for a shared read session - it was a wonderful opportunity to foster a love of reading together. Assembly was a roaring success too! Seeing all the "Get Caught Reading" photos – you're a truly creative bunch! The "Stop, Drop, and Read" initiative throughout the day was a big hit – it was a joy to see the children so eager to dive into their books (and I must admit, I quite enjoyed participating too!). There were lots of other exciting activities in class, including buddy reading, a live BBC session, and delicious book-themed meals at lunchtime. Thank you to everyone for your support and participation – you helped make it a truly special week for the children.

A big thank you must also go to all our teachers for their hard work in planning and preparing these fantastic events. Don't forget to take a look at the photos attached for a glimpse of the fun!

We're delighted to announce that the World Book Day Book Fair and Reading Challenge have raised a brilliant amount of money for new school books! If you haven't made a purchase yet and would like to support our fundraising efforts, there's still time to visit the fair before it closes.

Some of our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils had a fantastic time at the Girls' Football Festival sports trip with Mrs. Sandy and our brilliant Y6 sports leaders. As always, the children were superbly behaved, and a big well done goes out to the sports leaders for their excellent support with the younger ones.

The evenings are getting lighter, and we're all looking forward to some warmer weather. However, please remember that the weather can still be changeable, so children still need to bring a coat to school every day as we make sure they get some fresh air, whatever the forecast!

Miss Kelly

Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

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

26th April

Eid Party in the Hall
3:30pm-5:00pm

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



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Mental Maths*

Reception – Alva & Suhaan

Year 1 – Amaya & Digby

Year 2 – Inaya & Robin

Year 3 – Cora & Phoebe

Year 4 – Alessia & Maryam

Year 5 – Clea & Liam

Year 6 – Edie & Jah'Veil

Hot Choc Friday Reception – Leon

Year 1 – Kai

Year 2 – Sumayyah

Year 3 – Fionn

Year 4 – Mio

Year 5 – Annie-Pip

Year 6 - Lily

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 17th April

Wednesday 15th May

Wednesday 12th June

Wednesday 10th July



This week the FOB planning meeting for the Eid Party went really well, parents came up with lots of Amazing ideas! It's not too late to join and share your fantastic input! Please contact the school or contact the FOB team. Put the date in your diaries, our first ever Eid Party will be on **Friday 26th April in the school hall from 3:30-5:00pm.**

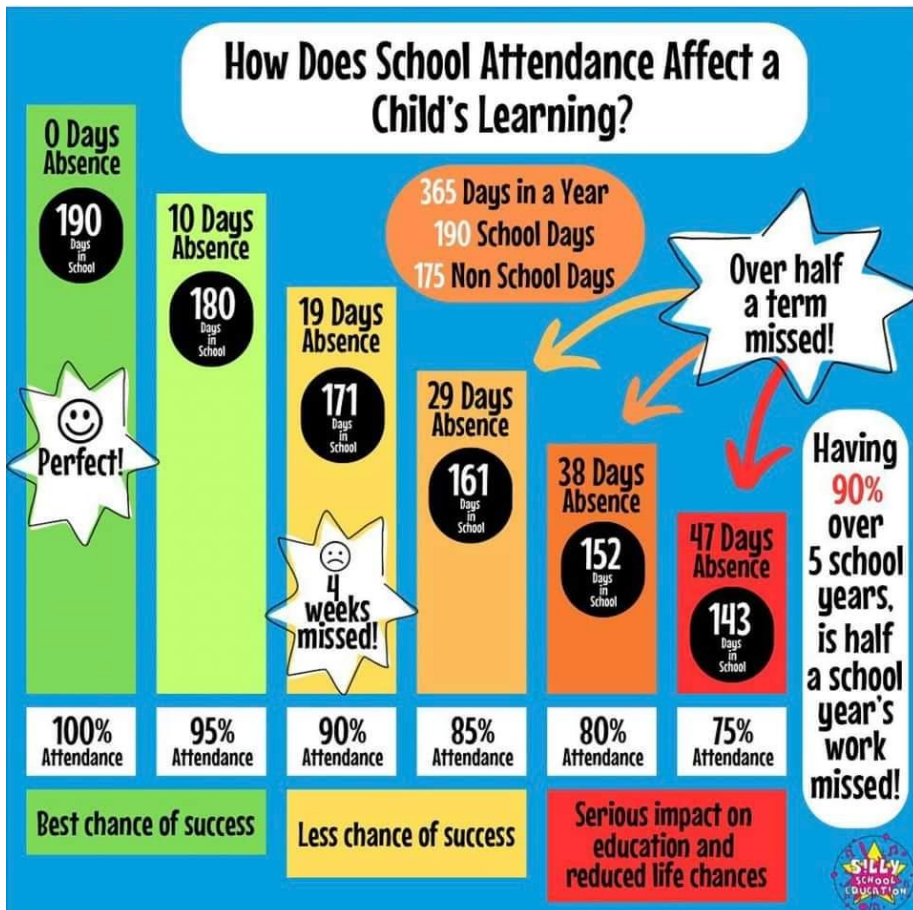
Links for Support below

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](#)



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

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

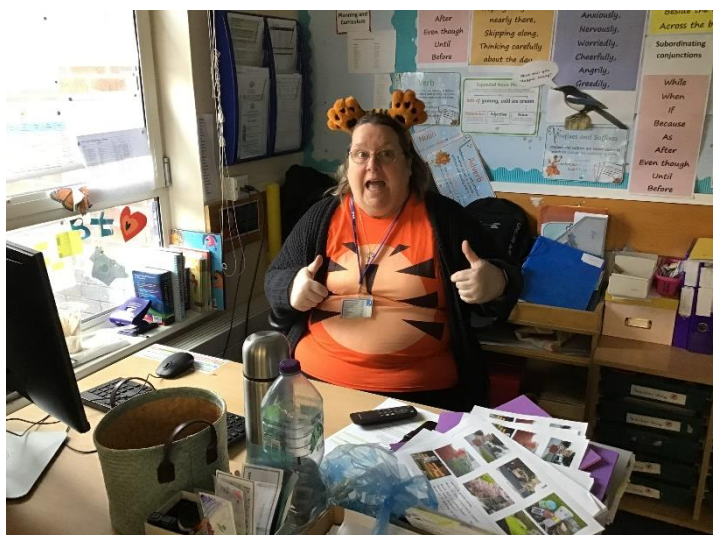
World Book Day













THE TOGETHER SPACE

A place for disabled and non-disabled children and families to exercise, play and relax together

Join our pop-up events for:

café ■ art workshops ■ soft play ■ sensory den
duplo/lego workshops ■ gaming ■ dance
music ■ yoga ■ storytelling ■ drama



FREE holiday sessions for primary aged children
Tuesday 2nd April 10am-1pm at Higham Hill Hub
Wednesday 3rd April 10am-1pm at Big Penny

FLYING SYCAMORES PRESENTS
FOREST SCHOOL SPECIALIST
SESSIONS:

TREE CLIMBING

Wednesday 27 March
and
Saturday 27 April
10.30-13.30

With Ludo and Lucy

a 3 hour session for
6-11 year olds



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Learn English in Waltham Forest
South Chingford Methodist Church
3 New Rd, London E4 9EU

We offer:

- Small, friendly classes
 - Fully qualified teachers
 - Nationally recognised qualifications
- All levels from beginner to GCSE equivalent

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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 code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
FA0291C5	Improve your	Queens Road	06.03.2024 -	01:00 pm -	Wednesday

HIGHAM HILL LIBRARY

North Countess Road
Walthamstow
E17 5HS

- ❖ FREE WORKSHOPS
- ❖ WEDNESDAY
- ❖ DATES IN MARCH
- ❖ JUST DROP IN

If you have any questions regarding Learning in the Community at Higham Hill Library.

Email:
FAN.als@walthamforest.gov.uk

Yoga for Wellbeing

Time: 10:30 am - 12pm
Dates: 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th March

These workshops are aimed at adults who are wishing to improve their energy and wellbeing.

These mat-based yoga workshop are suitable for students of any age, experience and ability who wish to practise gently and relax.



Building your Confidence with Numbers

Time: 12:30pm - 2.30pm
Dates: 6th, 13th, 20th, March

Gain confidence and skills to identify spending and saving habits

Learn how to manage your money better as well as some tricks to save money on food shopping.

Fun activities and expert advice given.

*Welcome to bring a packed lunch



Family Arts and Crafts Workshop

Time: 3.15pm - 4:30pm
Dates: 6th, 13th, 20th, March

Come and join us for a fun and engaging shape themed arts and crafts session.

This is an opportunity for families to learn about and be creative with shapes for children from 4-9 years.

*Free refreshments provided.



LEARNING IN THE COMMUNITY

Would you like your child to make some healthy sweet swaps?



Sidra Hussain,
Beezee Families Nutritionist

We are here to help!

Our free healthy lifestyle programme can support families like yours make healthy habits. Help yourself to our sweet tips below.

1. Create a shopping list for the family, before going shopping.
2. Have a weekly sweet voucher. Your children choose when to "cash in" for a portion of sweets.
3. Use the **NHS Food Scanner** app to help find healthy swaps in the shops.
- 4.
5. Remember to have dried fruits in small amounts as the sugar is more concentrated.
6. Mix things up and make fruit more fun - try making fruit cocktails, smoothies or ice lollies.
7. Look for healthy sweet treat recipes online. We might be biased but we think [beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes](https://www.beezeebodies.com/blog/category/recipes)





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**