

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

A big thank you to all our wonderful readers who got sponsored to read and to everyone who purchased books – they were given out to your children today, so snuggle up for a good story! An astonishing £573 was raised – a huge thank you to the children for reading so much, to parents, family and friends for sponsoring them, and to everyone for getting involved. World Book Day was so much fun, and it's all thanks to everyone!

Next week, the classes will be busy looking at all the amazing books they can choose from. They'll be working together to decide which ones they want for their classroom, and we'll also be using some of the money to update some of the books in the library (for all reading levels!). We're sure the children will enjoy choosing the books and can't wait to deliver them to Barn Croft so they can get stuck in!

The Friends of Barn Croft (FOBC) met this week to discuss fundraising and how to spend some of the money they've raised. They have some exciting events planned for this summer, including a car boot sale and a fair as part of the Art Trail.

Thank you to all the classes who've held fundraisers – they're a great way to raise money! Next up is an Art Competition! And a big thank you to everyone in the FOBC who organises, runs, and supports our school events. We're so grateful for all your hard work and for everyone who donates to enrich our children's school experience. Keep an eye on the newsletter for more details about upcoming events!

Senior leaders spent time with children and books this week, looking at their books and talking to them about their work. There's been some fantastic progress, but even more noticeably, the children are brimming with confidence and pride when talking about their learning. Well done everyone!

We had an exciting visitor this week – Miss Johns-O'Neill popped in to see the children and staff after her maternity leave. We're all looking forward to welcoming her back to Barn Croft very soon!

We hope you all have a lovely relaxing weekend. See you on Monday!

Miss Kelly

Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

21st March

Mental Health Workshop
9:00am-All parents Welcome

25th March

Year 1 Art Fundraiser

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



Certificates this week have been awarded for PE

Reception – Leon & Murael

Year 1 – Troy & Yasmin

Year 2 – Aaliyah & Rosie

Year 3 – Lara & Winnie

Year 4 – Albert & Otis

Year 5 – Grady & Izabela

Year 6 – Eliza & Ronan

Hot Choc Friday
Reception – David
Year 1 – Logan
Year 2 – Miriam
Year 3 – Orson
Year 4 – Maham
Year 5 – Artin
Year 6 – Maria

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



Last 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.**

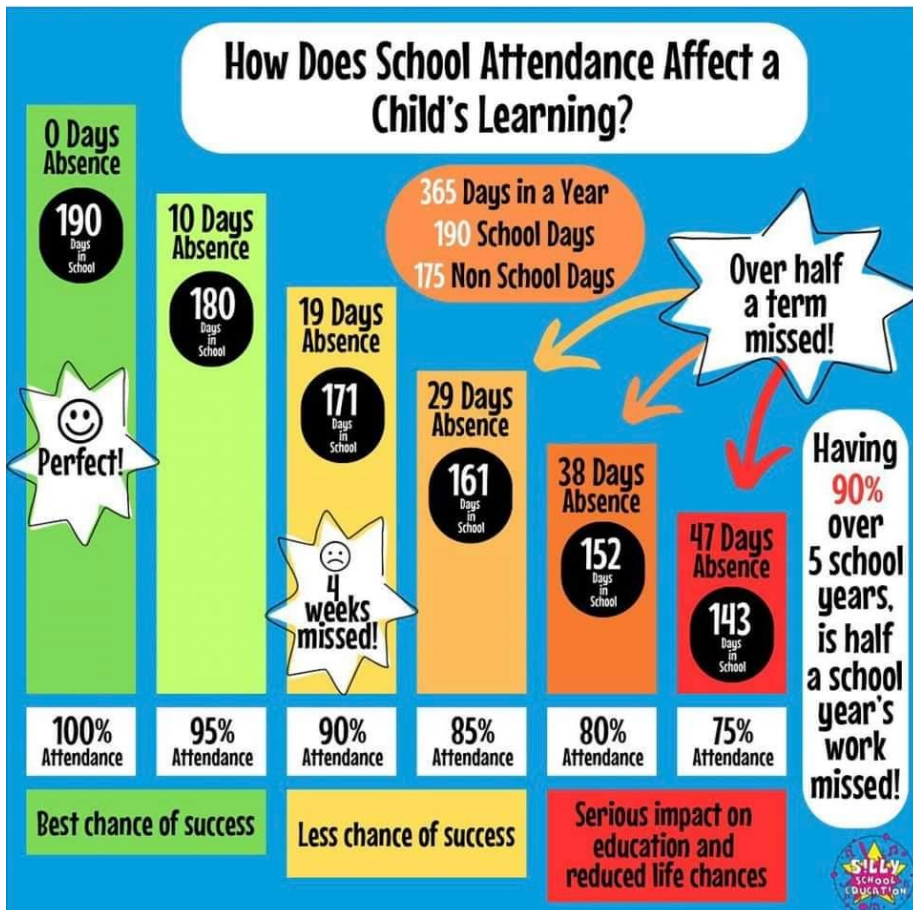
Links for Support below

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.

Circus Day



As part of the Waltham Forest School Sports Network, Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 5 will be having a circus workshop on Wednesday 20th March 2024. Each session will be for 1 hour and will take place in the hall. The activities that the children will take part in are: poi, ribbons, hula hoops, diabolos, devil sticks, juggling balls, spinning plates, pedal-gos, stilts and slackline tightrope (not suitable for Reception).

This should be a fun filled day for both the children and the staff!



£1.50
minimum
donation

friends of
Barn Croft

ART COMPETITION FUNDRAISER!

*Please submit your A4 drawing or painting
along with your donation (cash or card)
at school dropoff or pickup on*

Monday the 25th March



Prizes for winner of each year group
PLUS shortlisted artworks to be exhibited in E17 ART TRAIL!

Winners announced at assembly on Friday 19th April

Best care by the best people

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD WITH WORRIES

A TWO PART WORKSHOP BY WF MHST

21ST MARCH &
28TH MARCH
9 AM ONWARDS



Learn how to recognize, respond to and support your child with their worries in a two part workshop facilitated by the Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team.

✔ Worries

✔ Maintenance Factors

✔ Practical Strategies

FREE ENTRY

📍 Barn Croft Primary School
📞 Contact H English or C Moses for more details





Barn Croft Sports Newsletter!

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

Spring Term 1 - 2024



Year 3 and 4 Tri Golf



Year 2 Tri Golf



Year 4 and 5 Dodgeball

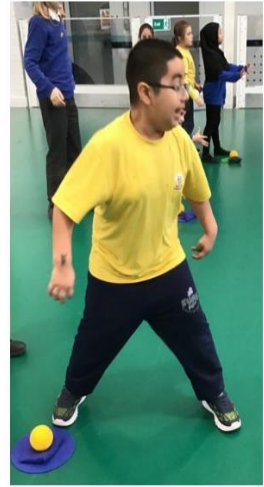


KS2 Primary Panathlon



Year 2 Cricket Skill Festival





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

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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
- Progression to vocational and functional skills classes.

For more information please text
'CHINGFORD ESOL' to 07423 502126
or email: adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk

Learn more on our website:
bit.ly/als-esol-courses



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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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 digital skills for parents	Queens Road Learning Centre	06.03.2024 – 20.03.2024	01:00 pm - 02:30 pm	Wednesday
FA0343F1	Let's explore shape themed arts and crafts drop in at Higham Hill library	Higham Hill Library	06.03.2024 13.03.2024 20.03.2024	03:15 pm - 04:30 pm	Wednesday
FA0150C4	Let's explore Nature Inspired Art	Wood Street Library	16.03.2024	01:30 pm - 03:30 pm	Saturday
FA0295F1	Monthly Art Club	Queens Road Learning Centre	23.03.2024	10:00am - 12:00pm	Saturday
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



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. Try having a mix of fresh and dried fruits to help the sweet cravings, i.e. dried mango, bananas.
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) is pretty good!

Sign up today!



Beezee Families



Like these tips and want to know more?
Check out our website now.

*Our courses are for families with children aged 5+.

Scan the code

...or click here
to find out more



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