

# The Barn Croft Newsletter

*Courage, Love, Excellence*

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we're still buzzing from the phenomenal performance of "Eddie the Penguin Saves the World" by our talented Year 3 and 4 children! It was truly a show to remember. A huge round of applause goes out to all the children involved. Their dedication shone through in their perfectly learned lines, beautiful singing, and outstanding acting skills. We were all incredibly impressed by the sophistication and delivery of the show. Of course, a production of this calibre doesn't happen overnight. Our sincere thanks go to the amazing team effort behind the scenes. A big thank you goes to the dedicated class teams in Year 3 and Year 4 for their tireless work in bringing the production to life. And a special shout-out to Ms. Jennie for her invaluable support and musical flair! This morning's celebration assembly provided another opportunity to witness the brilliance of Years 3 and 4. They treated us to a reprise of some of their show's catchy songs. Well done everyone!

These past few weeks have been a whirlwind of enrichment trips and experiences for our Barn Croft students. Classes have been out exploring the changing seasons on fieldwork trips, learning about wetland ecosystems, shopping for healthy produce at the local market, and venturing further afield to London Zoo, the Monument & Pudding Lane, the British Museum, and even participating in a fantastic printing workshop with Emma. It's been a joy to hear about the children's experiences – the things they learned and the discoveries they made. Their impeccable behaviour during these trips reflects well on them and all of you. A big thank you to the parents who were able to volunteer their time to accompany classes, as these trips wouldn't be possible without such support.

I want to take this opportunity to express my immense gratitude to the entire Barn Croft staff for their continued hard work and dedication to our school community. We're making significant progress in our educational journey this term, and the positive impact on every child's learning is truly evident. I'm sure you'll agree that they all deserve a well-deserved and restful break over the Easter holidays. Recharge, have some fun, and come back refreshed and ready for the adventures that lie ahead!

As we head into the break, we say a sad farewell to Mrs Akhtar. She's been a wonderful part of our team while covering Miss O'Neill's maternity leave, and she will be dearly missed by staff and students alike. Mrs. Akhtar, thank you for your excellent work with Year 2 and for your dedication to our school. We wish you all the best in your future endeavours, and hopefully, we'll see you again at a school event soon!

With the spring term coming to a close, we look forward to longer daylight hours and (hopefully) warmer weather! While hard work continues to implement our development plan for the benefit of all our children, we also have exciting learning and enrichment activities planned for the new term. New after-school clubs will be announced in the first week back (starting April 16th). Keep an eye out on ParentMail for the timetable and booking information.

Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak for those celebrating! We wish everyone a restful and enjoyable break. Whether you're celebrating Easter or Eid al-Fitr, we hope you have a joyous time!

See you all back on **Tuesday, April 16th, at 9am!** (Please note: Monday, April 15th, is a staff training day, and the school will be closed to children.)

Miss Kelly

**Acting Headteacher**

## Key Diary Dates

### 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**

### 19th April

**Year 2 Fundraiser**

### 26th April

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



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Star of the Term*

*Reception – Eric & Nat*

*Year 1 – Elisa & Muhib*

*Year 2 – Betsy & Mabel*

*Year 3 – Flora & Tabby*

*Year 4 – Ali & Dorothy*

*Year 5 – Annie-Pip & Artin*

*Year 6 – Esme & Jemima*

**Non Uniform**

**Day**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Year 5**

# 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



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.

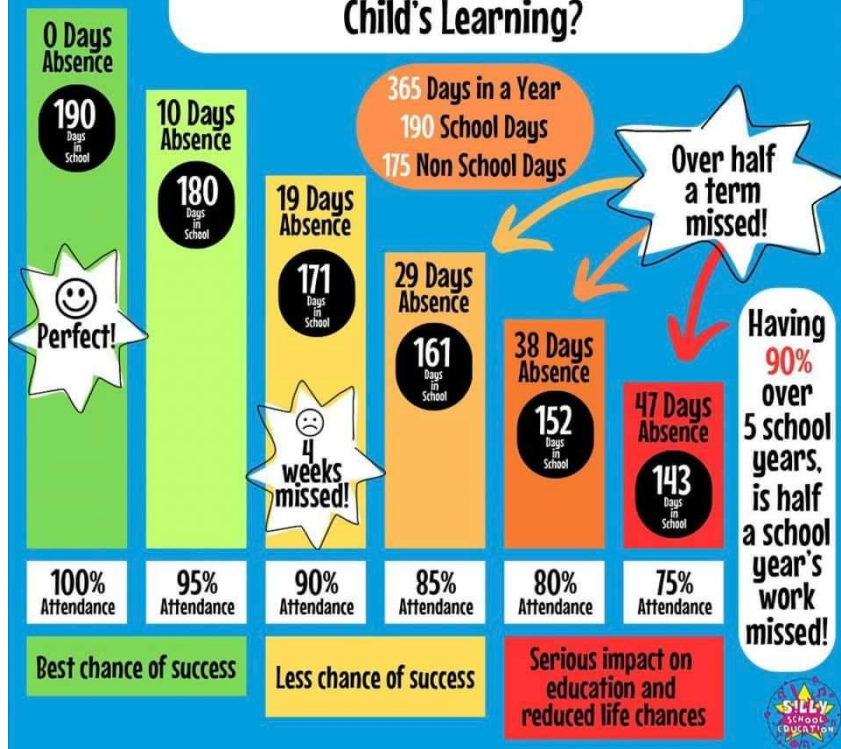
[The crisis isn't over: Don't axe our lifeline | 38 Degrees](#)

YEAR 6 TRIP TO  
GILWELL PARK

4<sup>th</sup> June – 7<sup>th</sup> June

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

## How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



## LADIES OF WALTHAMFOREST


5 Free Spaces Available  
For 12 Weeks  
2 x Group Sessions Per/Week  
To qualify Low Income/No Income



STEP INTO YOUR STRENGTH

For further info contact  
Luci 07943949439  
studioyourpersonaltraining@gmail.com

WALTHAM FOREST WOMEN'S NETWORK  
**WFWN**  
BRINGING LOCAL WOMEN TOGETHER



YOU ARE INVITED TO

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## PARTY

FRIDAY

26  
APRIL

AT 03:30 PM

JOIN US IN THE SCHOOL HALL  
TO CELEBRATE!

TASTY FOOD | DESSERTS | DRINKS  
ACTIVITIES | HENNA | TATTOO







## 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**

## 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
FA0113C4	Let's explore Easter arts and Crafts	Leabridge road Library	03.04.2024	01:15 pm - 03:15 pm	Wednesday
FA0349F1	Monthly Art Club – Sew a felt key ring	Queens Road Learning Centre	20/04/2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Saturday
FA0354F1	Sewing textile crafts for parents	Leyton Family Hub	24/04/2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Wednesday
FA0304F1	Creating a collage landscape	The Junction Learning Centre	04.05.2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Saturday
FA0350F1	Monthly art club - World Bee day art	Queens Road Learning Centre	18.05.2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Saturday
FA0347F1	Calm Parents, Calm Children - Parenting	Leyton Family Hub	12.06.2024 - 10.07.2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Wednesday
FA0243C4	Summer Cards workshop	North Chingford Library	22.06.2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Saturday
FA0351F1	Monthly art club Great Big Green Week	Queens Road Learning Centre	22.06.2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Saturday

If you have any questions regarding family learning activities, please contact [charie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:charie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk) Curriculum Manager Family Learning

Enrol now through our website - [www.lbwfadulthoodlearning.co.uk](http://www.lbwfadulthoodlearning.co.uk)  
For more information email [adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk)





# Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2023-2024

## **Autumn Term 2023** (74 days)

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September                      Staff Training Day – **School Closed**  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September                    Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September**              **School Starts**  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October                        **School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term**

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October      Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**                        **School Starts**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November                    Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**                **School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January      Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Spring Term 2024** (54 days)

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January                        Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January**                        **School Starts**  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February                        **School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term**

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February      Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February**                        **School Starts**  
**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**                        **School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term**

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April              Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Summer Term 2024** (67 days)

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April                        Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April**                        **School Starts**

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May                        Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May**                        **School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May              Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**                        **School Starts**  
**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July**                        **School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term**



# Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2024-2025

## **Autumn Term 2024** (74 days)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**  
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### **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**

### **School Starts**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

### **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October**

### **School Starts**

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Spring Term 2025** (60 days)

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

### **School Starts**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

### **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

### **School Starts**

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

## **Summer Term 2025** (61 days)

### **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

### **School Starts**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

### **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

### **School Starts**

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July

School Ends at 2:00pm - Last Day of Term