

# The Barn Croft Newsletter

*Courage, Love, Excellence*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We're thrilled to announce that Barn Croft has been chosen as one of only seven schools in the borough to participate in a fantastic new neurodiversity project! This means we'll be receiving additional training for our staff, further developing our existing support for neurodiverse students, and working towards becoming a showcase example for other schools. This is a huge honour, and it reflects the fantastic work we're already doing to support all our students, including those with neurodiverse needs. We're excited to learn even more and refine our practices for the benefit of everyone in our school community.

A huge congratulations to Year 6 for their recent residential trip to Gilwell Park! The children threw themselves into all the daring activities, from rock climbing and archery to the leap of faith challenge. Their resilience, determination, and teamwork were truly impressive! Even more heart-warming was their incredible compassion and care for one another. They supported and encouraged each other, celebrating everyone's individual successes. This embodies everything we value at Barn Croft, and it's something they should all be very proud of. The staff on the trip, along with the Gilwell staff and those who visited during the week, were all so impressed by the Year 6s' positive attitude and how they lived out our school values (Ready, Respectful, Safe) throughout the trip. They even managed to excel in all they did while still managing to exhaust themselves by Friday! We hope they've all had a chance to catch up on their sleep over the weekend.

A massive thank you to everyone who made our Summer Fair such a roaring success! The art exhibition was a beautiful showcase of our children's creativity, and it was wonderful to see them proudly sharing their work with families. The food was excellent as always, and the activities were a hit with all ages. This wouldn't have been possible without the incredible hard work and dedication of the Friends of Barn Croft PTA (FOBC). Organising such a large event is no small feat, and they pulled it off superbly! They're always looking for more support, so if you have some time or expertise to share, please reach out to your class rep or the school office for contact details.

A big thank you to everyone who donated wood to rebuild our gardening planters. We'll be setting up a working party with parents soon to help with redesigning and rebuilding the space. If you're interested in lending a hand, please let your class rep know or contact the main office.

Our school website is in desperate need of a makeover! It's quite outdated and difficult to update, so we're looking for someone in our community with expertise in website design or building. We're currently tendering for the project, but it would be fantastic if anyone could offer their support. If this sounds like you, or if you know someone who might be interested, please get in touch with the school office.

Miss Kelly

**Acting Headteacher**



**Certificates this week have been awarded for Science**

*Reception – Rhidi & Hibat*

*Year 1 – Jason & Uma*

*Year 2 – David & Robyn*

*Year 3 – Aniah & Zoe*

*Year 4 – Dylan D & Lola*

*Year 5 – Clea & Max*

## Key Diary Dates

**5th June-12th June**

**Book Fair  
In School**

**8th June**

**Summer Fair**

**11am-3pm**

**11am-12pm SEND  
quiet time**

**24th July**

**End of Term**

**Children finish at 2pm**

**Hot Choc Friday**

**Rec – Zeriah**

**Year 1 – Suellen**

**Year 2 – Niamh**

**Year 3 – Roxy**

**Year 4 – Michael**

**Year 5 – Dot**

# 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 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 to make the final payments towards the Gilwell Park trip.

Spread some joy with Barn Croft Primary School's greeting cards and poster prints.



The Secret Garden

Through a series of engaging printmaking workshops, budding Year 6 artists produced a range of collagraph prints made from recycled materials.

The students collaborated in groups, using their imagination and new-found expertise to produce one-of-a-kind artworks.

We've turned these beautiful artworks into greeting cards and A2 poster prints to sell at our E17 Art Trail Exhibitions and Summer Fair.

Buy a pack of these cards or a poster (or two, or three!) to support enriching activities for Barn Croft children.



Under the Ocean



The Enchanted Forest



Moonlit Mountain



Under a Starry Sky



A Stormy Day at Sea

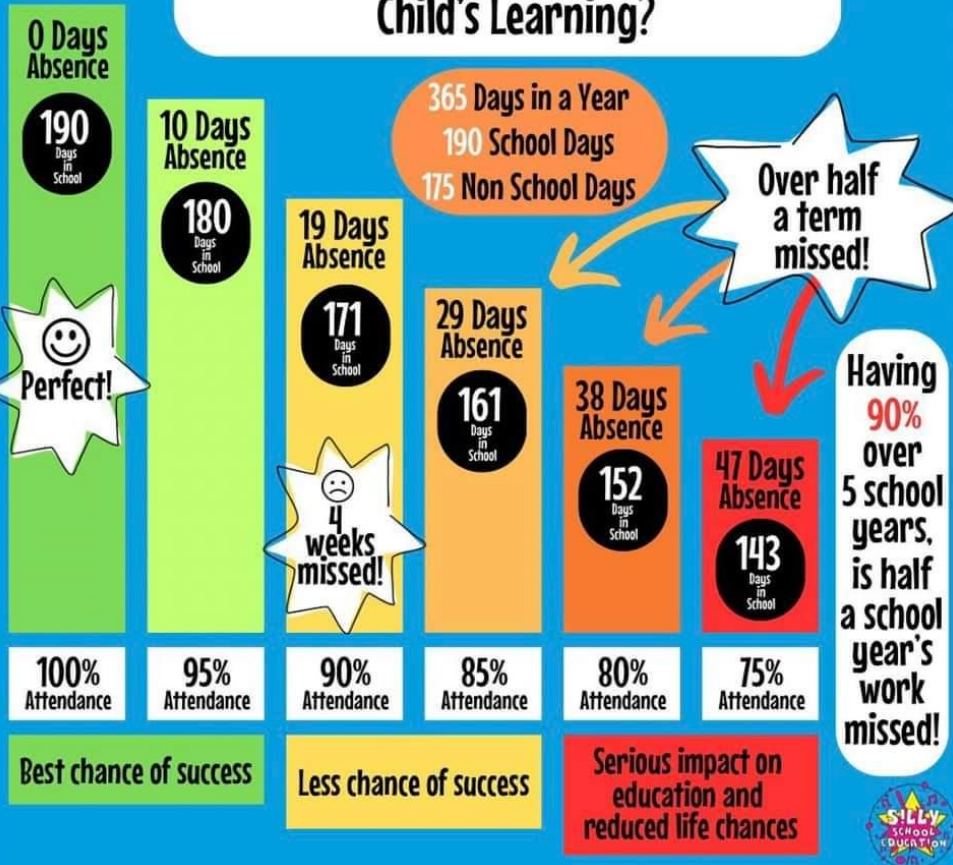
MIXED PACK OF 6 CARDS £10  
A2 POSTER PRINTS £12 EACH

Please PRE-ORDER your cards and posters at:  
<https://www.thingstodo.com/barn-croft-primary>  
Or scan the QR code below



This will reserve your item. Collection and payment will be at the Summer Fair on Saturday 8th June.

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





**Idris (and family) completed the Buttermere walk on Tuesday 28th, in heavy rain.**

**We are very grateful for everyone's support.**

**Idris really felt it! It's been an amazing experience. Thank you for the donations and the encouragement.**



## 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
FA0267C4	Raising Resilient and Confident children	Online	11.05.2024 – 25.06.2024	19:30 pm – 21:00 pm	Tuesday
FA0347F1	Calm Parents, Calm Children - Parenting	Leyton Family Hub	12.06.2024 - 10.07.2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Wednesday
FA0368F1	Decorate a Father's day cake topper	Queens Road, Learning Centre	15.06.2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Saturday
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
FA0290C5	Supporting your Child transition from Nursery to Primary school	Queens Road Learning Centre	26/06/2024 – 03/07/2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Wednesday
FA0367F1	E safety for Parents	Online	03/07/2024	7:30 pm – 9:00 pm	Wednesday
If you have any questions regarding family learning activities, please contact - <a href="mailto:cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk">cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk</a> Curriculum Manager Family Learning					

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



## Learn to love the outdoors! Horticulture and gardening



Our courses are designed for anyone with an interest in gardening or who wants to learn about plants and cultivation. Gain practical gardening skills and explore the beauty of Waltham Forest.

### List of upcoming courses / workshops

Course Code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
HO0094C2	Container Gardening Taster	St Mary's Churchyard Walthamstow	5/06/2024	1:30-3:30	Wednesday
HO0065A	Level 1 Award Practical Horticultural Skills	St Mary's Churchyard Walthamstow	5/06/2024 – 18/07/2024	9:30 - 12	Wednesday and Thursday
HO0090C2	Explore a Career in Horticulture	ONLINE (through Zoom)	6/6/2024	7pm – 8:30pm	Thursday
HO0103C2	Getting to know your Urban Garden	ONLINE (through Zoom)	14/6/24 – 12/07/24	10-12	Friday
HO0045C1	Container Gardening Taster	St Mary's Churchyard Walthamstow	26/06/2024	1:30-3:30	Wednesday

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



