

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we've had! Our annual Mini Marathon was a roaring success – the playground was a sea of colour as the children, brimming with energy, tackled the 2.6-mile course with such vigour. They all put in a tremendous effort, and it was a joy to see their determination and team spirit. Thanks to your incredible support, we've raised a significant amount of money that will be used to invest in new playground equipment! If you have any outstanding donations, please bring them to the main office clearly labelled with your child's name. In the coming weeks, your children will have the opportunity to choose new equipment with their classmates to enjoy with the other year groups.

Year 4 had a magnificent time exploring the world of art at the National Portrait Gallery. They immersed themselves in different artistic styles and even participated in a fantastic mixed-media workshop. Well done Year 4 for your enthusiasm, and a big thank you to the accompanying parents and staff.

A big shout-out to Year 6 who are taking their SATs next week. They've been working incredibly hard and are thoroughly prepared for the tests. We know they'll do fantastically well – some are even feeling excited (believe it or not!). We want to wish them a restful weekend and look forward to seeing them bright and early at the SATs breakfast club on **Monday from 8am**.

With the weather warming up, please ensure your children bring a named water bottle to school every day. A named hat is also encouraged to protect them from the sun. Sun cream must be applied at home as we cannot facilitate this in school.

Year 5's exciting trip to the Science Museum is just around the corner on Monday 13th May! Please remember that all children need to bring a water bottle for this trip, regardless of whether they are having a school packed lunch. This is because the kitchen can no longer provide single-use plastic bottles.

Finally, don't forget our Reading for Pleasure parent workshops on Wednesday 22nd May (2.30pm and 5pm). Please come to the main office to sign in and find out how to support and grow a love of reading with your children.

We hope you all have a wonderful weekend!

Miss Kelly

Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

13th May

Y5 trip to Science Museum

13-16 May

Y6 SATs

22nd May

Reading for Pleasure Workshop for parents
2:30pm and 5:00pm

24th May

Last day of Half Term

27th May- 31st May

Half-Term Holiday
School Closed

3rd June

Children return to school

8th June

Summer Fair

11am-3pm

11am-12pm SEND quiet time

24th July

End of Term

Children finish at 2pm



Certificates this week have been awarded for Art/ DT

Reception – Ellen & Ziggy

Year 1 – Paz & Rickie

Year 2 – Robin & Rosie

Year 3 – Marwah & Morris

Year 4 – Albert & Otis

Year 5 – Josephine & Izabela

Year 6 – Arti & Margo

Hot Choc Friday

Rec – Chloe

Year 1 – Katrin

Year 2 – Arthur

Year 3 – Alice

Year 4 – Rosalie

Year 5 – Indie

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 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](#)

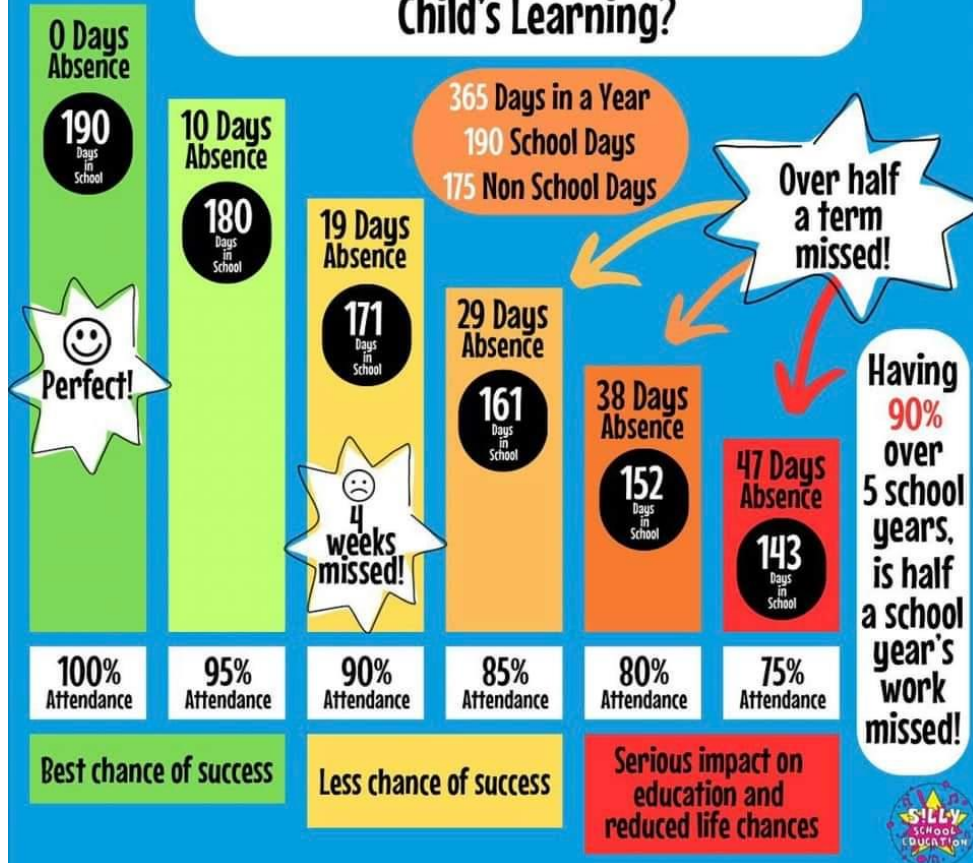
YEAR 6 TRIP TO

GILWELL PARK

4th June – 7th June

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

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?





Reading For Pleasure Parent Workshops

"Reading for pleasure is the single most important indicator of a child's future success"

research from the OECD 2002

When	Wednesday 22nd May at 2.30 - 3.30pm or at 5.00 - 6.00pm
Where	Barn Croft Primary School Hall
Who	Parents and Carers of children in Nursery to year 6

Come join us for an afternoon where we look at what reading for pleasure is; the importance of it; and how we can work together to develop a reading for pleasure culture.



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



**E17
Art
Trail
2024**



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 Exhibition 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

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

Please PRE-ORDER your cards and posters at:
<https://www.things-to-get-me.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.



Moonlit Mountain



Under a Starry Sky



A Stormy Day at Sea



SEND FOOTBALL
SIBLINGS WELCOME

funded by Barclays 

SATURDAYS-TERM TIME

2-3PM

Ages: 5-25
Venue

Wadham Lodge
11 Kitchener Road, London E17 4JP

Admission **£3** Booking essential via website

More info 07528 433640 www.walthamforestparentforum.com/shop



SEND LEGO CLUB

FREE SESSION FOR SEND FAMILIES
1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH (EXCEPT AUGUST)
10.30-12.30
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED
NO NEED TO BOOK, JUST POP ALONG!
LEYTON FAMILY HUB, 215 QUEENS ROAD, LONDON, E17 8PJ
FOR MORE INFO CALL 07528 433640 OR 07794 298496



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 code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
FA0350F1	Monthly art club - World Bee day clay art	Queens Road Learning Centre	18.05.2024	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	Saturday
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
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 - cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk Curriculum Manager Family Learning



WALTHAM FOREST ADULT LEARNING SERVICE

Family Learning Courses and workshops 2024/25

Courses and taster workshops available are:

Keeping up with the Children in Literacy or Numeracy
Keeping up with the Children is an introduction to either the literacy or the numeracy curriculum at KS1. Parents and carers gain an understanding of some strategies used in school and also make and use activities to support their child's learning at home.

Everyday English for Parents (ESOL)
This course is for parents whose first language is not English. It is a parent/carer only course that improves the parents' level of English so that they can communicate more effectively with the school and support their child's learning. Improved language skills of the parent/carer usually has a positive impact on school attendance.

Everyday maths As part of the Multiply strategy to support adults with their numeracy skills, we deliver short courses around budgeting, saving money, help your child to budget and having fun with maths in everyday life.

Parenting
Calm Parent, Calm Children course includes promoting positive behaviour in children through praise, promoting calm behaviour, constructive reflection, setting and keeping boundaries. The course always receives very positive feedback from the parents and schools have reported that they have seen positive changes in children in school.

Creative courses
These courses are a great way to support parents' health and well being and a taste of some of the longer courses that we deliver at the ALS. Courses include, embroidery, knitting, printing and art courses.

Digital safety and ICT for parents/carers
The E - safety course looks at internet safety and how parents can monitor their child's online activity. The ICT course will support parents who would like to improve their digital skills using their mobile phones, laptops and tablets. These courses require the use of tablets or laptops that adults can use.

Enrol now through our website - www.lbwfadultlearning.co.uk
For more information email adult.learning@walthamforest.gov.uk

 www.walthamforest.gov.uk/adult-learning
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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**

Friday 24th May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

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Tuesday 29th October

School Starts

Thursday 19th December

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

Friday 20th December – Friday 3rd January

Christmas Holiday – **School Closed**

Spring Term 2025 (60 days)

Monday 6th January

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 7th January

School Starts

Friday 14th February

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 24th February

School Starts

Friday 4th April

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

Monday 7th April – Monday 21st April

Easter Holiday – **School Closed**

Summer Term 2025 (61 days)

Tuesday 22nd April

School Starts

Monday 5th May

Bank Holiday – **School Closed**

Friday 23rd May

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 2nd June

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Tuesday 3rd June

School Starts

Wednesday 23rd July

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