

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all who attended our *Meet the Teacher* evening! It was a wonderful opportunity to share vital information about our school's ongoing improvements and upcoming plans. We hope you found the session informative and enjoyed meeting your child's class team, seeing what's in store for the year, and getting your questions answered. As promised, copies of the slides will be sent out next week for your reference.

This week, we are proud to announce that Ms. Nair has attended training to become our Designated Teacher for Looked After Children. It was a valuable development day that will help us enhance our provision. Ms. Nair will now work closely with the Virtual School to ensure we offer the best support possible.

A special thanks goes to the Friends of Barn Croft and everyone who supports their fundraising efforts. Thanks to your generosity, our specialist music lessons resumed this Monday, and hearing the children's beautiful voices in singing assembly was truly heart-warming! Learning is in full swing across Barn Croft, and the atmosphere is alive with excitement. Our Reception children have completed their first full week and have settled in beautifully. I had the pleasure of joining them for a puppet show and a creative project building a train track for the Three Little Pigs!

Science has sparked curiosity this week. Year 4 are conducting an experiment with 'egg teeth' in different liquids to explore tooth decay as part of their human digestion unit, while Year 2 were outside categorising living, dead, and never-been-alive items, showcasing some brilliant scientific reasoning. Year 1 has been diving into instructional writing, with hands-on experiences to prepare them. Meanwhile, our Nurture Room children have been planting this week, which ties into their writing activities. Prehistoric Britain is a hot topic in Year 3, they have been looking at chronology and are beginning to compare the ages. In Year 5, the focus has been on designing mythical beasts, complete with unique powers and abilities – I can't wait to see the final drafts of their creative writing! Lastly, Year 6 have been tackling the tricky concept of converting measures. They've done such a fantastic job that, if your recipe at home needs a little unit conversion, you know who to ask!

It's been an inspiring week, and we're so proud of all the hard work and enthusiasm across the school. Let's keep this momentum going as we move forward! Have a restful weekend everyone, I hope this weather holds up

Miss Kelly

Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

21st October – 25th October
Half Term
School Closed

28th October
Staff Training Day
School Closed

29th October
Children return to School

19th December
School ends at 2pm

20th Dec – 3rd Jan
Christmas Holiday
School Closed

6th January
Staff Training Day
School Closed

7th January
Children return to School



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Attitudes towards Learning*

Year 1 – Jules & Suhaan
Year 2 – Jason & Sylvia
Year 3 – Annie & Gurnav
Year 4 – Louis & Zoe
Year 5 – Dylan & Lycia
Year 6 – Dot & Taro

Hot Choc Friday

Year 1 – Eric
Year 2 – Setayesh
Year 3 – Raluca
Year 4 – Nina
Year 5 – Mio
Year 6 – Artin

Dates for your Diary - Class Trips

Year 1 – 15th October, Young V and A

Year 2 – 8th October, Walthamstow Pumphouse Museum

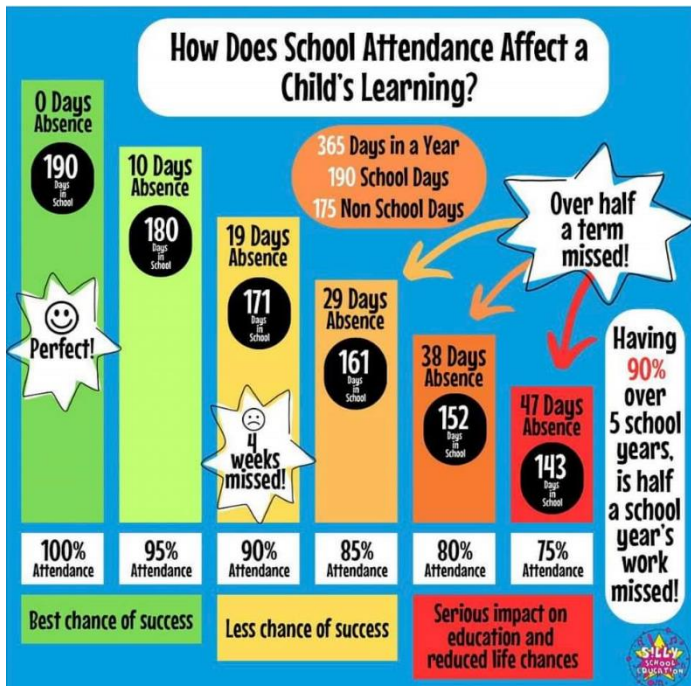
Year 3 – 30th September, Natural History Museum

Year 4 – 9th October, British Museum

Year 5 – 4th October, British Museum

Year 6 – 1st October, Museum of London

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



LABELLING UNIFORM

Please remember to label your child's school uniform clearly. If your child's uniform is misplaced, it is difficult to find the owner if there is no name on the label!

REMINDERS FOR PARENTS FOR THE NEW TERM!

Asthma Pumps / EPI PEN

If your child is asthmatic or has severe allergies that require an epi-pen, then please ensure that your child has a labelled asthma pump/epi pen with them in school at all times, **and that it is in date**. Asthma pumps and epi pens are the **only** medicine which should be kept in the classroom with the child for prompt access.

Free School Meals Trawl

Even if your child brings a packed lunch or receives the Universal Free School Meal and you think you may be entitled to Free School Meals then please do apply to the Borough as the schools funding can greatly benefit from this!

Mobile Phones

Pupils bringing mobile phones to school must ensure they are put away before they come through the school gate and **must** be handed to the office before registration for safe keeping during the school day.

Appointments

Parents and carers are asked most earnestly **not** to arrange these during school sessions, except in cases of urgency, so that considerable interference with school work is avoided. Please do not keep children out of school for the whole day unless absolutely necessary.

Thank you!



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
FA0258C4	Calm Parents Calm children Course	Queens Road Family Hub	18.09.2024 - 16.10.2024	10:00 am – 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0168C3	Keeping Up with the children English	Queens Road Learning Centre	24.09.2024 – 15.10.2024	10:00 am – 12:00pm	Tuesday
FA0285C5	Fantastic Phonics Workshop	Queens Road Learning Centre	25.09.2024	10:00 am – 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0296F1	Paper Mosaic art	North Chingford Library	28.09.2024	10:00 am - 12:00pm	Saturday
FA0289C5	Keeping your child safe online	Queens Road Learning Centre	01-10:2024	10:00 am - 12:00pm	Tuesday
	Savvy Shopping - Tips to save money on your weekly shopping	Queens Road Learning Centre			New Course - Get in touch if interested

Interested and wish to know more, email Cherie Cowan-Smith - Cherie.Cowan-Smith@walthamforest.gov.uk

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



Looking for healthy after-school snack ideas?



**Beezee
FAMILIES**

We've got you covered!

Our free, Beezee Families healthy lifestyle programme can help your family make healthy habits.



Tuck into these healthy snacks:



- Two wholegrain crackers and tzatsiki
- Rice cakes or corn cakes
- Two crackers with a spread of low-fat cream cheese and cherry tomatoes
- Plain or Greek yoghurt and fruit
- 150ml homemade fruit smoothie
- Vegetable sticks (carrot/pepper/cucumber) with hummus
- Fruit kebabs

- Wholegrain toast with a thin layer of peanut butter
- Breadsticks
- Handful of dried fruit
- Dried apple slices (slice into 1/4 inch circles, bake at 200 degrees until dry)
- Handful of homemade popcorn
- Homemade fruit ice lollies
- Apple slices with peanut butter.



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here

or

Click the link



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Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024 (74 days)

Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

Wednesday 4th September

School Starts

Friday 18th October

School Ends – Last Day of Half-Term

Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October

Half-Term Holiday – **School Closed**

Monday 28th October

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**

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