

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Tuesday, we had a fantastic day kicking off our new sustainability and climate education program with Solar for Schools!

- The whole school gathered for an assembly about our new solar panels.
- We learned about the energy we generate and consume, how to reduce consumption, and the importance of sustainability.
- Key Stage 2 classes even had workshops to explore this further!
- Everyone worked together in class to create banners and slogans about their wishes for a sustainable Barn Croft and beyond.

It was wonderful to see all the children waving their banners for the drone to capture on camera! This was a great community event, and a huge thank you to all the parents who supported our fundraising efforts last year to make this possible. You can see our solar panels in action at: [Solar for Schools Barn Croft Primary](#).

We understand that transition to the next year can be a big step for children and families. We'll be sharing detailed transition information very soon. Once staffing is finalised, we'll be able to confirm class placements for all children. As you know, teacher recruitment and retention is a national challenge, and Barn Croft is not immune. However, we are committed to ensuring high-quality education for all our pupils. Similar to last year, we'll be building up to transition over a few weeks to ease the process.

Year 6 students transitioning to Waltham Forest secondary schools will have their transition day next week. Information about your child's specific secondary school

We've noticed a few instances of behaviour in the park after school that fall short of our expectations for Barn Croft pupils. We kindly ask that parents ensure their children are appropriately supervised after school. Children should know where to find you if they need something. While we understand schools don't have direct control over after-school behaviour, please don't hesitate to reach out if you need any advice or support in this area.

A final note - a big thank you to the children for their hard work revamping the planters at the front of the school! The beautiful summer flowers are a real splash of colour and a testament to their dedication.

Have a wonderful weekend in the sunshine!

Miss Kelly

Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

4th July

VAWG Parent coffee morning – online safety and harms.
Workshops for Y5 and Y6

5th July

VAWG workshop for Y4

10th July

Sports Day

17th July

Back up Sports Day

19th July

Year 5 & 6 Show
9:20am Parents Welcome

24th July

End of Term
Children finish at 2pm



Stars of the Week

Certificates this week have been awarded for French (KS1 Oracy)

Reception – Chloe & Nat

Year 1 – Ellie & Muhib

Year 2 – Annie & Mabel

Year 3 – Lara & Samuel

Year 4 – Ami & Antonio

Year 5 – Adrianna & Annie-Pip

Year 6 – Brijan & Lily

Hot Choc Friday

Rec – Nat

Year 1 – Troy

Year 2 – Gurnav

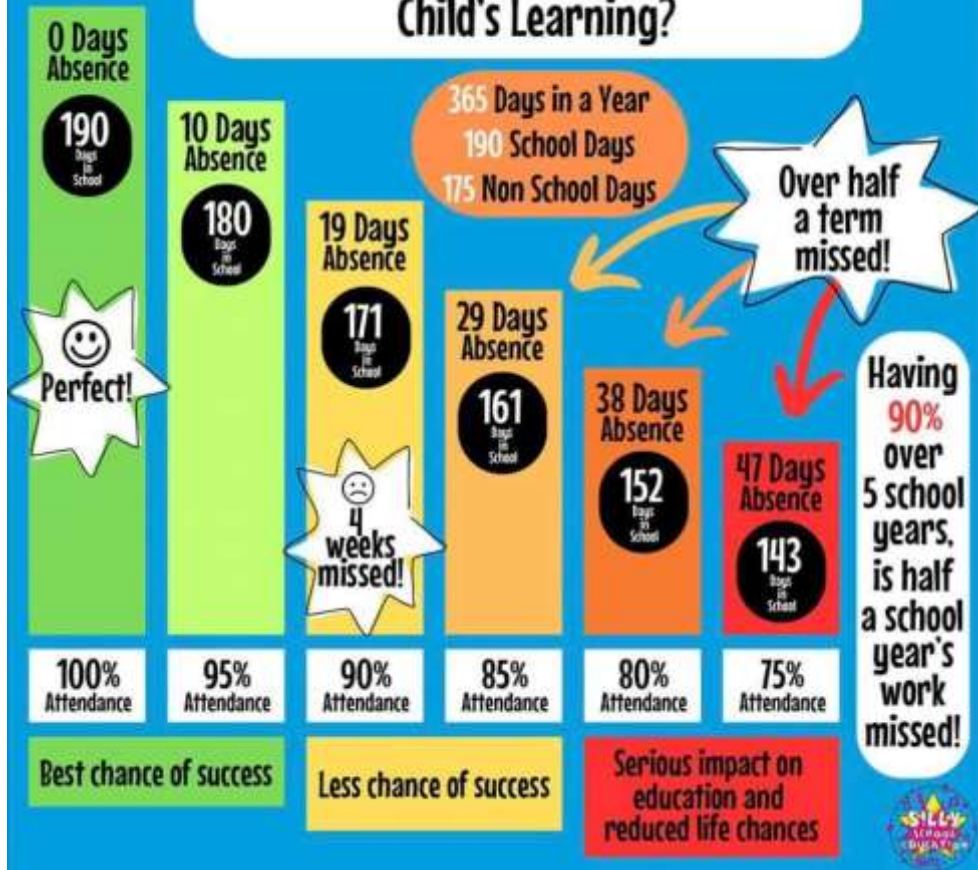
Year 3 – Louis

Year 4 – Lola

Year 5 – Liam

Year 6 - Jemima

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



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](#)



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
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
FA0290C8	Supporting your child transition from Nursery to Primary school	Queens Road Learning Centre	29/06/2024 – 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 - sheela.cowan-ltr@walthamforest.gov.uk Curriculum Manager Family Learning

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



WALTHAM FOREST ADULT LEARNING SERVICE

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.

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Course Code	Course Title	Venue	Date	Time	Day
H00094C2	Container Gardening Taster	St Mary's Churchyard Walthamstow	5/06/2024	1:30-3:30	Wednesday
H00065A	Level 1 Award Practical Horticultural Skills	St Mary's Churchyard Walthamstow	5/06/2024 – 18/07/2024	9:30 - 12	Wednesday and Thursday
H00090C2	Explore a Career in Horticulture	ONLINE (through Zoom)	6/6/2024	7pm – 8:30pm	Thursday
H00103C2	Getting to know your Urban Garden	ONLINE (through Zoom)	14/6/24 – 12/07/24	10-12	Friday
H00045C1	Container Gardening Taster	St Mary's Churchyard Walthamstow	26/06/2024	1:30-3:30	Wednesday

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PRIMARY AGED CHILDREN

CAFE. ART. PLAY. SENSORY DEN. YOGA. DANCE. MUSIC. STORYTELLING

WEDNESDAY 7TH AUGUST AT HIGHAM HILL HUB
MONDAY 12TH AUGUST AT BIG PENNY SOCIAL



BOOKING ESSENTIAL VIA WEBSITE
www.thetogetherspace.co.uk



OPEN DAY

Walthamstow Fire Station

Saturday, 13 July 2024 11am–3pm

- Your chance to meet local firefighters and get fire safety advice.
- See our latest fire and rescue service equipment.
- A community event, providing education, fun and engagement.

343 Forest Road Walthamstow London E17 5JR

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Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2023-2024

Autumn Term 2023 (74 days)

Monday 4th September Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
Tuesday 5th September 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

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