

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week we've had! Year 5 have been enjoying the chance to work with specialist football coach Zak Guerfi, an ex-Premier League player, from Sports to Inspire. The children are developing their football skills and having an incredible time while doing it!

Meanwhile, Year 4 had a wonderful trip to the British Museum where they explored the Roman rooms and deepened their understanding of Roman history. This hands-on experience has really enhanced their learning in class.

Do you remember the book fair last summer? Thanks to the money raised, we've been able to purchase a brilliant selection of diverse, high-quality books for every class. The children were introduced to these in assembly this week, and over the coming weeks, we'll be hosting special "book giving" assemblies, where each class will receive a Book of the Week for their reading corner. We're all excited to hear the children's thoughts and look forward to sharing "book talk" together – we hope parents will join in too!

Yesterday, we took part in Young Minds' World Mental Health Awareness Day. The children enjoyed some wellbeing time, had great conversations about healthy minds and had a special assembly with Helen. It was wonderful to see splashes of yellow around the school, showing our commitment to mental health and wellbeing. Thank you to everyone who donated to Young Minds – your support will help them continue their vital work for young people's mental health.

Some important upcoming dates will be coming your way soon including phonics parent workshops, a SEND coffee morning, parent's evenings, open mornings in classes for children to share their work with you and much more!

Reminder: Parents and carers are kindly reminded that fidget toys are only allowed after prior discussion and agreement with Ms. Nair. If a child has an adjustment, such as access to a fidget toy, this must be logged and monitored to ensure it is having the desired effect. Unless explicitly agreed with Ms. Nair, fidget toys from home (including those in school bags, trays etc.) are not allowed in school. This also applies to magnet toys. Generally, the school will provide the fidget toys if agreed for use or trial. Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a focused and supportive learning environment.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Miss Kelly
Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

18th October
Year 1 Fundraiser
Cake sale at 3:30pm

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 *History*

Year 2 – Hector & Katrin
Year 3 – Doran & Hadi
Year 4 – Cora & Ezra
Year 5 – Dorothy & Verity
Year 6 – Indi & Liam

Hot Choc Friday

Year 1 – Suhaan
Year 2 – Suellen
Year 3 – Mabel
Year 4 – Aidan
Year 5 – Indiya
Year 6 – Ru



Last Week's Certificates were awarded for ART/ DT

Year 1 – Ellen & Ziggy
Year 2 – Aila & Troy
Year 3 – Arthur & Tommy
Year 4 – Junior & Winnie
Year 5 – Mio & Willow
Year 6 – Mikel & Nateisha

Hot Choc Friday

Year 1 –
Year 2 – Uma
Year 3 – Belis
Year 4 – Lily-Rose
Year 5 – Otis
Year 6 – Dot

Dates for your Diary - Class Trips

Year 1 – 15th October, Young V and A

Year 2 – ~~8th October, Walthamstow Pumphouse Museum~~

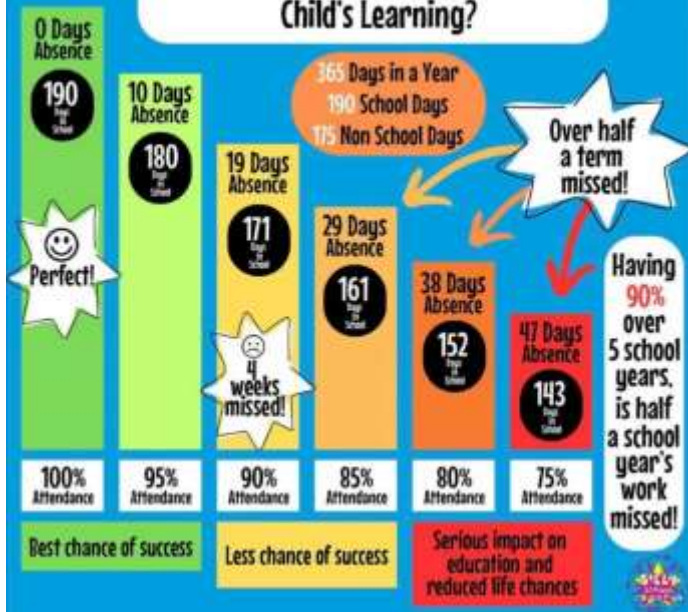
Year 3 – ~~30th September, Natural History Museum~~

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?



HALF TERM CYCLING SCHOOL

21-25 October 2024

LOCATIONS:

LEYTON JUBILEE PARK, E10
HAWKSWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, E4

COURSE OPTIONS:

LEARN TO RIDE (LTR) - THIS COURSE IS 90 MINUTES FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IT'S FOR CHILDREN THAT CANNOT RIDE A BIKE AND WOULD LIKE TO LEARN HOW TO. FOR CHILDREN AGE 5 - 15.

LEVEL 1 - THIS COURSE IS 90 MINUTES FOR 2 CONSECUTIVE DAYS. IT'S FOR CHILDREN THAT CAN RIDE A BIKE BUT NEED MORE PRACTICE BEFORE CYCLING ON THE ROAD, FOR CHILDREN AGE 7 - 15.

BOOK NOW!!

THESE COURSES ARE FREE TO ATTEND AND BIKES CAN BE PROVIDED UPON REQUEST (BOOKING FORM).
TO SIGN UP PLEASE USE THE LINK BELOW AND COMPLETE THE BOOKING FORM

[HTTPS://BIT.LY/WF-CHILDREN](https://bit.ly/wf-children)



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Waltham Forest Mental Health Support Team Webinar Dates 2024

Waltham Forest Mental Health Team present to you webinar dates for 2024. These webinars cover a range of topics around mental health and wellbeing. They are accessible to all residents of Waltham Forest.

ALL webinars run from 4:30-5:30pm.

[Register HERE](#)



WALTHAM FOREST

OCTOBER 2024



Wednesday 02nd October 2024: What is Mental Health (Primary School Parents/Carers)

Wednesday 16th October 2024: What is Mental Health (Secondary School Parents/Carers)

NOVEMBER 2024



Wednesday 6th November 2024: What is Mental Health? (ALL Support Staff and Teachers)

Thursday 14th November 2024: School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing (ALL parents/Carers)

Thursday 28th November 2024: School attendance and Emotional Wellbeing (ALL Support Staff and Teachers)

DECEMBER 2024



Thursday 5th December 2024: Managing Anxiety (Young People)

Thursday 12th December 2024: Managing Low Mood (Young People)



Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024 (74 days)

Monday 2nd September
Tuesday 3rd September

Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
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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