

The Barn Croft Newsletter

Courage, Love, Excellence

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back after half term. We hope you all had a wonderful family break over the half-term holiday and are feeling refreshed for the new term ahead. The children have returned to school brilliantly, diving straight back into their learning with enthusiasm and focus.

On Monday, our staff engaged in further professional development focused on enhancing Barn Croft's curriculum. This included collaborative sessions on our next steps to broaden and enrich our learning offer. We were also pleased to welcome Governors for an open afternoon, where they joined staff in reviewing the curriculum, examining pupil outcomes in books, and discussing progress. The event was a tremendous success, with everyone celebrating the substantial progress our school has made over the past 18 months. A heartfelt thank you goes out to our dedicated subject coordinators and all staff members who have contributed to these exciting developments. We look forward to refining and personalizing Barn Croft's curriculum even further in the coming year.

As the weather gets cooler, please remember to send your child with a coat every day. Also, please ensure all clothing items are clearly labelled with your child's name to prevent any mix-ups.

A special thank you to Ms. Jennie, who kindly adjusted her schedule this week so that all children could enjoy their music sessions today. Year 4's recorder playing was especially impressive - I could hear their progress all the way down the corridor!

Here's to a wonderful term ahead filled with learning and growth!

Wishing a very Happy Diwali to all those celebrating!!

Miss Kelly
Acting Headteacher

Key Diary Dates

4th November
Flu Vaccination

5th November
Individual Photos

8th November
Year 1 Phonics Workshop
9:00-10:00am in Hall

12th November
Parents Evening
3:40-7:00pm in Hall

14th November
Parents Evening
3:40-5:40pm in Hall

29th November
Year 2 Bake sale

10th December
KS1 Christmas Show
9:30-10:30am in Hall

11th December
EYFS Christmas Show
9:30-10:00am in Hall

19th December
School ends at **2:00pm**



Certificates this week have been awarded for *Being Kind & Considerate*

Year 1 – Hibat & Phoebe
Year 2 – Digby & Yasmin
Year 3 – Inaya & Miriam
Year 4 – Alice & Seren
Year 5 – Lilly-Hazel & Maryam
Year 6 – Clea & Ru

Hot Choc Friday

Year 1 – Jules
Year 2 – Shakeel
Year 3 – Hanaa
Year 4 – Junior
Year 5 – Dylan
Year 6 – Nateisha

Dates for your Diary - Class Trips

Year 1 – 21st November - Museum of London - Docklands

Year 2 – 20th November - Science Trip

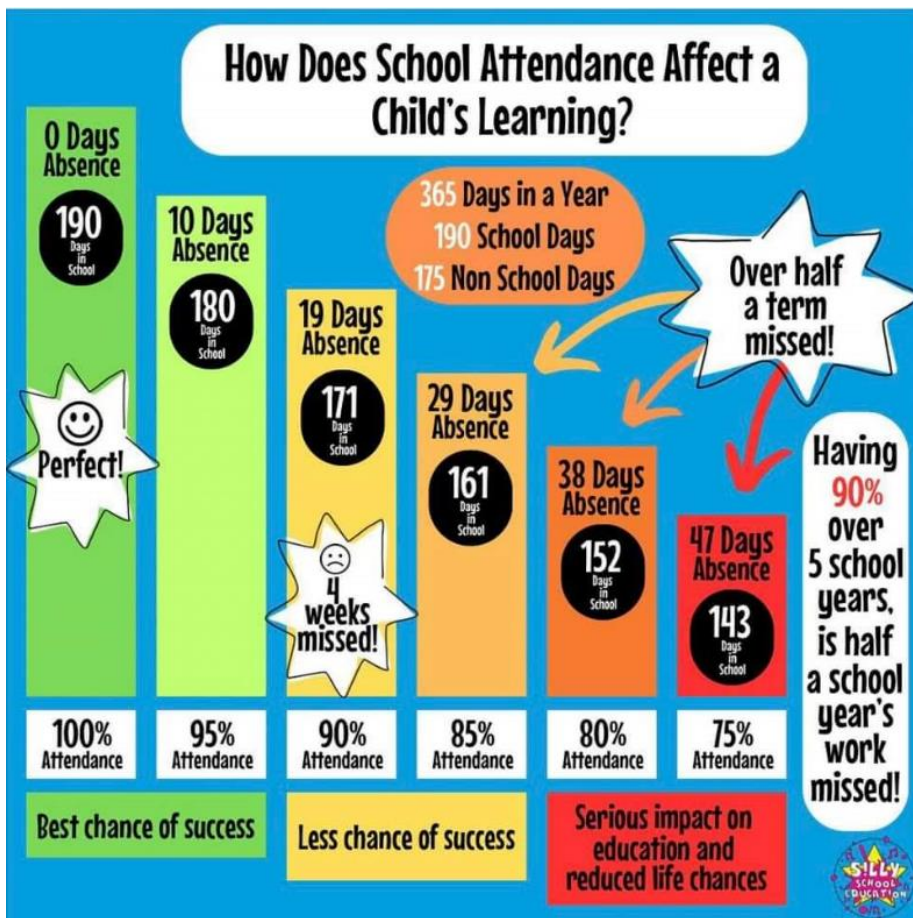
Year 3 – TBC

Year 4 – 28th Nov 2024 - Kung Fu Panda 4

Year 5 – 19 Nov 2024 - The Wild Robot

Year 6 – 12th November - Science Museum

Nurture Room - 20 Nov 2024 - Migration (Autism Friendly)



FREE Family Learning Courses and workshops 2024/25



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS – 90 minute workshops for families
 Availability: *weekdays from 3pm*

- Family cookery workshops (pizzas or energy balls)
- Family craft workshops (making board games or origami)



PARENTING SKILLS – 2 hour classes x 5 weeks for parents
 Availability: *Mon, Tues, Weds or Thurs between 09:30 and 14:30*

- Calm Parents, Calm Children
- Raising Resilient and Confident Children



SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING – 2 hour classes x 5 weeks for parents
 Availability: *Mon, Tues, Weds or Thurs between 09:30 and 14:30*

- Keeping up with the children in Maths or English
- Everyday English for Parents (ESOL)
- Understanding Coding
- Navigating the world of prepaid cards and debit cards for children



LIFE SKILLS & WELLBEING – 2 hour workshops for parents
 Availability: *Mon, Tues or Weds between 09:30 and 14:30*

- E-Safety
- Making the most of AI and Chat GPT
- Budgeting/Saving Money on Your Food Shopping
- Seed sowing, plant propagation or vegetable growing (*Thurs only*)



DIGITAL SKILLS COURSES – 2 hour classes x 5 weeks for parents
 Availability: *Mon, Tues or Weds between 09:30 and 14:30*

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Excel
- Using Canva to produce posters, videos and social media content



CAREER BASED WORKSHOPS – 2 hour workshops for parents
 Availability: *Mon, Tues, Weds or Thurs between 09:30 and 14:30*

- Exploring a career in Customer Service
- Working with Food and Food Safety



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FEMALE ONLY FOOTBALL SESSIONS

MONDAY
8-9PM
JUST PLAY: AGE 18+
 (FREE* WITH CODE 6NRU7K24)
8-9PM
JUST PLAY: AGE 16-17
 START 5 NOVEMBER
 (FREE* WITH CODE RZ6CRZN3 UNTIL JANUARY)

SATURDAY
9:30-10:15
WILDCATS: AGE 4-6
10:30-12 NOON
WILDCATS: AGE 7-11
SQUAD GIRLS : AGE 12-16

USE QR CODE TO BOOK

OR VISIT
AFCLEYTON.CO.UK/TICKETS

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

HOW TO FIND US

OUR HOME GROUND IS SALISBURY HALL AND BLADES PLAYING FIELDS, WALTHAMSTOW E4 8ST.

TO ACCESS THE GROUND, WALK OR DRIVE INTO SAINSBURYS AND PARK AT THE REAR OF THE BUILDING. WALK THROUGH THE WHITE GATES.

THE CAR PARK OFFERS 3 HOURS OF FREE PARKING.

BUS ROUTES: 34, 97, 215, 158, 357, 397, W11 TO WALTHAMSTOW STADIUM OR LOW HALL

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
FA0382F1	Sewing and textile crafts, beginners course for parents	Queens Road Family Hub Queens Road E17	13.11.2024 11.12.2024	10 -12pm	Wednesday

Join us for a fun and engaging beginners course designed specifically for parents looking to dive into the world of sewing and textile crafts! Whether you're eager to create unique clothing for your little ones, make personalised gifts or simply explore a new hobby, this course offers the perfect starting point. Learn the basics of sewing techniques, fabric selection, and essential tools in a supportive environment. Each session includes hands on projects that will boost your confidence and ignite your creativity. Connect with fellow parents, share ideas, and leave with beautiful creations that you can cherish or gift. No prior experience necessary—just bring your enthusiasm and let's get crafting!

If you have any questions regarding family learning activities, please contact cherie.cowan-smith@walthamforest.gov.uk Curriculum Manager Family Learning

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FA0291C5	Improve your Digital skills for Parents	Queens Road Learning Centre	06.11.2024 – 4.12.2024	10:00 - 12:00 pm	Wednesday
FA0255C4	Calm Parents, Calm Children - Parenting	ONLINE	07.11.2024 – 05.12.2024	7:30 – 9:30 pm	Thursday
FA0300F1	Create a Seasonal Wreath - Families learning together	Walthamstow library	09.11.2024	12:30 - 2:30pm	Saturday
FA0146C3	A Parent's Guide to Understanding Phonics KS1	Queens Road Learning Centre	13.11.2024	1:00 pm- 2:30pm	Wednesday
FA0382F1	Sewing & Textile Crafts: A Beginner's Course for Parents	Queens Road Family Hub	13.11.2024 – 11.12.2024	10:00 – 12:00pm	Wednesday
FA0399F1	Decorating Festive Iced biscuits	Community Farm Kitchen, E11 3NH	30.11.2024	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Saturday
FA0189C4	Create a Festive Christmas Tree Decoration	Lea Bridge Road Library	07.12.2024 – 07.11.2024	12:30 - 2:30pm	Saturday

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Barn Croft Primary School Calendar 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024 (74 days)

Monday 2nd September Staff Training Day – **School Closed**
Tuesday 3rd September 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

