

WHAT'S COMING UP

March

20th - PTSA Easter

Egg Hunt at 3:15

30th - 10th April -

Easter Holidays

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been a wonderfully busy and enriching one for our children, with opportunities to shine both within our local community and beyond. On Monday, our Year 6 boys' football team headed to Braintree Recreation Ground to take part in a friendly tournament with other local schools. The eight children selected represented Bocking Primary School with real maturity, showing excellent sportsmanship and fair play throughout the morning. What stood out most was how well they gelled as a team, supporting one another, communicating clearly, and keeping their spirits high regardless of the score line. Stanley and Blake deserve a special mention for their keen eye on the ball and the calm leadership they demonstrated on the pitch, helping to keep the team organised and focused. Ezra and Freddie also impressed with several brilliant saves, showing quick reactions and real determination. However, every child contributed something valuable, and we could not have been prouder of the collective effort and the way they upheld our school values.

On Thursday, the whole of Year 6 enjoyed a memorable trip to Gosfield to watch a performance of Matilda. We chose this visit not only because it links beautifully with our focus on the arts, but also because it provides an opportunity to build cultural capital—broadening children's experiences, exposing them to live theatre, and helping them make connections beyond the classroom. The trip also strengthened our relationships with other schools in the area, as many had come together to enjoy the performance. The children were captivated from start to finish, and it was wonderful to see them so inspired by the creativity and talent of the cast.

To round off the week, our school choir visited St Mary's Church Hall for the reopening celebration at their Friendly Friday event. Friendly Friday offers a warm space and a hot meal for members of the community, and our choir was invited to sing as part of the festivities. The children sang beautifully, filling the newly reopened hall with music and joy. They represented the school superbly and helped bring a real sense of celebration to the occasion. A thank you goes to Mrs Reid and Miss Freeman for organising the trip and supporting the children.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cagney

BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fri - IRock

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - CHOIR

Wed - SCS

Thu - SCS





STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Eva

Year 1 - Billy

Year 2 - George

Year 3 - Carter

Year 4 - Bethany

Year 5 - Tyler

Year 6 - Ruben

AR READERS

**Year 4 - Aniamina,
Millie-Mai**

Year 5 - Olivia

Now the weather has changed, please ensure you child has a water proof jacket.

All items of clothing should be named.

Water only in bottles please.

Polite Reminder:
The school toilets are closed for cleaning from 3:20.

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

This week in Year 3, children have made great progress across a range of subjects. In maths, they have been exploring unit and non-unit fractions, developing their understanding of these visual representations. English lessons have focused on a shared writing project, crafting a "Defeating the Monster" story set in ancient Egypt, which has sparked creativity and narrative skills. History lessons have brought the past to life as we have learned about the Egyptians, with a special focus on Pharaoh Tutankhamun and his fascinating legacy. In R.E., we have been studying the Qur'an and learning about Allah, including the significance of the 99 names attributed to God. Science lessons have been interesting as we investigated light and different types of light sources, both natural and artificial. Additionally, reading sessions have taught us about significant women who have been inspiring.

YEAR 4

This week in Year 4 we have been writing our shared legend stories about the Horatii brothers of Rome and Curiatii brothers of Alba Longa. I have been amazed at the level of vocabulary and fantastic paragraphs the children have been conjuring up! In maths, we have been dividing 1-digit and 2-digit numbers by 10 and 100, by moving the number along a place value chart. In science, we have been creating food chains and understanding how other animals survive by eating plants, animals, or both. Following on from our topic learning, we have been understanding mosaics and creating our own mosaic inspired by Emma Biggs. Boudicca is our final piece of learning in Topic - I wonder if the children can find any interesting facts out before our lesson on Monday?

YEAR 5

This week in Year 5, have impressed us with their excellent use of relative clauses in English. They crafted emotive pieces inspired by "The Piano" video, which depicts life in the trenches, skillfully using amplification to exaggerate and embellish their original ideas. In maths, the class has shown gritty determination in mastering fractions and decimals, confidently converting between the two with growing accuracy. Science lessons have been equally exciting, producing informative and eye-catching double-page spreads on the colour system. One fact that astounded us all was discovering there are 100 billion stars in our Milky Way! As always, remember our Year 5 mantra: do more, work harder, and be neater. Let's keep up the effort for one more week before the break!

YEAR 6

Year 6 have had an exciting week. We went on a trip to Gosfield School to watch a thrilling performance of Matilda. We were served apple juice or orange juice on arrival and shown to our seats. The pupils' performance was hilarious, with lots of jokes and the actors kept us enthralled. We felt particularly lucky to have the opportunity to watch their amazing show, especially as it was all expenses paid (by Gosfield School).



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

90% - EYFS

95% - Year 1

89% - Year 2

88% - Year 3

90% - Year 4

96% - Year 5

92% - Year 6

Attendance
target 95%

PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

The outbreak of meningitis in Kent has been heavily covered in the news and may be causing anxiety in Essex. The public health team at Essex County Council have said that there is no increased risk to anyone in Essex unless they have a direct link to a case of meningitis in the Kent outbreak and been contacted by the UK Health Security Agency. Simply being a contact of a person with a direct link does not increase the risk. If you would like to know more about the outbreak and how it is managed there is an update on the [UK Health Securities webpage](#). If you would like to know more about meningitis and how to spot it the [NHS webpages](#) give good advice.

Please be aware that the gates open at 8:35, and your child is marked late, affecting their attendance from 8:50am. Punctuality is a valuable lifelong skill. Late arrival affects not only the pupil who is late but disrupts the whole class. Where a pupil arrives after the registers close, with no justifiable reason, a U code will be entered into the register. The U code amounts to an unauthorised absence for the whole session. We must warn you, a penalty notice may be issued where there have been at least ten sessions of unauthorised absence during a rolling 10 school week period.