



BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up
Friday 25th September 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP

**FOREST SCHOOL
GROUP B
W/C 28 SEPT**

September

30th Maths

**workshop, parents
please attend 2:30**

October

13th/14th/15th

27/28 EYFS show

arounds 9.30-10.30

19th - Flu

Immunisation

19th-21st Yr 6

Residential

21st Open Door

Afternoon 2.30-3.00

**parents come into
school**

22nd PTSA

Halloween Disco KS1

4 -5 KS2 5:15 - 6:15

**26th - 1st Nov Half
term**

November

4th EYFS 27/28 Show

rounds 9.30-10.30

17th Parent TLCs

3.30-7.00

19th Parent TLCs

3.30-7.00

December

7th Nativity 2.00pm

8th Nativity 9.30am

9th Christmas

Dinner/jumper day

**18th Celebration
assembly**

Dear Parents/Carers,

At Bocking Primary School, we know that children's learning flourishes when school and home work together. This week has been a fantastic example of the positive partnership we share with our families, and we would like to thank everyone who continues to support their child's learning journey.

We were delighted to welcome parents and carers to our recent Phonics and Reading Workshop. It was wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement as we explored how children learn to read, the strategies we use in school, and the ways families can support reading at home. The feedback from parents was extremely positive, and we hope everyone left feeling confident and equipped with practical ideas to help develop a love of reading. Building on this success, we are looking forward to our Maths Workshop next week. This will provide parents and carers with the opportunity to learn more about the methods and approaches used in school, enabling greater consistency between home and classroom learning. We encourage as many families as possible to attend and discover simple ways to support children's mathematical understanding and confidence.

Supporting your child's education does not stop at the school gates. There are also a range of excellent opportunities available for adults who would like to develop their own skills. ACL (Adult Community Learning - [Home - ACL Essex](#)) offers a variety of free and low-cost courses, including English, maths, digital skills, wellbeing, family learning, and employability programmes. Many courses are available online, making them flexible and accessible for busy families. Whether you are looking to refresh existing skills, gain confidence, or learn something completely new, adult learning can be a valuable way to invest in yourself while also supporting your child's education. Details can be found through the ACL website and local community learning providers.

This week also saw our first sporting event of the academic year, as eight children from Year 3 represented Bocking Primary School at a local Netball Festival. The children demonstrated fantastic teamwork, enthusiasm, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the event. They encouraged one another, showed respect to other schools, and embodied our school values in every match and activity they took part in. We were incredibly proud of the way they represented the school and would like to congratulate them on being such wonderful ambassadors.

Across the school, it has been lovely to see children settling into routines, working hard in lessons, and embracing the opportunities that the new academic year brings. Classrooms are already buzzing with exciting learning, and pupils continue to demonstrate our school values every day.

As always, we wish all of our families a wonderful weekend and look forward to another successful week of learning ahead.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney



STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS -

FiiyinfoLuwa

Year 1 - Skye

Year 2 - George R

Year 3 - Clara

Year 4 - Poppy

Year 5 - Noah

Year 6 - Poppy

AR READERS

**Year 4 - Demi,
Penelope, Luke,**

**Please remember
we are a No Nuts
School, that
includes Nutella**

**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 EYFS

It has been an exciting week in EYFS as we started our phonics journey, learning all about the letters s, a, t and p. We even had a go at writing them on large rolls of paper, using rhymes to remember how to form each letter. In our Understanding the World lessons, we have been learning all about different types of homes and were very keen to identify the locations of pictures showing different types of homes around Bocking. We then noticed that the homes could be sorted into two groups: modern houses and older houses. As well as thinking about the homes we live in, we have also been exploring the homes that animals live in. We enjoyed sharing a lovely picture book all about habitats and then worked together to sort different animal figures according to the habitats they live in. Miss Freeman has been incredibly impressed by how interested we have been in our learning this week and by how confidently we have shared our answers, ideas and thoughts

YEAR 1

We have had a great week in Year 1. We've been really trying hard in English to form our sentences. Each day we have written about someone doing something - who - doing - what! Ask us if we can remember any of our sentences!

In maths we have been busy finding missing numbers and spotting mistakes, we've counted on from any number and then we have even counted backwards. Our afternoons have been just as busy as we have continued looking at a variety of toys both old and new. We looked at the Puja tray in RE and painted in our art lesson, learning to mix primary colours into secondary colours.

YEAR 2

What a fantastic week we've had in Year 2! We have worked incredibly hard, with a big focus on developing our independence and perseverance. In history, we have been learning all about the incredible Isambard Kingdom Brunel and his amazing inventions, including the Great Western Railway and the Royal Albert Bridge. In PE, we continued developing our ball skills, working with partners to practise aiming and hitting targets. In science, we designed our own lunchboxes and thought carefully about which materials would be most suitable before testing different materials to investigate their waterproofness. In art, we began preparing for our exciting artwork next week by drawing animal silhouettes. It has been a very busy week, and we are so proud of the hard work, resilience and independence the children have shown!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

93% - EYFS

96% - Year 1

97% - Year 2

92% - Year 3

93% - Year 4

91% - Year 5

96% - Year 6

Attendance
target 95%

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.

ATTENDANCE AND ONLINE SAFETY...

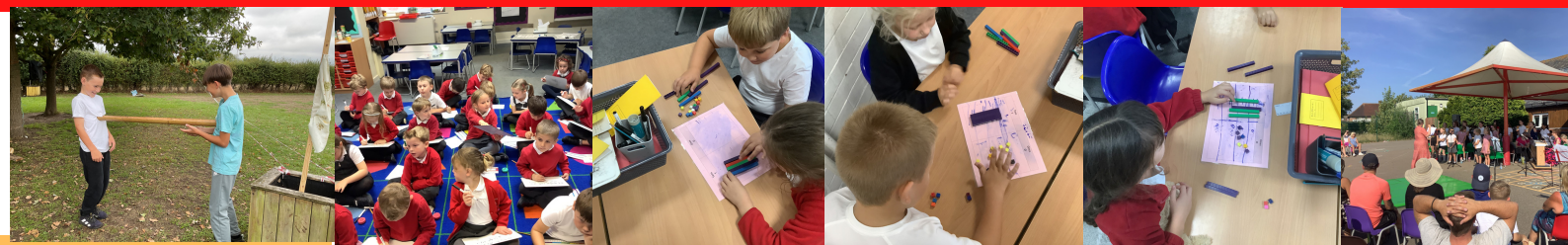
As we move further into the autumn term, we would like to thank families for their continued support in ensuring children arrive at school every day, on time and ready to learn. Excellent attendance plays a significant role in children's academic achievement, wellbeing and confidence. Every lesson provides opportunities for new learning, class discussions, collaborative work and experiences that cannot always be easily replicated when children are absent. Even a small number of missed days can result in children missing important building blocks in their learning. Attendance is not only about academic progress. Regular attendance helps children develop positive routines, strengthen friendships and fully participate in the life of the school community. Children who attend school consistently are often more confident, more settled and better positioned to achieve their full potential. As we approach the colder months, we recognise that children may occasionally be unwell. Where they are genuinely too ill for school, rest and recovery are of course important. However, mild coughs, colds and minor ailments do not usually prevent children from attending school and taking part in their learning. We are delighted that attendance across the school has started positively this year, and we would like to thank families for their commitment and support.



The online world offers many wonderful opportunities for children to learn, create and connect with others. However, as technology becomes an increasingly important part of everyday life, it is vital that children develop the skills and knowledge needed to stay safe online. One of the most effective ways to support children is through regular conversations about their online experiences. Just as we ask about their day at school, it is important to ask about the games they are playing, the videos they are watching and the apps they are using. Keeping communication open helps children feel comfortable seeking support if something online worries or upsets them.

As a school, we teach online safety throughout the year, helping our children to understand how to stay safe, be respectful online and make sensible decisions when using technology. However, this learning is most effective when reinforced at home. We encourage families to regularly check privacy settings, be aware of age ratings on games and apps, and ensure parental controls are in place where appropriate.

A useful conversation to have this week is about personal information. Children should be reminded never to share personal details, passwords or photographs with people they do not know and trust. It is also important that they understand that not everything they see online is true and that they should always speak to a trusted adult if they are unsure about something.



CLUBS...

Clubs: Autumn 1

Monday

3.15-4.15

Taskmaster Book Club

Years 1-2

Tuesday lunchtime

12.15-1.15

Lego Club

All Welcome

Wednesday

3.15-4.15

FITC Football Club

Years 1-6

Thursday

3.15-4.15

FITC Gymnastics

Years 1-6

Friday

mornings from 8.30

iRock

All welcome

Friday

3.15.4.15

Taekwondo

Years 3-6

FITC clubs are available through the following link:

<https://fitc-academy.class4kids.co.uk/>

iRock club is available through the following link:

<https://www.irockschool.com/>

Taekwondo club is available through the following link:

<https://www.olympustaekwondo.com/>