

WHAT'S COMING UP

September

- 25th - Pupil & Siblings School Photos
- 24th EYFS/Y1 Phonics Workshop in Hall

October

- 2nd Parent English Workshop in Hall at 9:05
- 8th Parent Maths Workshop at 9:05 in Hall
- 10th Travelling Book Fayre
- 17th Flu Immunisation for whole school
- 21st-23rd Y6 Residential
- 23rd Open Door, Parents into school at 2:45
- 24th Celebration Assembly at 9:05
- 25th - Non Pupil Day
- 28th-1st Nov - Half Term

November

- 4th 25/26 EYFS Admission Tours at 9am
- 5th 25/26 EYFS Admission Tours at 14:00
- 6th EYFS Admission Tours at 9am
- 12th Parents Evening at 15:30 - 17:00
- 14th Parents Evening at 15:30 - 19:00

December

- 16th EYFS School Nativity at 2:30
- 18th Carol Service, Whole School St Mary's Church at 14:00
- 20th Non Pupil Day
- 23rd - 6th Jan Half Term

January

- 7th Spring Term Starts

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- SCS Football Y1-Y3
Wed
- SCS football Y4-Y6 -
Thu
- Film Club Y1,Y2,Y3 -
Thu
- Dance Club - Y4,Y5,Y6 -
Mon
- Young Voices
Rehearsals w/c 16th
September 3:15 - 4:15
(selection students)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we progress through the term, I am pleased to highlight the many exciting opportunities and developments unfolding at Bocking Primary. This week, we saw an impressive turnout for the boys' football trials, with 26 enthusiastic pupils competing for positions on the school team. The selection process, while undoubtedly challenging, considered not only athletic skills but also the pupils' overall attitude and engagement in their class learning. Next week are the girls' trials and we then look forward to the commencement of the Braintree league games.

In response to the growing interest in football, we are delighted to announce the expansion of our lunchtime SCS football provision. Two additional SCS clubs will be introduced to complement our existing offerings. Separately, Year 4 and Year 5 pupils will have the opportunity to participate on Wednesdays at 12:30, while Thursday lunchtimes will see dedicated sessions for girls' only football and a separate Year 6 group. Off the pitch, Mrs Aldous continues to facilitate a reading club in the Library for KS1 on Tuesday and KS2 Thursdays, welcoming all pupils.

The recent Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA) Annual General Meeting was a resounding success, boasting record attendance figures. This display of community engagement is so positive, as it highlights the collective commitment to enhancing our pupils' educational experience. The PTSA plays an invaluable role in fundraising and organising events such as the Gaming night, Discos, May Day Fayre and the Big Bounce. We extend our sincere thanks to all PTSA members and look forward to working together on future initiatives to enrich our school community.

I would like to draw your attention to an upcoming event. On 2nd October at 0900, we will be hosting a Phonics workshop led by Mrs Flack, our Assistant Head and English lead. This session aims to explain our phonics scheme and provide guidance through the complex world of phonics including resources for you to use at home. We warmly invite all parents and guardians in EYFS and KS1 to attend this workshop.

Safeguarding - Online safety:

YouTube - Parental Controls for Tweens & Teens

Google (YouTube) have, in the past, always argued that YouTube is strictly for over 13's, much like most other social platforms. This age is predominantly for marketing/advertising purposes. However, that argument has never stood up given that Google have never had a means to prevent under 13's using the platform with or without an account.

Back in 2021 YouTube introduced new parental features, called Supervised Experience, and this was for parents of children under 13 who were using YouTube. Please use the link to see how you can protect your children whilst using YouTube.

Have a very good weekend
Mrs Cagney



STAR OF THE WEEK

Certificates were presented in our celebration assembly to:

Grayson (EYFS)
Phoebe (Yr 1)
Abby (Yr 2)
Arabella (Yr 3)
Albert (Yr 4)
Katy (Yr 5)
Kaya (Yr 6)

AR READERS

Will be confirmed next week

ATTENDANCE

90% - Year EYFS
 91% - Year 1
 95% - Year 2
 94% - Year 3
 95% - Year 4
 94% - Year 5
 98% - Year 6

Attendance target

95%

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

We are so proud of how Year Three are settling back into learning. We have really gotten our teeth into our topic on the Stone Age and have discovered many of the roles that people had back then, including gatherers, hunters, farmers, craftsmen, artists and toolmakers. In science, we become geologists and are studying rocks. So far, we have sorted rocks based on their appearance and also their type. Ask us about what rocks are made of and the three types of rocks. We are enjoying our maths topic in place value and we have been learning how to partition numbers up to 1000. In English, we are in the early stages of writing a narrative opening and have been gathering some vocabulary that will help us with this. Our mantra this year is to work harder, be neater and do more... and it's safe to say that we are living up to it so far! Here's to a great year!

YEAR 4

This week in year 4 we have been learning out model text in English about building a settlement in the jungle. In maths we have looked at place value to 10,000, using number lines and base 10. We are learning about sound and vibrations in science. In Geography we have learnt about settlements, whether they are a Hamlet, Village, Town or City. The class had a fantastic hockey lesson with coach.

YEAR 5

It has been a brilliant first few weeks in Year 5. The children have been keen and ambitious learners and are settling in well to their new role as Year 5's. In English we have been diving into our topic of Myth and Legend stories, starting with our class book: Beowulf. They had to take part in the '12 labours of Year 5' to prove their worth as God's and Goddesses! In Art we have looked at collaging and how to arrange different media around a page to create an abstract image - we let our imaginations flow and created some fantastic art! In History we have begun looking at the Saxons and Vikings and how they invaded Britain - in our next lesson we are going to be asking some big questions about why they came to Britain. We're looking forward to seeing where the next few weeks of term take us.

YEAR 6

We have been working incredibly hard on our English work, based on mystery narratives. Mrs Pickering was amazed at some vocabulary choices. In Year 6, we have been respectful, engaged and responsible in English and Maths. We have been showing the entire school that we are role models by showing our school values in and out of the classroom. In maths, we have been working on place value such as rounding to 10 million. We have been busy practising our SATs skills already and are fast becoming confident in our arithmetic skills. We have loved our hockey lessons and also learning about our heart in Science.