



BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up
Friday 12th September 2025

WHAT'S COMING UP

September

23rd - School Photographs
23rd - Parent work shop
Phonics and English @ 9am
24th - Parent Residential
Meeting @ 2:30

October

14th - Parent workshop
Maths @ 9am
15th - EYFS 2026
Admissions Tours @ 9:30
16th - EYFS 2026
Admissions Tours @ 9:30
15th - Flu Immunisations
22nd- 24th - Y6 Residential
Trip
22nd - Open Door @ 2:30
23rd - Celebration Assembly
@ 9am
24th - NON PUPIL DAY
27th-31st - Half Term

November

3rd - Autumn Term Begins
4th - EYFS 2026
Admissions Tours @ 9:30
6th - EYFS 2026
Admissions Tours @ 9:30
11th - TLC
13th - TLC
27th - Travelling Book
Fayre

December

15th - EYFS Nativity @ 2pm
16th - EYFS Nativity @ 9:30
18th - Whole School Carol
Service @ 2pm
22nd - 5th Jan 2026 -
Christmas Holidays

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

January 6th - Spring Term

Mon - Choir

Wed - SCS

Thu - SCS

Fri - Taekwondo

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to share the highlights of our first week back at Bocking Primary. The pupils have transitioned brilliantly into their new classrooms, showing amazing adaptability and enthusiasm for learning. Their immediate engagement with new topics and raised academic expectations has been particularly impressive.

Our extracurricular programme is now in full swing. iRock and music lessons have commenced, with SCS launching gymnastics on Wednesdays and football on Thursdays, starting next week. Our choir, which has attracted over 30 pupils, is already preparing to showcase their talents with some exciting events in the diary!

We are also excited to introduce our first netball club in partnership with Play Netball. Further information to follow on registering your child.

We are pleased to announce upcoming parent workshops. On 23rd September at 9am, we will host a Phonics and English session, followed by a Maths workshop on 14th October at 9am. We look forward to your participation and engagement as we show you how we teach these in school and give you some useful strategies and resources to use at home.

No sooner have we welcomed our new reception starters for this year, we look to those looking for schools for next September! For parents of future pupils, we have opened bookings for the September 2026 intake. You can schedule a visit via the Parent tab on our website, with available dates on 15/16th October and 4/6th November, all commencing at 9:30am.

I am proud to announce that in recognition of our partnership with the Greater Essex Music Hub, we have been awarded our Music Mark of Recognition. This acknowledges our commitment to music education and we will continue to provide a wide range of musical opportunities across the year.

Congratulations to all pupils who have been in school every day so far! Regular attendance ensures pupils fully engage with the curriculum, leading to better attainment and confidence.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney
Headteacher



STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Elliott

Year 1 - Ella

Year 2 - Blake

Year 3 - Lily

Year 4 - Luca

Year 5 - Isla

Year 6 - Freya

AR READERS

Please name all items of clothing. We have so much lost property already!

Water only in bottles please.

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

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

We are very proud of EYFS for completing their first full week of school! They have settled well into the school routine and are beginning to grow into curious little learners. This week, we have been exploring rhyme, by helping Miss Freeman to make a 'rhyming soup' using only objects that rhyme. The children have been great at spotting the odd word in rhyming triplets when Miss Freeman has tried to trick us! We have also started learning how to write numbers and were very excited to practise writing on the whiteboards. During busy time, we have loved discovering how to use our outdoor classroom. The water station has been a particular favourite, especially experimenting with the pulley system to transfer water. There have been plenty of giggles when things didn't quite go to plan!

YEAR 1

It has been a fantastic first full week in Year 1. Everyone has come in and settled very well to all their learning and are starting to show excellent learning behaviors. In English we have focused on 4 - part picture stories looking at capital letters, full stops and finger spaces. In Math's we have been counting objects in a group and working on our number formation and presentation. In topic we started to think about toys that we play with and which ones are our favourite and why.

YEAR 2

It's been another busy week in Year 2! In English, the children have been writing about someone significant to them, thinking carefully about why that person is special. In Maths, we have been exploring place value, partitioning numbers into tens and ones to help with our understanding. In RE, we began learning about light and what it can represent in different traditions and stories. In Computing, the children discussed what information technology is and how we use it in our daily lives. Finally, in Art, we experimented with different paint brushes to see how the marks and textures change.



ONLINE SAFETY..

I would also like to draw your attention to an important notice regarding digital safety.

Age ratings on digital platforms such as the Apple Store and Google Play can be misleading and do not always accurately reflect app suitability. For instance, WhatsApp is rated PEGI 3, which is fundamentally incorrect. I encourage all parents to carefully review age requirements by consulting terms and conditions or conducting online research. For comprehensive information, I recommend reading the press release below from the 5Rights Foundation.

<https://5rightsfoundation.com/apple-and-google-expose-children-to-data-privacy-breaches-through-misleading-app-age-ratings/>

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

97% - Year EYFS

96% - Year 1

94% - Year 2

97% - Year 3

95% - Year 4

97% - 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.