

WHAT'S COMING UP

May

12th-15th Y6 SATs
22nd - Open Door at 2:45
23rd - Celebration
Assembly at 9:05
26-30th - Half Term

June

2nd/3rd - Y6 Bikeability
10th - Y3 Botanicals Trip
11th - KS2 House Athletics
Finals
18th - Wilderness EYFS/Y1
24th - Y4 Colchester Zoo

July

3rd Sports Day - AM
KS1/PM KS2
9th - Summer Music Concert
5pm
14th - School reports
15th - Y6 Production at
2pm
16th - Y6 Production at 5:30
22nd - Y6 Leavers
Assembly at 9am
22nd - Y6 Leavers Tea at
10am
22nd - PTSA Big Bounce
3:30-5pm

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Choir

Tue - STEM

Wed - SCS Gymnastic

Thu - SCS Football

Fri - KS2 Taekwondo

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it has been at Bocking, starting off with the fantastic May Day Fayre! We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the PTSA and all the volunteers who made this event such a success. Your time and effort contributed to a brilliant day filled with excitement, featuring activities like Unlimited Bounce, Bungee Trampolines, and Face Painting. The children absolutely loved it, and the event truly brought our community together. The money raised will go towards school improvements, and we are so grateful for everyone's support. If anyone would like to join the PTSA and help us organise future events, please let the office know, and they will put you in touch with the PTSA.

This week, we celebrated VE Day in style, and it was lovely to see the children come to school dressed in red, white, and blue to raise money for the Royal British Legion. The children participated in VE Day-themed lessons, with our Year Two class visiting the care home to engage in craft activities with the residents and sing "We'll Meet Again." Both children and staff thoroughly enjoyed the day, especially our outdoor lunch during the street party afternoon tea. The children enjoyed listening to wartime music, and the afternoon provided a wonderful opportunity for them to share their family history. It was amazing to see medals, gas masks, a morse code deciphering machine, ration books, and various artefacts brought in to share with their classes. The pride and fondness with which the children spoke about their ancestors' roles in the war was heartwarming.

We are excited to announce the opening of Florentina's Memorial Garden. In memory of Florentina, some dedicated volunteers have raised funds and donations to transform the old outdoor learning area into a beautiful garden. This new area features a tree planted in her memory, a Florentina rose, flower beds, bird feeders, and two outdoor learning sheds fully stocked with resources and bird feed. A vegetable bed has already been used to grow garlic for our school dinners and is now flourishing with more fruit and vegetables. The new learning circle, complete with a newly built brick wall and benches, has also been finished, along with repairs to our pergola. We want to extend our gratitude to all involved, for not only their time but also their donations, especially Willow, Rocco, Matilda, and Alfie, along with their parents, who have been the driving force behind this project. This space will be used for outdoor learning, providing opportunities for hands-on activities and exploration. It was a lovely moment to see the garden opened by Florentina's family, with her mum Amelia and sister Sophia (who will be joining us in September) cutting the ribbon as we planted forget-me-not flowers.

As we look ahead, we want to wish our Year Six children the best of luck for their SATs next week. We are incredibly proud of their resilience and dedication to learning. They have worked so hard, and we believe in their abilities to shine during this important time. Remember, we are here to support them every step of the way, and we know they will do their very best!

Thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney





STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Ella

Year 1 - Phoebe

Year 2 - Ted

Year 3 - Matilda

Year 4 - Tyler

Year 5 - Willow

Year 6 - Lavinia



CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

This week in EYFS has been full of exciting learning opportunities. We have been exploring plants, focusing on their parts and life cycle. To show our understanding so far, the children created their own flowers using cupcake cases, string, and coloured paper, then labelled each part using their phonics knowledge. Alongside our plant learning, we also celebrated VE Day. The children made poppies for a classroom display and painted a silhouette of Winston Churchill. A highlight of the day was our street party lunch, followed by some energetic dancing to 1940s Lindy Hop music, which was enjoyed thoroughly by all.

AR READERS

Year 2 - Theodore, Kaiden, Abigail, Emilia

Year 4 - Caden

ATTENDANCE

93%- Year EYFS

92% - Year 1

92% - Year 2

94% - Year 3

94% - Year 4

97% - Year 5

94% - Year 6

**Attendance target
95%**

YEAR 1

Over the past couple of weeks in Year 1, we have been working very hard with all our learning. In Phonics we have looked at the grapheme 'are' - share and care, and have been reading and identifying this in many words. In our Topic lesson this week we created a time line of different places and sources from Bocking. In English we have been revisiting how to use 'and' in our work to join sentences together. Yesterday to celebrate VE day we watched a clip of the Red Arrow fly over and wrote setting descriptions thinking about what the pilot could see while flying. In Maths, we looked at a war time ration recipe and used our doubling skills to follow the instructions and make ginger and honey biscuits. In the afternoon we got to explore lots of different items and photographs in our VE day show and tell and all found this very interesting.

YEAR 2

On Thursday we wore red, white and blue to school because it was VE day. We made our own UK flag to wave whilst we were at the care home. We listen to Joan and May as they told us about their lives during WWII before we sang 'We'll meet again' altogether. In our English lesson we moved all our tables together and created a giant picture of Brazil because in our writing next week our character is going on a journey through their magic portal here. In maths we have finished our unit on fractions, so ask us lots of questions about $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$. In Geography we looked at the two poles and the equator. The equator is an invisible line that goes through the middle of the earth (It's just above the 'dinosaur' country of Indonesia and Papa New Guinea). Next week we are looking forward to maths and art! Written by class learning ambassadors - Theodore and Sienna

VE DAY CELEBRATIONS



**Please come and
look for any lost
jumpers in
reception.**

**Please name
your child's items**