



**BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up
Friday 24th April 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP

May

- 11-15th SATs Week
- 21st Open Door 14:30
- 22nd Celebration assembly 14:40

June

- 1st - School Photographer
- 8th June - SPACE coffee morning 9-10:15am
- 11th Bocking Summer concert 4-5pm
- 17th - Sports Day - EYFS & KS1 am 10-12 Whole school Picnic lunch 12-1 KS2 pm 1-3 (24th Sports day if weather does not permit on the 17th)
- 18th - EYFS trip to Boydells Farm (more details to follow)
- 23rd - Y6 Bikeability
- 30th - Y6 Bikeability
- 25th Stay and Play New EYFS 26/27 admission

July

- 6th - School Reports
- 14th - Y6 Performance to Parents 2-3pm
- 15th - Y6 Performance to Parents 5-6pm
- 17th - Y6 Leavers Assembly 9:30-10:30
- 17th Y6 Leavers Tea 10:30-11

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been an exciting and enriching week across the school, with hands-on learning experiences and sporting achievements providing plenty to celebrate.

We are delighted to share wonderful news from Reception, where duckling eggs were delivered to the classroom earlier this week. Already, four out of the five eggs have successfully hatched, much to the excitement of our youngest learners. The ducklings have been thoughtfully named after significant days in the calendar year. April was born on 22nd April at 12:06pm, followed closely by William (Shakespeare), who hatched overnight on the same date. George (St Georges day) arrived overnight on 23rd April, and Hubble (launch of telescope) completed the quartet at 8:10am on 24th April. The fifth egg, affectionately named "Dave", is still in the incubator and we are hopeful they will make their appearance over the weekend. Watching the ducklings hatch in real time has been a magical experience and has sparked curiosity, excitement and thoughtful discussion among the children.

This hands-on learning continues across the school, with Year 5 currently hosting caterpillars and eagerly awaiting their transformation into butterflies. These experiences have greatly enriched learning in both the Early Years and beyond, giving pupils the invaluable opportunity to observe life cycles first-hand. Such real-world experiences help deepen understanding of animals, growth and change, while also encouraging respect and care for living things.

In sport, both our girls' and boys' football teams were in action this week and represented the school brilliantly. The girls demonstrated outstanding determination and resilience, particularly as they competed on a surface they had never played on before. Their performance should be highly praised. A special congratulations goes to Ann-Mary, who received Player of the Match for her fearless and daring dives on a very scratchy astro pitch—an exceptional effort! The boys' team also put in a strong performance, with their progress and improvement since their last game clearly evident. Their teamwork and confidence continue to grow with every match. The boys will play Rayne at home next Thursday, while the girls enjoy a well-earned week off before hosting Whitecourt at home the following week. We wish both teams the very best of luck.

Finally, a big thank you to everyone who made donations to the PTSA today. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. The May Day Fayre is shaping up to be a truly exciting event, and it is clear that the PTSA are working hard to make it a fun and memorable day for everyone. Please do come along, enjoy the festivities, and continue to support the invaluable work of our school PTSA.

Have a lovely weekend – enjoy this lovely Spring sunshine

Mrs Cagney

BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fri - IRock

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - CHOIR

Wed - SCS

Thu - SCS



STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Ava
Year 1 - Alina
Year 2 - Belle
Year 3 - Florence
Year 4 - Orin
Year 5 - Reggie
Year 6 - Freddie

AR READERS

Year 4 - Aniamina,
Millie-Mai, Bolu

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

This week in EYFS, we had the exciting arrival of duck eggs! We have loved observing their progress, watching the eggs hatch and seeing the ducklings tap their way out of their shells – which is very tiring work for them. The ducklings have now been moved to their brooding cage and we have really enjoyed watching their personalities begin to develop as they become more aware of us. Next week we are looking forward to showing them how to swim. Alongside this exciting arrival, we have been busy preparing our outdoor classroom for the summer, planting some flowers and exploring their parts.



YEAR 1

We had a very exciting week in Year 1 as some duckling eggs arrived on Tuesday! On Wednesday lunchtime, the first chick hatched and then by Thursday morning a second one had arrived; we have named them April and William. Over the next few days, we will be going to look at them in small groups and may even get the chance to hold them! In class, we have been busy learning about newspaper reports. We read the story 'Little Red' and thought carefully about how we could write in the past tense to describe what happened to the Big Bad Wolf.

YEAR 2

In English, the children were amazed to arrive on Monday and discover that our classroom had been transformed into Topsy Turvy Land. This exciting hook has inspired lots of fantastic ideas for our new writing unit. In art, the children have been developing their sculpting skills by practising modelling, assembling, carving and scoring with clay. On Tuesday, our Year 2 children represented the school brilliantly at the Year 2 Hockey Tournament at Braintree Hockey Club. They showed excellent teamwork, perseverance and sportsmanship. In maths, we have been learning how to make different amounts using money, practising recognising coins and notes and finding different way to make the same value. In geography, we have been exploring our world and learning about the seven continents. The children have loved discovering new places around the globe!





ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

- 93% - EYFS
 - 93% - Year 1
 - 93% - Year 2
 - 98% - Year 3
 - 96% - Year 4
 - 98% - Year 5
 - 97% - 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.

ONLINE SAFETY...

For Parents - Switched On to Privacy

Privacy of information online is an area which is growing and growing, but it can also feel overwhelming. The UK Information Commissioner has created a great new portal for parents and caregivers giving support and advice around online privacy with sections on explaining privacy to children, choosing privacy settings, advice on how to start a conversation, case studies and more.

Link: [Kids vs grown-ups: what we really share online.](#) (this is the introduction blog post including a few short videos).

Link: [Information Commissioner's Office - Switched On to Privacy.](#) (this is the portal).

For Parents - Roblox Kids and Roblox Select

Roblox have been making some big changes recently, and that now includes 'age-gating' so that children and young people get the experience according to their age. This means that there are now 3 types of Roblox accounts:

- Roblox Kids - for children 5-8 years.
- Roblox Select - for children 9-15 years.
- Roblox - for anyone 16+.

For any users that have not completed an age check, they will be put into the youngest users category and parents can update or correct a child's age through a linked account. The link below will take you to a simplified breakdown of the different accounts.

Link: [What are Roblox Kids and Roblox Select?](#)