



BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 27th February 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP

March

6th - World Book Day

13th - Y5 Bocking Arts

Centre Trip - details to follow

17th - TLC's - 15:30 -

19:00 - Now Live

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are excited to share some upcoming events and opportunities taking place over the next few weeks, and we hope your children will enjoy getting involved.

Our Year 5 and 6 boys' and girls' football league will be kicking off in March, and we are very pleased to confirm that our SCS coaches will be running weekly training sessions at lunchtime.

Girls' training will take place every Wednesday lunchtime

Boys' training will take place every Thursday lunchtime

Any children in Year 5 or Year 6 who would like to take part in these lunchtime sessions must bring a pair of football boots to change into. These will help to keep everyone safe on the pitch and ensure they are playing in appropriate footwear and no mud in school!

We are also reaching out to our parent community:

If you feel you could offer some additional after-school coaching for our football teams, we would be incredibly grateful. Extra support makes a big difference to the children's confidence and progress. Please do let me know if this is something you could help with—we would love to have you involved.

World Book Day - Friday 6th March

Next Friday, we will be celebrating World Book Day, and we have a wonderfully creative day planned for the whole school. Children are welcome to come to school in one of the following options:

A book-related costume

Their House colours:

Brunel - Blue

Kingsley - Green

Darwin - Red

Franklin - Yellow

Their regular school uniform

We fully understand that dress-up days can sometimes be challenging for families, so please feel assured that all children should wear whatever they feel most comfortable and confident in. The day will be filled with author-themed activities, all inspired by a special book we have chosen for this year's celebrations. We are looking forward to a fun and imaginative day of reading, creativity, and storytelling.

iRock Sessions

iRock will be running as normal on Friday 6th, and there will be an additional catch-up session on Monday 2nd.

We look forward to an exciting week ahead!

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cagney

BEFORE SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Fri - iRock

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - CHOIR

Wed - SCS

Thu - SCS



STAR OF THE WEEK

EYFS - Teodor

Year 1 - Libby

Year 2 - JJ

Year 3 - Dexter

Year 4 - Joseph

Year 5 - Zachary

Year 6 - Willow

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

This week in Early Years, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year, discovering where China is in the world and exploring some of its famous landmarks. We learned about how Chinese New Year is celebrated, including the special decorations and exciting dragon dances. We loved looking at the traditional clothing worn during the celebrations, discovering that red is believed to be a lucky colour. We have continued our celebrations in our role play area, decorating it with red lanterns, and alongside our topic work we have particularly enjoyed taking part in our maths circuit, impressing Miss Freeman with the mathematical language we are beginning to use confidently in each activity.

AR READERS

Year 3 - Lily

**Year 5 - Olivia,
Reggie**

YEAR 1

We are so proud of how well Year 1 have settled into their new teacher this week. They have been working very hard to embody our new mantra in Year One: "Work hard and be kind." This week, we introduced the "3 P's" to support their handwriting—pencil grip, posture, and position of the book—and the children have been practising these with enthusiasm. In English, we have been studying Owl Babies, and the children have shown impressive creativity in retelling the story, especially with the wonderful adjectives they shared. In maths, we have begun learning about time, including the days of the week, months, and telling the time to the nearest half an hour. This is proving to be a challenging area, so any additional support at home would be greatly appreciated. We were also impressed by their map drawing skills and their ability to use a key effectively in Geography. In science, we discovered the three things all animals need to stay alive—quiz us on it at home!

Now the weather has changed, please ensure you child has a water proof jacket.

All items of clothing should be named.

Water only in bottles please.

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

YEAR 2

This week in English, we have been developing our grammar skills, focusing on commas in a list, verbs, adverbs, conjunctions and using capital letters and full stops correctly. In maths, we have started measurement, learning about centimetres and metres and ordering lengths. In art, we explored the digital portraits of Chuck Close to begin our new unit, and in history, we learned why the Great Fire of London spread so quickly.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

- 95% - EYFS
- 96% - Year 1
- 92% - Year 2
- 91% - Year 3
- 93% - Year 4
- 97% - Year 5
- 95% - Year 6
- Attendance target 95%

ONLINE SAFETY..

Online Safeguarding

For Parents - Tips for Raising Digitally Resilient Children

Every parent knows how difficult it is to monitor their children whilst they're online. It can be difficult asking children what they're seeing, their motives, healthy screen habits and more.

Written by a clinical psychologist, BBC Bitesize have released some new advice and support for parents. Although aimed at parents of teenagers, I think this would be useful for any parent.

Article and resources: Screen time and resilience: a psychologist's guide

BBC Bitsize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zfmhfdm>

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.

All National Online Safety are believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

U Universal, suitable for all ages	PG Parental Guidance required	12 Suitable for persons aged 12 and over	12A Suitable for people aged 12 and over, accompanied by an adult
15 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	18 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	R18 Adult content only, available in specially licensed premises and specialist retailers	

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that assesses all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provides a content descriptor that identifies the particular issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional content descriptors help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

3 www.pegi.info	7 www.pegi.info	12 www.pegi.info	16 www.pegi.info	18 www.pegi.info
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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

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