BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Thursday 6th November 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP

FOREST SCHOOL 9/11 GROUP B

November

17th Parent TLCs 3.30-7.00

19th Parent TLCs 3.30-7.00

December

9th Christmas Dinner/jumper day

14th Nativity 2.00pm

15th Nativity 9.30am

17th Whole School Carol Service at Bocking Church at 2pm

18th Celebration assembly 9:05am

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another exciting and successful few weeks at Bocking, and we are delighted to share some wonderful achievements.

We are incredibly proud to announce that Bocking has been awarded the Workplace Wellbeing Award. While we are often recognised for the care and support we provide to our pupils, this award celebrates the work we do to ensure that our staff feel valued, supported and cared for too. A special thank you goes to our Mental Health Champion, Mrs Aldous, whose dedication and hard work have helped create an environment where both children and staff can thrive. We are delighted that her efforts have been recognised through this achievement.

We also have some budding literary stars to celebrate. Our Year 4 pupils have become published authors! Their fantastic poems have been included in a professionally published book, showcasing their creativity and enthusiasm for writing. A copy is available to read in the reception area, and we encourage families to take a look and enjoy the wonderful work produced by our young writers.

A huge thank you to the PTSA for organising our Halloween Disco before half term. It was a fantastic evening, with many children enjoying the spooky theme, dancing with friends and entertaining music from the DJ. Events like these help to create lasting memories, strengthen our school community and raise vital funds that enrich your child's experience at school.

This week, we also took time to recognise and celebrate the important role of our Young Carers. On Monday, we welcomed the Essex Youth Service, who delivered an assembly to the whole school. Pupils learned about what it means to be a young carer, the responsibilities some children have at home, and how we can all show understanding and support for those who help care for others.

With Forest School sessions now in full swing, please ensure that children come prepared for the weather. Forest School takes place in almost all conditions, providing valuable outdoor learning experiences throughout the year. Warm, waterproof clothing and a suitable coat are essential to keep children comfortable and able to participate fully.

Finally, a reminder that our Termly Learning Conferences (TLCs) will take place on 17th and 19th November. If you have not yet booked an appointment, please do so as soon as possible. These meetings provide an important opportunity to discuss your child's progress, celebrate successes, and understand how you can best support their learning at home.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney








STAR OF THE WEEK!

Year R - Albie
Year 1 - Evie
Year 2 - Billy
Year 3 - Harry
Year 4 - Theodore
Year 5 - Ryan
Year 6 - Millie C

AR READERS

Year 2 - Izzy, Amelia, Ted, Libby, Esme, Maisie

Year 5 - Jacob

Year 6 - Olivia

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 3

The children in Year 3 have shown excellent engagement in writing this week and we have seen their understanding of punctuation and grammar grow. As always, Forest School was a success, and we have been proud of the team work and collaboration that has been demonstrated in their last two sessions. As a class, they have worked together to master column addition. This is new to us, and it has been great to see the children coaching each other and sharing their understanding so that we all move forward together. We have a wonderful team spirit in Year Three and, for that, we are very proud! Keep up the hard work Year 3!

YEAR 4

The first week back in Year 4 has been full of new learning. We have had our first lesson on our new topic - The Ancient Greeks! We thought hard about the enquiry question 'Are the Ancient Greeks worth remembering?', which we will answer at the end of the half term. In PE we have been dancing and beginning to develop our gymnastic skills with coach - we all persevered hard and worked well in our partners to perform safely. We are working hard on our times tables in maths and so far, we know our 3's, 6's and 9's; test us on these at home, we need to keep trying hard with TTRS! In art, we have been learning about Greek pottery and what the importance of it is in Greek culture. Finally, we learnt all about AI and how to keep safe online in our first online safety lesson.

YEAR 5

Year 5 have had an exciting week starting our research on Viking longboats ready for our DT project. We have found out that they were particularly good at floating because of the fact that the wooden planks were overlayed in the hull. To prevent the ship letting in water, any gaps between the planks were plugged with wool, moss or animal hair. Despite this, we have decided we are going to make our longboats out of a sturdy wooden frame and cardboard. In order to ensure they remain waterproof we are going to test out a variety of more modern materials such as varnish and plastic.

YEAR 6

For the past week, we have been starting new topics for our learning. In maths, we have been focusing on bus stop method and long division. Some people found it tricky. In English, we have been doing an explanation text. We have drawn a dinosaur eye and these will go on display in our classroom. In science, we have been experimenting with light bulbs and trying to use the buzzer, the circuit wires and much more. In PE, we played football with Coach - it was competitive. ***By Year 6 Learning Ambassadors, Isla and Noah***



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

95% - EYFS
96% - Year 1
95% - Year 2
94% - Year 3
95% - Year 4
94% - Year 5
95% - 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.

PUNCTUALITY AND ATTENDANCE..

Pupils can come in to school from 8.40 am. Registers are open from 0840. Registers close at 08.50 am and arrival at school after this time, without prior approval or extenuating circumstances, will be recorded as an unauthorised absence.

Gates close at 0850 am. Pupils arriving after 8.50 am must enter through the main entrance and report to the school office to be signed in by an adult. Pupils leaving school for any reason must report to the school office before they go so that we can ensure that they are appropriately chaperoned and signed out.

Unexplained absences will be investigated by the school.

School finishes at 3.10 pm for Years R, 1 and 2 and at 3.15 pm for years 3 to 6.
Leave of Absence Procedures

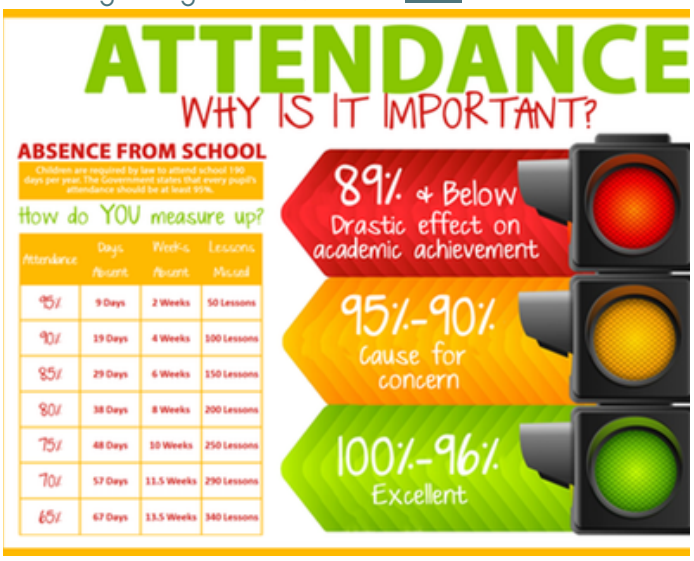
All children on roll are expected to attend every day when school is in session, as long as they are fit and healthy to do so.

As detailed in our Attendance Policy, and in line with DfE guidance, we do not authorise leave of absence during term time other than when exceptional circumstances permit. If you wish to take your child out of school, during term time, it is important to discuss this with us as much in advance as possible so we can guide you through the process.

If parents wish for their child to be absent from school they are requested to complete an 'Application for Leave of Absence during Term Time' form and return it to the school at least one week in advance. The application form is available from the school office or can be downloaded by clicking the link below. The decision to authorise any absence is taken by the head teacher and will take into account the child's record of attendance.

Unauthorised absence could lead to further action being taken including a penalty notice being issued. Department for Education information regarding this is available here.












CLUBS...

Clubs:
Autumn 2

Monday
3.15-4.15
Choir Years 2 - 6
Tuesday lunchtime
12.15-1.15
Lego Club
All Welcome
Wednesday
3.15-4.15
FITC Football Club
Years 1-6
Thursday
3.15-4.15
FITC Gymnastics
Years 1-6
Taskmaster Art Club
Years 1-6
Friday
mornings from 8.30
iRock
All welcome
Friday
3.15.4.15
Taekwondo
Years 3-6

FITC clubs are available through the following link:
https://fitc-academy.class4kids.co.uk/

iRock club is available through the following link:
https://www.irockschool.com/

Taekwondo club is available through the following link:
https://www.olympustaekwondo.com/