

WHAT'S COMING UP

January

27th - Y4 Colchester Castle Trip

February

4th - Y3 Saffron Walden Museum Trip - Payment Live

12th - Open Door at 14:00

15th - 20th - Half Term

23rd - Non Pupil Day

March

13th - Y5 Bocking Arts Centre Trip - details to follow

17th - TLC's - details via arbor to follow

19th - TLC's details via arbor to follow

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an exciting week it has been at Bocking Primary starting with one of the most memorable events of the year. On Tuesday, over thirty of our pupils travelled to the London O2 Arena to take part in the spectacular Young Voices concert. Joining more than 2,000 children from across the country, our pupils spent the entire day rehearsing before performing to an audience of hundreds of families and friends.

Once again, the children of Bocking demonstrated exemplary behaviour and commitment throughout the entire experience. They remained fully focused during the long rehearsals, showed kindness and patience with one another during their breaks, and delivered a magnificent performance in the evening. Their enthusiasm, teamwork and musical talent shone through, and we could not be prouder of how they represented our school. A huge thank you must go to Miss Freeman, Mrs Aldous and Mrs Reid for their hard work in organising the trip, rehearsing with the children, and accompanying them to the event. These experiences take significant dedication behind the scenes, and we are extremely grateful for their time and energy. We would also like to thank all the parents who travelled to London to support the children. Your encouragement helped make the evening truly special for everyone involved.

Alongside this wonderful musical achievement, we are delighted to share that this week also marked the launch of our Mini Mindfulness Club. The first session was a great success, giving pupils the opportunity to explore calming strategies, breathing exercises and reflective activities to support their wellbeing.

On Friday, our Year 5 pupils will also be taking part in a workshop delivered by the Mental Health Support Team, helping them learn valuable skills for managing emotions, building resilience and understanding the importance of looking after their mental health. We strongly believe that a positive and healthy mindset is essential for learning. When children feel emotionally supported and secure, they arrive at school feeling more confident, are able to thrive in the classroom and make the most of every opportunity we provide. If you feel that your child may benefit from additional support, please reach out to our Mental Health Lead, Mrs Aldous, who will be more than happy to guide you towards appropriate help and resources.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

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 - Sofia

Year 1 - Libby

Year 2 - Lucy

Year 3 - Abby

Year 4 - Winter

Year 5 - Pharez

Year 6 - Olivia

AR READERS

Year 3 - Demi, Lily

Year 4 - Oliver, Bolu, Orin

Year 5 - Linda

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.

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

It has been a very exciting week in EYFS as we welcomed some very special visitors. Braintree Fire Service came to visit us, as part of our A Superhero Like You topic. They taught us all about their important role within the community and the vital work they do as part of the emergency services. To our excitement, they arrived in their fire engine, which we were able to explore. We enjoyed learning about the different pieces of equipment the firefighters carry and what each one is used for. We also had the opportunity to sit inside the fire engine, talk on the walkie-talkies and use thermal imaging cameras. When it was time for the firefighters to leave, they waved goodbye and turned on their sirens. We are really looking forward to learning more about the people who help us in the coming weeks and discovering what heroes they are!



YEAR 1

This week we have been continuing to learn our red words in our phonics lessons as well as our new split digraph i-e. We have been reading these and also trying to write them in sentences.

In our maths we have been developing our understanding of 20 by using number lines and number tracks. In English we have learnt about question marks and generated some questions we could ask to find out more about Bocking Primary School. Earlier this week we started looking at our programming unit and got to use the beebots to learn about buttons and what happens when we press them.

YEAR 2

Wow what a week it has been in year 2! This week in English we have been looking at suffixes and we have been using apostrophes for possession and for contraction, ask us to explain which is which. In maths we have been multiplying. We have been learning our 2, 5- and 10-times table. Please help us practice this at home. In the afternoons we have been learning about the Bubonic plague in history whilst in DT we have been looking at how to create a recipe what a difference an afternoon makes!



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

92% - EYFS
95% - Year 1
92% - Year 2
88% - Year 3
89% - Year 4
93% - Year 5
91% - 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 - What I Wish My Parents or Carers Knew

The Children's Commissioner has put together a fantastic guide for parents and carers. At around 26 pages it goes into a lot of depth including:

- *Screen time.*
- *When bad things happen.*
- *Artificial intelligence.*
- *Conversation starters.*
- *Actions to take checklist.*
- *And much more.*
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Download the [Children's Commissioner - What I wish my parents and carers knew guide](#), at the bottom of the page you will find a PDF download and an activity pack.