



**BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 17th April 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP

April

- 20th - Y6 SATs Parent Meeting 2:15pm
- 22nd - Y3 Braintree Institute

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/Carers,

Our first full week back has certainly been a busy one and it has been a pleasure to see classrooms full of curiosity, enthusiasm and excellent learning behaviour. Children have returned ready to learn, eager to share ideas and keen to challenge themselves, which has created a calm and purposeful atmosphere across the school. It has been a really positive start to the term and a credit to the children and staff alike.

This week, our Eco School Council attended the ECO-EVENT 2026 at Cressing Temple Barns, organised by the Braintree District Cultural Education Partnership. The event brought together schools from across the district to share creative ideas about protecting our planet. Our Eco Council presented a bid to secure funding for a school composter, building on their success last year in obtaining a wormery. This year was particularly special as our Eco Council is made up of children from Year 1 through to Year 6, and they represented the school with confidence, pride and maturity. A huge well done to Grayson (Y1), Jacob (Y2), Isabella (Y3), Ania (Y4), Olivia (Y5) and Olivia (Y6) for the way they spoke, shared ideas and showcased our commitment to sustainability.

We were also delighted to welcome parents into school this week for our phonics workshop. Thank you to everyone who attended and engaged so positively with the session. A special thank you must go to Mrs Saych for preparing and delivering a clear and informative workshop. We are pleased to say the session was a success, and copies of the notes will be sent out to parents who were unable to attend.

Looking ahead to next week, we will be holding our Year 6 SATs parents' meeting. This meeting will provide important information about the upcoming assessments and how best to support your child. We would love to see as many Year 6 parents there as possible to ensure you feel informed, confident and reassured.

We would also like to recognise an incredible fundraising challenge being undertaken by some dads from our school community. A group of friends will be taking on the National 3 Peaks Challenge, climbing Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon within 24 hours, to raise money for Florentina's Footsteps Foundation. This is an extraordinary physical and emotional challenge in memory of Florentina, and we are incredibly proud of their determination and generosity. If you would like to support them, donations can be made via <https://www.justgiving.com/page/3peakhardyhearnsmith> or directly through the charity at <https://florentinasfootstepsfoundation.co.uk/>. Good luck Aadan, Rob, Nathan and Sam!

Finally, a special shout-out goes to Lily in Year 3, who has donated an amazing 28cm of her hair to the Little Princess Trust after being inspired by her big sister Isobel, who did the same a few years ago. What a kind and selfless act - we are very proud of you, Lily.

We hope you all 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 - Amber-Rose

Year 1 - Vianna

Year 2 - Rhys

Year 3 - Wren

Year 4 - Oliver

Year 5 - Jaden

Year 6 - Esther

AR READERS

Year 4 - Aniamina

Please remember we are a No Nuts School, that includes Nutella

All items of clothing should be named.

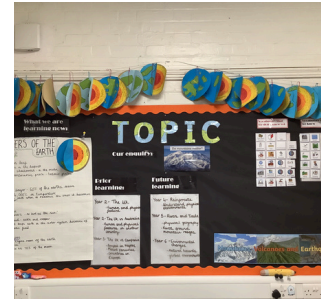
Water only in bottles please.

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

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR 3

This week in year 3 we have started our new topic on Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes and we explored the different layers of the earth, such as the crust, mantle, outer core and inner core and made a flip book to show these. We are proud of what we made and are looking forward to learning more. In science we looked at the healthy food plate and the different categories of food needed to get all the accurate nutrients and vitamins. In maths we are still exploring fractions, and we learnt about equivalent and non-equivalent pairs, some of us initially found this quite tricky and then suddenly it became easy with more practice. In English we have been using complex and compound sentence as well as using prepositions to make our writing more detailed, we used the music video 'So good to me' by Chris Malinchak to inspire our writing. We are looking forward to learning more about our world in geography. *Written by Florence and Jodie .*



YEAR 4

For our first week back in year 4, we have jumped straight into some amazing new learning. Our new topic is on the Amazon Rainforest, where we looked at where they are located and what they are. We explored our map reading skills and found rainforests cover 2-6% of the Earth but house over half of all our animals and plants! In science, we are learning about animals and living things, where we have begun classifying animals based on their features. We have been really focused on finishing our maths unit on decimals and persevering through converting between decimals and fractions. We are looking forward to getting stuck into our new unit of learning for English next week about the Amazon rainforest and its animals!

YEAR 5

Year 5 have returned to school with real maturity and have gone straight back into hard work. They're increasingly keen to use their own ideas in their Slow Writing, which is helping us to develop a more distinct author voice – we're proud of that progress and want to keep it growing by encouraging daily reading at home so imagination and vocabulary continue to expand. In maths, we've been working hard on fractions, decimals and percentages; this remains challenging for many of us, so please practise at home using these helpful pages: Maths Antics – Percents and Equivalent Fractions (mathantics.com) – Fractions and Decimal Numbers (mathantics.com). Our new topic has begun with the Kingdom of Benin and the history behind the Benin Bronzes – the children made excellent observations and offered theories that launched the unit with curiosity. In science, we are trying to grow new plants by asexual reproduction, exploring tubers, bulbs and runners as part of our hands-on investigations.

YEAR 6

This week in Year 6, we have been writing our adventure quests in English. In maths, we have been doing about fractions and averages, ready for our SATs in 3 weeks. In PE, we have been doing rounders, catching the ball and throwing the ball. In geography, we have started our learning on Climate Change. We enjoyed our No Outsiders lesson on accepting differences and people's opinions. We have been doing a lot of work in spelling on suffixes and in our grammar lessons too. Lots of us have been doing additional learning at home, too! By Esther and Scarlett.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

97% - EYFS

95% - Year 1

94% - Year 2

93% - Year 3

91% - Year 4

97% - Year 5

96% - Year 6

Attendance
target 95%

IMPORTANT UNIFORM AND STANDARDS REMINDER....

We are starting to see standards slip, so please can we remind families of the following expectations:

- No jewellery (other than stud earrings)
- Appropriate footwear: black shoes, not trainers
- Correct PE kit: white t-shirt, black or dark blue shorts (no very small/tight shorts), plain tracksuit for cooler weather
- Skirts and shorts should be an appropriate length
- Water only in bottles, in line with our Healthy Schools status

Thank you for your continued support in maintaining high standards.

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.