



BOCKING
PRIMARY SCHOOL

BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 7th February 2025

WHAT'S COMING UP

February

10th - School

Photographer (individual child photos)

13th - Celebration

Assembly at 9:05

13th - PTSA Disco

11th - Y2 Layer Marney Trip

12th - Open Door, 2:30

14th - Non pupil day

17th - 21st - Half Term

March

11/3 - TLC 3:30 - 7pm

13/3 - TLC 3:30 - 5pm

April

7th - 21st - Half Term

May

22nd - Open Door at 2:30

23rd - Celebration

Assembly at 9:05

June

11th - KS2 House Athletics

Finals

24th - Y4 Trip (tbc)

July

3rd Sports Day - AM

KS1/PM KS2

9th - Summer Music

Concert 5pm

14th - School reports

22nd - Y6 Leavers

Assembly at 9am

22nd - Y6 Leavers Tea at

10am

AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Mon - Choir - **TAKING A BREAK UNTIL AFTER HALF TERM**

Tue - Art Club

Tue - STEM

Wed - SCS Gymnastic

Thu - SCS Football

Fri - KS2 Taekwondo

Dear Parents and Carers,

Today our Year 5 pupils have been participating in the Braintree Sings Workshop, honing their vocal skills in preparation for their upcoming performance in March. This initiative not only nurtures their musical talents but also fosters teamwork and self-expression. We can't wait for you to hear it in one of our assemblies.

Within our STEAM education, our Key Stage 2 pupils recently took part in an innovative workshop that blended engineering and computer science. They constructed Lego machines and subsequently programmed them to move, providing a hands-on experience in coding and robotics. This practical application of technology and engineering helps to ignite curiosity and develop problem-solving skills essential for their future learning.

Our Year 1 pupils, not to be outdone, have been exploring their creative and scientific sides through the creation of bird scarers as part of their STEAM activities. This project encourages them to think critically about cause and effect while fostering an appreciation for environmental interactions.

I would also like to take this opportunity to celebrate and thank our Learning Support Assistants (LSAs), whose role in our school is more crucial than ever. In a time of increasing classroom diversity and financial constraints, LSAs provide essential support to both teachers and pupils. They offer much needed one-to-one and small-group assistance, enabling all pupils to access the curriculum effectively, regardless of special educational needs, mental health challenges, or language barriers. They are often the ones who are asked to quickly move from one job to another and to change what they doing at a drop of a hat.

The impact of LSAs extends beyond academic support too; they play a vital role in nurturing confidence, independence, and emotional wellbeing in pupils who might otherwise struggle. In our post-pandemic landscape, where learning gaps have widened and resources are stretched, LSAs serve as a crucial bridge between teaching and individualised support.

Another staffing triumph; Miss Smoothy has retained our 5 star Food Standard Rating with a surprise visit last week. Well done for Miss Smoothy, a brilliant job done!

Finally, House Winner this half term are... **Brunel!** If your child is in Brunel, they can wear non school uniform on Thursday.

Have a lovely weekend

Mrs Cagney

Online Safety

Many parents may be familiar with Twitch, the popular live streaming platform. However, a new platform called Kick has emerged, which follows a similar model but contains more adult-oriented content. While the minimum age for users is 13+, it is crucial for parents to be aware of the potential risks. I encourage you to read the informative article about Kick on the Internet Matters website, which provides valuable insights for safeguarding our children in the digital age.



STAR OF THE WEEK

- EYFS - Indy**
- Year 1 - Harley**
- Year 2 - Lily**
- Year 3 - Phoebe**
- Year 4 - Cleo**
- Year 5 - Isobel**
- Year 6 - Arham**

CLASSROOM NEWS...

YEAR EYFS

This week in EYFS, we had a mystery to solve! When we returned from lunch, we discovered that the chairs had been knocked over, there were three different-sized bowls and spilt porridge covered the table. We also noticed black fingerprints around the bowls. Puzzled, we used our magnifying glasses to examine the evidence more closely. We made all sorts of predictions about who could have caused such a mess, including the Grinch, Evil Pea, and even aliens! After some time analysing the evidence, we pieced together all the clues and worked out that it was Goldilocks. This week, we have thoroughly enjoyed learning the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears and retelling it using props.



AR READERS

- Year 2** -Theodore, Tyr-Zyzven, Demi, Livia, Carter, Kaiden, Pearl, Lily, Emilia, Ayla
- Year 4** - Cleo, Levi
- Year 5** - Skylah

YEAR 1

In Year 1, we have been busy learning new phonics and reading lots of red words to help with our spelling. We had our second STEAM afternoon, where we used recycled tin cans to create colorful bird scarers. In English, we have been writing about the park in Bocking, working hard on our focus, concentration, and ambition. In maths, we have explored subtraction and started learning about doubles to 20. It's been a fantastic and hardworking few weeks!

ATTENDANCE

- 91%- Year EYFS
- 91% - Year 1
- 97% - Year 2
- 95% - Year 3
- 95% - Year 4
- 97% - Year 5
- 90% - Year 6

YEAR 2

This week in year 2 we have been exploring our shared writing in English. We have been writing about Sir Thomas Bludworth, the unreliable Lord Mayor of London during 1666. We have enjoyed using adjectives and rhetorical questions in our writing to describe the dilemma he might be facing. We have been exploring multiplying and dividing by 10 and 5 this week. We are more confident with our 10s than our 5s but with more practice we all know we can get better! In history this week, we have moved on from The Great Plague and have started to sequence the events of The Great Fire of London. Did you know it almost burned down the Tower of London? We have been improving our fitness skills in our P.E. Lessons with coach which have been tough but fun and next week we are all excited for our school trip to Layer Marney.

NOTICES

- Please can we remind you dogs are not permitted on the school grounds.
- Our school office hours are 8:35am - 4:15pm.
- The phone lines close at 4pm.
- If you do not book your child(ren's) meal, the only option they will be able to have is the Hot Meal that day.

Attendance target
95%