BOCKING NEWS

Bocking Primary School Weekly Round Up

Friday 20th November 2026

WHAT'S COMING UP

FOREST SCHOOL 23/11 GROUP B

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

FEB - happy days photos

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were incredibly proud of Olivia and Albert, our Heads of School, who represented our school at the Braintree Remembrance Service. They conducted themselves with great maturity and respect throughout the event and were excellent ambassadors for our school. It was wonderful to see them standing alongside other members of the local community as they paid their respects and reflected on the sacrifices made by others. Their thoughtful and respectful behaviour was a credit to themselves, their families and our school.

This week also saw our Teacher-Led Conferences (TLCs) take place. It was fantastic to welcome so many parents and carers into school and to have the opportunity to discuss children's progress and achievements together. We have been particularly pleased with the positive feedback received from families. Many parents commented on how valuable it was for children to be actively involved in the meetings, sharing their successes, talking confidently about their learning and identifying areas where they would like to improve further. Developing children's ownership of their learning is an important part of our approach and it has been lovely to hear how much families appreciated this.

If you were unable to attend your TLC appointment, please do not worry. Your child's class teacher will be contacting you next week for a catch-up conversation so that you are still fully involved in your child's learning journey and have the opportunity to discuss their progress and next steps.

Thank you to everyone who completed our recent parent questionnaire during TLCs. Your views are a vital part of our school improvement process and help us identify both our strengths and the areas where we can continue to develop. The feedback received so far has been extremely encouraging, with over 95% of parents reporting that their child feels safe at school and over 95% saying they would recommend our school to another family. We greatly value your continued support and look forward to sharing further findings with you in the coming weeks.

As we move further into the colder and wetter months, we would like to remind families about Forest School clothing. Please ensure that your child arrives with the appropriate clothing and footwear for their session. Forest School takes place in all weathers and suitable clothing allows children to participate safely and comfortably. Unfortunately, the school office will not be able to contact families during the day if children arrive without the correct clothing, so we would appreciate your support in checking this before school.

Finally, with the release of the new Grand Theft Auto (GTA) game generating excitement, we would like to remind parents that GTA is intended for adults and is unsuitable for primary-aged children. The game carries an 18 age rating due to its violence, strong language and mature themes. We encourage parents to monitor gaming, online content and social media discussions to ensure children are accessing age-appropriate material.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Cagney








STAR OF THE WEEK!

Year R - Mckenzie
Year 1 - Gaius
Year 2 - Indy
Year 3 - Blake
Year 4 - Wren
Year 5 - Huxley
Year 6 - Tyler

AR READERS

Year 2 - Vianna, Leah, George P, Libby, George R, Maisie, Caleb

Year 3 - Emmanuel

Year 5 - Alexandra

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

Year 3 have thoroughly enjoyed the start of their gymnastics unit in PE, showing lots of enthusiasm and confidence as they explored a range of balances, movements and sequences. In Maths, the children have come on in leaps and bounds with column addition and can now confidently exchange tens and ones, crossing both tens and hundreds. We have also been incredibly impressed by the children's growing ability to discuss their learning, listening carefully to one another and building on each other's ideas. Developing oracy remains a key focus for us, and we look forward to continuing this work in the classroom. Our Careers Day workshops last week were another highlight, helping us to learn more about the wide range of opportunities available when we are adults. Following these sessions, it seems we have some budding vets, engineers and pilots amongst our year group! Keep up the fantastic work, Year 3!

YEAR 4

In Year 4 we have had an exciting letter from Braintree District Council! They received our instructional writing about building a settlement and wrote back that they have scanned copies to display in their offices! They were very impressed with our writing and how direct and detailed our instructions were. We have now moved on to learning about Hercules and our new writing unit on adventure stories. In art, we have been working hard on our presentation to create sketch books we are proud of. We are looking at Greek pottery, where it originated and why it is so significant. In French, we have been labelling vegetables and discovering that the spellings and pronunciation are not that different from English! Finally, in history we have learnt all about how Ancient Greek was governed and how daily life was for people living in the city-states.

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YEAR 5

This week, half of Year 5 have been looking after the environment by helping to plant trees during their forest school session. The other half of the class began creating their wooden frames for the Viking longboats. Next week, they will have an opportunity to complete the activity they have not yet done. We have taken part in an MHST workshop to think about the 5 ways to wellbeing and children should be bringing home a booklet related to that after school today. They will be able to tell you more about those methods, including the importance of connection and remaining active.

YEAR 6

In Maths this week, we have been learning about how to compare fractions, simplify fractions and finding equivalent pairs for each fraction. In English, we have been writing about the Paleogene extinction event and a volcanic eruption which wiped out most of the species we had on earth many years ago, In science, we learnt how about circuits work and when you add more batteries the brighter and hotter the bulb got. We have been enjoying football in PE too. We had fun researching a continent in geography and then had to share our most fascinating fact with the class. ***By Year 6 Learning Ambassadors, Isla and Noah***







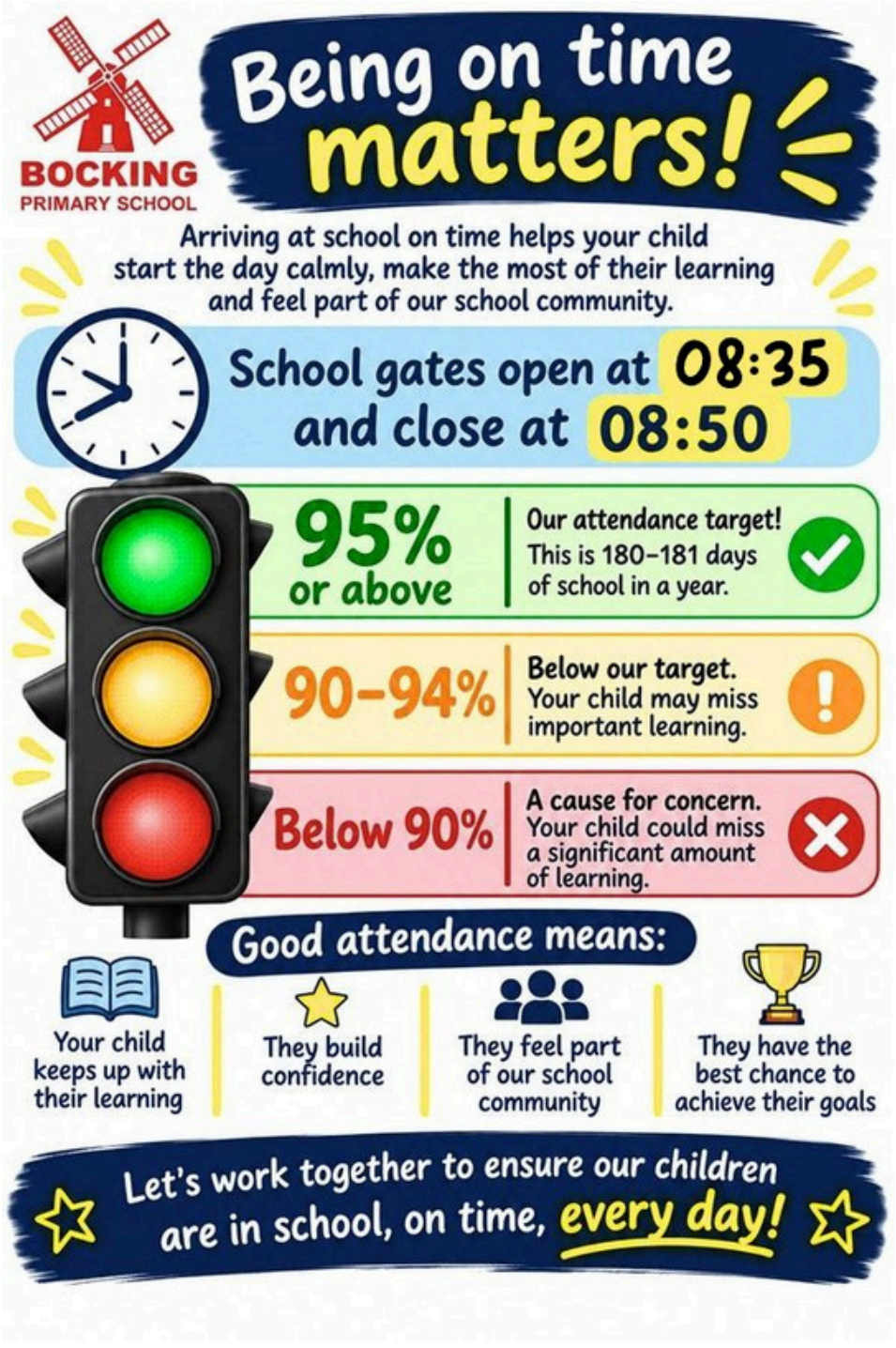

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

94% - EYFS
98% - Year 1
95% - Year 2
94% - Year 3
95% - Year 4
96% - 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.

ATTENDANCE...











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/