



Bunwell in Brief

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Together, we will strive to ensure that we C.A.R.E and our children are:
confident, able learners, responsible members of the community and effective learners.

What we have been learning



Ladybirds: This week we have opened our Rainforest in the classroom. The children have spent lots of time in here exploring and we have seen a wealth of information that the children have been learning in Topic coming out through their play. We have also been on a trip to the Playhouse to see The Snail and the Whale which was lots of fun!

Hedgehogs: On Tuesday we went to the Playhouse to see The Snail and the Whale, which the children all seemed to really enjoy. This week we have continued our topic work and have been finding out about the different layers in the rainforest. In maths Year 1 we have been subtracting by taking away and in Year 2 we have been subtracting by counting backwards on a number line.

Badgers: We are coming to the end of our Egyptian topic and the children are reviewing what they have learned. We are excited about Christmas and have begun the preparations for St Nick's night. In class we are writing up our newspaper reports in time to move onto convincing the Grinch to allow Christmas this year by writing him a persuasive letter! In maths we are doing some assessments next week before the end of term.

Foxes: Foxes have moved on to statistics in maths and are writing their own Greek myths in English. In science we are finishing off our work about human life cycles and have been looking at Greek warfare during our topic lessons.

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Extreme Reading

Thank you for your extreme reading entries – the winner will be announced in due course.

Mindset moments



After School Clubs

After school clubs for the Spring term are available to book on WisePay. **If we do not have enough people sign up, we will not be able to run them.**



Achievements



Look out here for the children who have received certificates and awards for going to extra mile around school.

Church Roof Works

We have been notified that work on the church roof will be starting on Monday 3rd December. This will mean that the path next to the church and the road might be busier. Please take care.

Governance News:

Bunwell school continues to go from strength to strength, achieving excellent academic results together with an active, thriving diverse pupil and parent body. After a whole academic year of settling in after building work completed in 2017, the school has a wonderful cohesive feel. The Governors would like to thank Miss Husbands, the staff, pupils and parents for their contribution to the exciting progress and look forward to continuous improvement and the challenges that brings. There have been some positive changes to the Governance structure as a result of the school being part of the Multi-Academy Trust. The school is held to account by a group of Trustees, and responsibilities are delegated to Local Governing Committees together with Challenge Groups made up of representatives of all of the academy schools in the trust. We are always keen to hear from anyone who would like to become a Governor to fill current vacancies. All you need is an interest in how the school is run, a bit of time and the ability to challenge and ask questions. You will be rewarded with steering the strategy and how the school is managed and the ability to make a real difference to the school.

You can direct questions or concerns, in confidence, to me via the school office, I am often at the school gates and also attend as many school functions as I can, so please do not hesitate to make contact.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

David Clover, Chair of Governors

Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for **96%** attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for last two weeks. **Another great fortnight – well done!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
99%	96%	99%	96%

Safeguarding at Bunwell

At Bunwell all staff have a responsibility to safeguard children. If you ever have a concern about a child or a member of staff then please contact one of our designated safeguarding leads: Mr Tuckett, Miss Husbands or Mrs Brookes. You can also ring the number 0344 800 8020 if you have a concern about a child outside school.

Headteacher News

We want to work together with parents to provide children with the best possible start in life. Part of our role as adults is helping the children we take care of to develop important life skills. Punctuality and attendance are two very important life skills.

As a school, we make regular punctuality and attendance checks and this includes identifying children who are regularly late for school. All children need to be in school by 8.50am, ready to be registered. Children arriving after this time must go through the office.

When children arrive late, they miss out on essential learning at the beginning of the lesson. Through classroom observations, we have seen at first hand children can become upset because they have arrived 10 minutes late and know that they have already missed out. When one child arrives late it disrupts the entire class and the teacher – everyone's learning is compromised. Being regularly late, even by three minutes every day, can add up to nearly two hours of lost learning time in an average term, 15 minutes late each day equates to missing almost two weeks of school over an academic year. On any occasions when your child has arrived so late that registration in the classroom has closed this will have been recorded as 'late after registers close', which automatically appears as an unauthorised absence for the morning session on your child's record, which will follow them throughout their school career. We thank you in advance for your co-operation on this matter.



In the new year, we would like to establish a Parent Forum at Bunwell. The Parent Forum is a partnership between parents and the school. It is a valuable way to share ideas, views, concerns and make suggestions for improvement.

The aims of the Parent Forum will be to:

- work together to improve the education provided for our children
- share information, knowledge and skills
- meet in a mutually supportive environment
- further improve communications between parent/carers and staff/governors.

We will hold our first meeting on **Thursday 24th January at 9:15am** at school.

Dates for your Diary



Friday 7th December – PTA St Nicks - 5 – 7 pm

Monday 10th November - KS1 Nativity 2:30pm and 6pm performances

Wednesday 12th December – RockSteady concert 9am – parents welcome

Wednesday 12th December – Christmas dinner – please order via WisePay

Tuesday 18th December – Christmas service in church at 1:30pm – all welcome

Monday 24th December – Christingle service at Bunwell church

Thursday 3rd January – children return to school

Thursday 24th January – Hedgehogs class assembly – 9am – parents welcome

Thursday 24th January – Parent Forum – 9:15am at school – please join us

More dates to follow

Bunwell PTA

The PTA are always looking for new members. The children would miss out on many fantastic opportunities were it not for the tireless work of our fabulous PTA.

If you wish to get involved, please contact one of the PTA members or give your details to Mrs Davis in the school office and we will let you have more detail.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Miss E. Husbands