



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 in English we have been reading the story 'The Tiny Seed' by Eric Carle and participating in activities linked to this. In Maths we have been learning about non-standard and standard units of measurement and have been measuring lots of items in our classroom with cubes and rulers. In topic we have been finding out about seasons, trees, plants and flowers.

Hedgehogs: This week in English the children have been writing stories based on the Eric Carle story 'The Tiny Seed.' In maths we have been finding fractions of shapes and numbers. In topic we have been finding out about wild and garden flowers and have planted sunflower seeds.

Badgers: This week in Badgers we have been working on our instructional writing. The children are excited about telling people how to care for the fish. We have been doing demonstrations and taking notes ready for our writing. Once we have completed this we will be making an instructional video to help people visualise what they need to do.

Foxes:
This week, Foxes Class have completed their work on percentages and have moved onto ratio. In English they have been practising how to answer complex comprehension questions and how to recognise and use the subjunctive. They really enjoyed their raft-building challenge which they chose as their class reward for reaching 3000 team points!

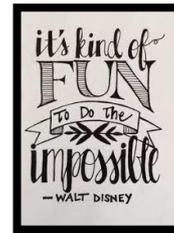
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Parents Evening

Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend our second parents evening of the year. It was so lovely to see so many of you here at the school; learning about your child's success and achievements.

Thank you to those of you who have completed the parent questionnaire either on paper or online.

Mindset Moments



Church Works

Thank you for your understanding and patience while the works were going on at the Church. The path is open again now. Please be careful when walking and cycling to and from school along here.



Achievements



Well done to all of the children who received a pupil of the week certificate! Keep up the good work.

World Book Day

It was fantastic to see so many children (and staff) dressed as their favourite book characters on Thursday. Well done to the best dressed winners; Abbie (Foxes), Xander (Badgers), Molly (Hedgehogs) and Elliot (Ladybirds). It was very difficult to choose a winner from each class with all the brilliant costumes. The children enjoyed a day of book themed activities and storytelling.

Proposed Nursery Provision

After careful discussion and consideration of the feedback from parents, the Local Authority and the local community, the Governors and Trustees have decided to proceed with the proposal, we will be submitting our business case to the ESFA shortly. We firmly believe that there is a need for nursery places in the area and that we can offer a nursery provision of high quality, giving children a positive start to their school life.

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. **Well done – a great couple of weeks throughout the school!**

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

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 Miss McMeekin. You can also ring the number 0344 800 8020 if you have a concern about a child outside school.

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. Thank you to Mrs Whitnell who has taken on the role of Secretary for the summer term.

Headteacher News

Parents, carers and families are by far the most important influences in their children's lives. They mould how young people think about education, their future and the world around them. Therefore, their support is vital for schools. Parents being engaged in their children's learning has a significant positive effect on their achievements and turns aspirations into achievable outcomes.

For children the benefits are huge; increased attendance, improved attainment and achievement, increased motivation, higher levels of confidence and self-esteem, improved behaviour and social skills. Similarly, there are also huge benefits for the parents, carers and families. With positive engagement, there is a shared understanding of education and raised aspirations for their children. Parents themselves see increased confidence and skills.

For us as schools we could not do our job without your support, positive parental engagement means better communication, higher pupil achievement and improved behaviour and attendance.

We are always looking for new ways to engage parents and the community. If you would like to volunteer to support us in school, as part of the PTA or in another way please let us know.

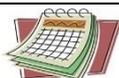
Chair of Governors Update

As I write, the chill wind refuses to subside, although metaphorically the sun always shines at Bunwell Primary School! Hopefully we shall not experience the same late winter of 2018, although I'm sure the children miss the snowfall. There are generally however always direct and indirect challenges to overcome; the remedial work to Bunwell Church is thankfully drawing to a close, balancing resources to deliver a broad and meaningful curriculum and developing the school for future generations.

The Governors are pleased to see that 2019 continues where 2018 left off, with very encouraging outcomes for the pupil body across the year groups led by Miss Husbands and a strong, supportive staff. Of particular note are how the benefits of Visible Learning have been embraced by the school, an extension of the Growth Mindset, the evidence of which was clear to see on recent visits to the school. The subject-based work is demonstrating some exceptional creativity which is on show for parents and carers to view, and some budding rock stars are emerging from the RockSteady music school.

If you feel you have something that you can offer towards the school, there are opportunities to make a real difference to the pupils by being actively involved in either the PTA, so please do speak to a PTA member, Governor or to any member of staff.

Dates for your Diary



- Friday 22nd & 29th March** – Y5 Cycling
 - Wednesday 27th March** – Ladybirds to Banham Zoo
 - Thursday 28th March** – Foxes' class assembly – parents welcome
 - Friday 29th March** – PTA Mother's Day gift sale – please send children with £1
 - Tuesday 2nd April** - Y5 PE transition event @ OBHS
 - Wednesday 3rd April** – RockSteady Concert – parents welcome
 - Friday 5th April** - dress down day for the PTA – please bring £1 & Easter egg hunt
 - Friday 5th April** – school closes for Easter holiday
 - Tuesday 23rd April** – school reopens
 - Monday 20th – Friday 24th May** – Walk to School week
 - Thursday 23rd May** – class photos
 - Friday 24th May** - Dress down day for the PTA – please bring £1
 - Monday 27th – Friday 31st May** – Half term
 - Monday 3rd – Friday 7th June** – Cycle to School week
- More dates to follow***

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands