



# 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:** We enjoyed a trip to Banham Zoo on Wednesday. The children were fantastic and enjoyed seeing lots of different animals. Mrs Fisher even had a go at herding goats! After our trip, we made our own zoo outside based on Banham Zoo and the animals we saw.

**Hedgehogs:** This week in Hedgehog class we have read the story 'Katie and the Sunflowers' which tells the story of a little girl who accidentally ends up in different famous paintings. We then wrote our own stories about Katie. In topic we have been finding out about the artist Van Gogh and have been learning about tree identification. In maths we have been reviewing what we have learnt this term.

**Badgers:** Badgers are finishing the topic for this term 'Oceans' we are still all very excited to continue the fish tank next term to keep our interest in aquatic life alive. We have completed some instructional writing to teach people how to clean out the tank and we are now moving onto a short poetry unit before Easter.

**Foxes:** Foxes class have come to the end of their topic 'Voyage of the Beagle' and have, this week, been learning about evolution of Homo sapiens. In maths, the children have been learning some basic algebra.

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### RockSteady Concert

We have over a quarter of the school taking part in RockSteady lessons on a Wednesday morning. Our termly concert will take place on April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 9am, please come and join us to see the fantastic progress they've made since December.

### Mindset Moments



### Staffing

We are very pleased to be welcoming Miss Foulsham to the team at Bunwell. She will be joining Badgers class as a TA after Easter.



### Achievements



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

## Chair of Governors Update

As we draw near to Easter we can reflect on another busy term at Bunwell. There is too much to mention specifically but highlights include planting 400 trees, the Fairtrade cake sale, awareness of plastics on our environment, celebrating Chinese New Year and Ladybirds visit to Banham zoo. As parents and carers, we can all learn from the environmental and ethical issues that have been a focus of learning this term. The perceived excesses of previous generations, particularly with regards to plastics and changing climate, are a stark wake-up call to ensure the safeguarding of future generations. The school should be congratulated for inclusion of these thought provoking issues and raising awareness with the pupils.

We also look forward to the summer term; with summer clothes, sunshine and ultimately saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 pupils. Many of these, together with their parents and carers, have shared their journey with us for 7 years and every pupil secured their first choice for their chosen secondary school. We wish them every success in their final term at Bunwell. It only remains for me to wish everyone a restful break and a happy Easter.

## Forest Schools

Reception and KS1 spend Friday mornings outside, last week the rest of the school joined them to plant 400 trees which we have had donated by the Woodland Trust. The whole school worked together to dig holes, plant trees and put the protectors on. We will have to wait and see how well our oak, birch, cherry and willow trees grow.

## 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!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
94%	96%	98%	97%

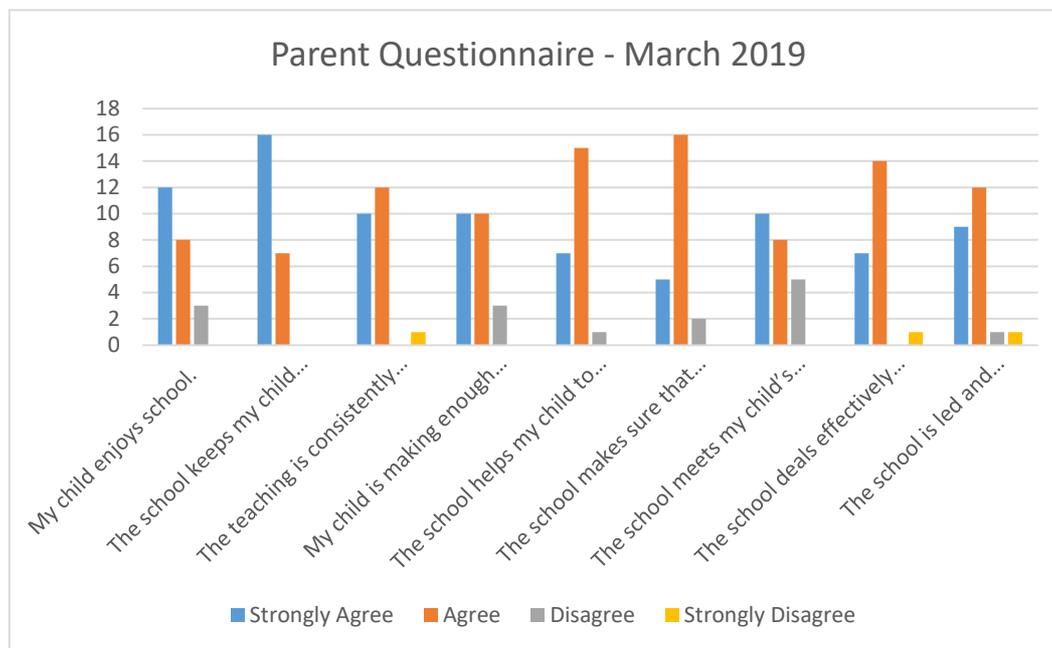
## Safeguarding at Bunwell

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.

## Headteacher News - Parent Questionnaire Results

Thank you to the parents and carers who completed our regular parent questionnaire. Your feedback is really important to us. We constantly strive to improve the school because we want the very best for the children – if you do have any concerns please raise these with the school so we can address them quickly. We had slightly more responses this time than previously, but the more people who respond, the better the survey reflects everyone’s views.

If you haven’t yet completed the questionnaire, the link from Dojo will take you to the survey.



Other positive comments from the questionnaire...

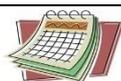
“The staff put a lot of time and effort into trying to make lessons and activities interesting for the children. The children are given lots of opportunities for trips out of school.”

“The staff in my child’s class help him so much, we’re very happy.”

“Thank you and keep up the good work.”

“My child loves school and learning.”

## Dates for your Diary



**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** - Y5 PE transition event @ OBHS

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – RockSteady Concert – parents welcome

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** - dress down day for the PTA – please bring £1 & Easter egg hunt

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April** – school closes for Easter holiday

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April** – school reopens

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Walk to School week

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – class photos

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** - Dress down day for the PTA – please bring £1

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – Half term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June** – Cycle to School week

***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.

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

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**