



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: In Ladybirds we have been settling into school well. We have begun our topic 'Houses and Homes' and have been talking about our families and who we live with. We have also made lollipop stick houses.

Hedgehogs: In Hedgehogs we have begun English/Topic work on the author Julia Donaldson. This week we have been reading the story, 'What the Ladybird Heard' and have been making predictions about what will happen in the story. In maths we have been focusing on place value and writing numbers as numerals and words.

Badgers: In Badgers we have begun our topic learning about the World. We will be studying different cultures and countries as well as weather and climate. The children are working hard learning about Greek myths and have enjoyed learning about the Minotaur!

Foxes: Foxes class have been looking at place value in maths and have started their class novel, 'The Polar Bear Explorers' Club', which they are enjoying very much. They have also started their new science topic by looking at the structure and function of the human skeleton.

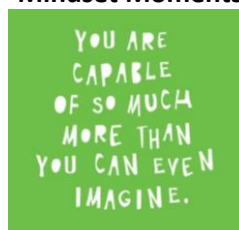
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Welcome Back

Welcome to the start of another year at Bunwell, and welcome to the new families who have joined this year. I hope you all had a lovely summer and enjoyed spending it with family and friends. The children have been excited to share what they did over the holiday.

It has been great to see how keen the children were to come back to school and how well they have settled into their new classes. They have come back with a fantastic attitude to their learning. Thank you for such a positive start to the new school year.

Mindset Moments



School Uniform

The children have come back to school looking very smart. Please ensure that your child/ren are wearing the correct uniform (including M&S jumper) as well as sensible shoes.



Achievements



Well done to all of the children who received a pupil of the week certificate! Keep up the good work. It has been lovely to share so many out of school achievements in assembly recently – well done!

Bunwell PTA

The PTA are looking for a Treasurer and Secretary to join their committee this year. Over the last year, the PTA have raised enough money to fund a trip per class per term, playground equipment, board games for Foxes, doll's clothes for Ladybirds and more. If they are not able to find a Treasurer or Secretary, they will not be able to continue as their committee will not be full.

If you think you could fulfil either role; please speak to me, Mrs Drew, one of the other PTA members or come along to the AGM on Thursday 19th September.

Staffing

We will soon be welcoming Mrs Weller to the Bunwell staff, she will be joining Badgers' class as an Apprentice Teaching Assistant. This September we also welcome Ms Clarke, who is joining as Trust Deputy Head. She will work across all three schools. She has already spent two mornings at Bunwell and thoroughly enjoyed her time here; commenting on how calm the school is and how great the children are.

Attendance

Our attendance has improved greatly over the last two years which is fantastic. The table below shows how poor attendance adds up over the course of a year.

Attending school every day	Attending school 4½ days a week	Attending school 4 days a week	Attending school 3½ days a week	An average of 80% attendance across a child's school life adds up to missing two years from school.
100% attendance	90% attendance	80% attendance	70% attendance	
	4 weeks a year missed	More than half a term missed	More than a quarter of a school year missed	

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

Some children choose to bring a packed lunch to school rather than have a school dinner. Eating well is important. Children need to eat well as it will give them energy and nutrients to grow and develop, be healthy and active. A healthy, enjoyable lunch gives children the energy they need to learn and play at school. Here are some suggestions for a well balanced, healthy lunch. Packed lunches should not contain chocolate, sweets, fizzy or sugary drinks.

A Guide to Building...

Healthy Snacks & Lunchbox

P2iP

Bring **WATER** everyday!

Putting tap water in a reusable bottle is FREE and will help keep your child hydrated all day!



Whole Grains

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

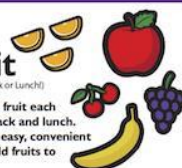
Make sandwiches with whole grain bread. Look for labels that say "100% Whole Grain"



Fruit

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Pack fresh fruit each day for snack and lunch. These are easy, convenient ways to add fruits to your day



Pack healthy snacks each day. Add a healthy sweet or savory treat.

Try whole grain crackers and pretzels for savory snacks or dried fruits for sweet treats.

Snacks



Add veggies in your child's lunch. They add a healthy crunch instead of chips.

Veggies

(Great for Snack or Lunch)

Children in Reception and KS1 get a daily snack of fruit. KS2 children are welcome to bring in their own snack of fruit or vegetables which can be eaten at playtime.

Wherever possible, children should have water in their water bottles for class.

Chair of Governors Update

A warm welcome back to Bunwell Primary for the new school year. We welcome a new cohort into reception this year, together with their parents and carers, after wishing our year 6 'Bon Voyage' as they made the step up to secondary school. We encourage all new (and existing) families to get involved in the Bunwell School community, and particularly welcome interest to be part of the PTA or the Governance of the school. It is your school, and you can make a real difference to the overall experience of the pupils as they progress through the school. We had the very exciting news towards the end of last term that after much hard work and perseverance of Miss Husbands and the staff, the school has been granted permission to extend our early years' provision from January 2020. This offers children additional choice in the area from the age of 3 and we have already some confirmed places and many more interested in joining.

Dates for your Diary



- Thursday 19th September** – PTA AGM 6pm at school – ALL WELCOME
- Friday 20th September** – Stay and Play for Reception parents 9 – 10:30am
- Wednesday 25th September** – PTA Bag 2 School
- Thursday 26th September** – Bunwell Bake Off entries in
- Thursday 26th September** – Long Stratton High School open evening 5:30 – 8pm
- Friday 27th September** – MacMillan Coffee Morning & open morning – 9:00 – 10:30am
- Friday 27th September** – Long Stratton High School open morning 9 – 11am
- Monday 14th October** – Nursery open morning for prospective families – 9 – 10am
- Friday 18th October** – PTA dress down day - £1 donation
- w/b Monday 21st October** – half term – school closed
- Monday 28th October** – children return to school
- Friday 1st November** - Nursery open afternoon for prospective families – 2 – 3pm
- Wednesday 18th December** – RockSteady concert – 9am – all welcome

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands