



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've had a busy week in Ladybirds with Diwali celebrations, a trip to TotsTown and a spooky Halloween day. The children all looked brilliant in their costumes, thank you!

Hedgehogs: We began our week learning about and celebrating the Hindu festival of Diwali. In maths we have been looking at money, focusing on identifying the value of different coins. In English we have continued our work on the author Julia Donaldson reading the book 'Room on the Broom.'

Badgers: Badgers have been excited to begin to learn about report writing. We are writing reports based on an animal from around the world to link to our topic. In maths we are moving on to written methods for adding and subtracting using the learning we did last half term. Our topic continues to be around the world and I have heard of some excellent homework taking place!

Foxes: Foxes Class have come back to school full of energy after their break. We have been using VIPERS (vocabulary, inference, predict, explain, retrieve and summarise) to look at text extracts in English and, in maths, we have been working with square, cube and prime numbers. During our topic work, we have been looking at Antarctica exploration during the first part of the 20th Century.

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Ofsted

On Tuesday we welcomed Ofsted to school. Many thanks to all the parents who took the time to complete the Parent View survey and share their feedback about the school. I look forward to sharing Ofsted's feedback in due course.

Mindset Moments



E-Safety tip



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!

TotsTown

I was lucky enough to join Reception on their first trip of the year to TotsTown on Wednesday. It was lovely to see the children getting on so well and enjoying their time there.



Remembrance Service

We will be holding our annual Remembrance Day service in the church on Monday 11th November at 11am. Everyone is welcome to join us for the service.

Attendance

Here at Bunwell, as with all other schools, we aim for **96%** attendance. Here are the attendance figures for each class for the last two weeks, the whole school attendance is 96%. **Well done – Keep it up!**

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
90%	97%	98%	95%

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

Can you remember your favourite story as a child? Or the book you couldn't put down? Many adults are instantly transported back to a place in their childhood at the mention of a certain book.

Research has shown that reading for pleasure is important to children's cognitive development and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than their background. As the author Michael Morpurgo says, "Reading is the one ability, that once set in motion, has the ability to feed itself, grow exponentially and provide a basis from which possibilities are limitless."

Reading gives children an opportunity to immerse themselves in another world, to soak up new information, to learn new words, new ideas and different worlds. It is through reading that children's writing and speech will become more varied and interesting.

At Bunwell we promote reading for pleasure on a daily basis with the books we choose to read in class individually and as whole class stories.

'A child who reads, will be an adult who thinks.'

PTA

Following an extra AGM the PTA has a new committee, made up of some members from the previous year and some new members. We would like to thank any retiring committee members for all their hard work last year, helping to raise funds to give the children some fantastic trips and experiences. We have plenty of things in mind for the year but for now we are focusing on St Nick's night which is Friday 29th November.

All the slots for the Friday cake raffle are now filled until the end of term, thank you for all your offers of making a cake. We will be looking for more cake makers after Christmas, if anyone is able to supply us with one please let me know.

Any offers of help at events is always appreciated, so please let either myself or Miss Husbands know. Many thanks.

Sarah Bond.

Dates for your Diary



Tuesday 5th November – Y5 Technology day at OBHS

Tuesday 5th November – Board Games club starts

w.b Monday 11th November – Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 11th November - Remembrance Service in church – 11am start – all welcome

Thursday 14th November – Badgers class assembly – parents welcome

Friday 15th November – Children in Need

Thursday 21st November - Parents Evening

Monday 25th November – Reception - height, weight, vision & hearing check, Y6 - height and weight check

Thursday 28th November – opening morning for prospective 2020 Reception parents – 9 – 10:30am

Friday 29th November – St Nicks – 5 – 6:30pm

Tuesday 3rd December – KS2 VR experience day

Thursday 5th December – Foxes class assembly – parents welcome

Thursday 5th December – Y3/4 Sportshall Athletics event – letter to follow nearer the time

Monday 9th December – Reception and KS1 Nativity 2:30pm and 5pm

Wednesday 18th December – RockSteady concert – 9am – all welcome

Wednesday 18th December – Carol Service in church – 2pm – all welcome

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands