



# 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 continuing our Toys topic. We have read the story of 'The Teddy Robber', thought about how we would feel if a giant stole our favourite teddy and made lost toy posters. In Maths we have been making and following patterns.

**Hedgehogs:** In English this week we have been using our senses to write poems about autumn. In Maths we have continued our work on place value, identifying numbers that are more than/less than a given number. In topic we have been finding out about the weather and have been planning our own weather forecasts.

**Badgers:** Badgers have been working hard on their addition over the last week! They are all working really hard in all subjects and are enjoying learning. We have begun to learn about the states of matter in science and have been doing some interesting experiments. This week we will be learning about the freeze, thaw process with some ice cubes. In English our sentence and story writing continues to improve and the children are excited about writing an adventure story linked to our topic.

**Foxes:** Foxes have been busy practising their addition and subtraction and will be moving on to multiplication this week. In English, we have been looking at, and writing our own descriptions of mythical beasts and in science we are continuing to look at the human life cycle.

### Forest Schools

For the last couple of years, Ladybirds and Hedgehogs have taken part in Forest Schools led by Mrs Brookes. Since this time, Mrs Brookes has been completing her Forest School qualification. This is a big undertaking and commitment which has included building a shelter to sleep in (and actually use it), learning about different trees in our Forest School site, writing lots of documentation to ensure that staff and children are clear about the rules for having fires and using tools. On Thursday, Mrs Brookes was observed teaching a Forest School session and received a 'clear pass.' Well done to Mrs Brookes for all her hard work, the children always love their time outside and all her hard work and commitment has paid off.

### Before and After School Club

This term we have started to run a breakfast and after school club. Breakfast club starts at 7:45am and children are served toast, cereal or fruit. After school club runs until 5:30pm and there is a choice of sandwiches, fruit and vegetables for tea. Sessions cost £5 for breakfast club and £8 for after school club. Please book your sessions via Wisepay under the 'School Clubs' section.

### 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 95%.

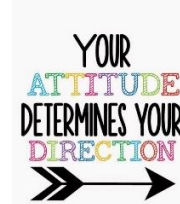
Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
100%	96%	92%	93%

### 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. Bunwell Primary School is registered with Operation Encompass. This means that Norfolk Police will contact the school concerning any domestic incidents which involve the families of our children the day after the incident occurred.

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### Mindset Moments



### Wellbeing Moment



### E-Safety tip

Age Restrictions for Social Media Platforms

What is the minimum age for social media or those used made this and app?



### Achievements



Well done to all of the children who have extra specially hard this week! Keep up the good work.

### Bunwell Birthdays



Happy birthday to Toby, Molly and Oliver who have all celebrated their birthdays in the last couple of weeks.

### Headteacher News

Black History Month is marked annually across the country in October and celebrates individuals and events that have shaped the black generations and the world we live in. During Black History Month, we remember and celebrate the important people from the past and also those who contribute to and help our society today. The overarching message is about equality, one of our Co-operative values, and the importance of treating people equally regardless of the colour of their skin.

In Key Stage 2 this week in assemblies, we have looked at notable people from different walks of life who have made a difference either to their field or the wider world. The children have talked about the influence and beliefs which led these people to bring about change.

This Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> October, is World Mental Health Day. This is an important day every year, but maybe more so this year given the challenging and difficult circumstances we have found ourselves in this year. Everyone has got to grips with huge changes to their lives which inevitably can impact their wellbeing and mental health. The months of lockdown, adjustment and continued uncertainty is taking its toll. Children and adults alike have new anxieties and support from those around them is ever more vital. At school, we are tuned in to support children with their mental health all the time and use strategies in class such as feelings charts where children can anonymously signal that they would like a chat with a member of staff, we've asked children in KS2 to complete a short survey about how they're feeling about returning to school, if they've got any worries and, equally important, things they are looking forward to.

I am proud of the support which we as a community offer each other; whether it is to the children, their families or between the staff. We are always looking out for each other and checking in. Some days that will be a quick chat and others it will be a longer chat with suggestions about things we can do to feel better. Whether it's on World Mental Health Day or every day, take a moment to focus on your mental wellbeing, support those around you and be kind to yourself.

### Trust Update

First, may I plug one of our staff vacancies. We have an exciting opportunity to join the team as a Trust caretaker across the other two schools in our Academy (Banham and Thompson), so if you know anyone who may be interested please share the details with them. If you are interested, please contact our Business Manager, Simon Gray, [admin@cee.coop](mailto:admin@cee.coop).

Secondly, as I sit thinking about what to write for this week's article the radio is on and they are discussing whether we will soon be faced with tougher restrictions and local lockdown measures. That has started me reflecting upon how well the measures we have put in place have worked in school. I also thought it was the right time to thank you all for following the rules so well as this has certainly helped to make school a calmer and safer place to be – something we are all grateful for. Whilst bubbles have many down sides, like children not being able to play across classes, and no shared assemblies; there are benefits too: lunches, drop off and collections are certainly calmer and are a real positive change to school life. However, this would not work without your co-operation and agreement so thank you all for your collective efforts in helping keep everyone safe. As universities and other parts of the country have found, you can have all the rules and restrictions in the world, but if people don't follow them we all suffer. We think, for now at least, our rules and practices put in place at the start of term are working. There are no plans to change them. As we develop our routines staff now having a clearer idea of where the children are at and what we need to do to help move them forward in their education. Class teachers will discuss these with you at parents evening in due course, which will like so many things will need to be different this year, but watch out for information about that in a few weeks' time. For now, thank you everyone for sticking to the new school rules, it really is appreciated by everyone.

Best wishes,  
Paul Bunn, CEO

### Dates for your Diary



**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October** – end of term  
**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October** – Half term  
**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** – children return to school  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – end of term

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**