



# 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 have been learning about hibernation and the seasons this week. The hedgehog visited our class as well on Monday. We collected lots of autumn leaves and have made pictures. We have painted autumn and winter pictures to compare the differences. In maths we have been learning about shapes and have looked for different shapes in our classroom.

**Hedgehogs:** This week after our visit from Mr Hoggletton we asked and answered questions about hedgehogs. We then used our answers to make information posters about hedgehogs. In maths we have been learning about money, identifying coins and their value. In science we have continued to carry out investigations about the properties of materials.

**Badgers:** Badgers have had a fun week! They thoroughly enjoyed mummifying tomatoes and are looking forward to seeing what they look like once they have done the two weeks in the salt! It has also been anti bullying week this week. The children have learned about spotting bullying behaviour and learning ways to help others and be a good friend. Our newspaper reports are coming along and the children are excited about being journalists.

**Foxes:** Foxes have started to write their own Greek myths. Their plans promised some very exciting stories and I am looking forward to reading them when they are finished. In maths, we have started our new unit on fractions. Using fraction vocabulary at home (when eating pizza, for example), would really help the children to understand fractions in context.

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### Parents' Evening

Due to the current circumstances, parents' evening moved to telephone calls this year. Teachers have reported positively on the phone calls; I hope you found them useful. Any feedback is much appreciated; I hope that come March we can return to face to face meetings where you can also have a look at your child's work.

### E-Safety tip



### Achievements



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

### Wellbeing Moment

If children feel safe, they can take risks, ask questions, make mistakes, learn to trust, share their feelings, and grow.

### Bunwell Birthdays



Happy birthday to Erin and Isaac G who celebrated their birthdays recently.

### Prickly Visitor

On Monday Hedgehogs had a prickly visitor spend the morning with their class!



Lots of the children had never seen a hedgehog up close before and they found it interesting learning about what it eats and why it's being looked after by one of our families. It only weighs 300g and wouldn't survive hibernation!

### Before and After School Club

In September, we 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 98%! The whole school attendance is fantastic, even more so given the current circumstances, thank you for your support.

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
97%	97%	98%	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 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.

### Headteacher News

This week is Anti-bullying week, as part of our PSHE curriculum lessons and assemblies this week we have looked at bullying and what we can do as a school community to unite against bullying.

As parents and carers, we all want our children to be happy and safe and it is natural to worry about bullying. Anti-bullying week gives schools an opportunity to shine a spotlight on bullying and consider the steps we can take to stop it.

I am proud of the behaviour we have here at Bunwell. When Ofsted visited in October 2019 they recognised the school as a friendly place where bullying is rare and the children are confident that it is dealt with by the adults. Visitors to the school regularly comment on the children's positive behaviour and how welcoming we are. New children settle in quickly and their parents often remark that it feels staff get to know their children quickly. However, there are times when staff need to deal with incidents – not bullying – but times when children have fallen out or been unkind. We strive to create a culture where staff are consistent in their approach, language and follow up where the focus is on recognising and taking responsibility for our actions and restorative conversations. We have built a community which values kindness, care, good humour, teamwork and empathy for those around us. As adults we have a responsibility to teach the children these values and model our expectations. Everyone, children, staff and families, is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same. With this foundation, we hope that every member of the school community feels valued and respected as well as each person being treated fairly and well.

### Trust Update

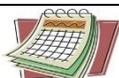
As we progress through 'Lockdown 2', and with the worrying news of cases rising quickly in our area, it is good to stop for a moment and reflect on the positive things happening within school. The remembrance display created by the children (and shared via ClassDoJo) was a wonderful way to reflect and honour this important day when the usual events could not take place. The Children in Need collection was especially well supported by parents and I would like to say thank you for your generosity which helped to provide eight hampers of goodies. Parents' evenings are being held, in a different way to usual, giving parents and teachers an opportunity to connect and talk about each child's development. I have been very impressed by the hard work and commitment shown by the children in these challenging times and want to say a big thank you to staff as well as parents/carers for the support and encouragement you have given to ensure life goes on as normally as possible for the children.

It has also been a busy time for governance across the Trust, all of which continues to be held virtually due to the current restrictions. We had a Trustee Board meeting last night where we discussed strategy and future plans for our schools. Local Governing Committee meetings are being held next week, with a focus on recent school assessments and class progress data. Going forward, governors will also have discussions with staff on key areas including safeguarding, SEND and curriculum areas.

We have recently welcomed a new Governor to the Bunwell Local Governing Committee. Kerry Brown is a grandparent of children at the school and brings a range of skills and experience which will be of great benefit to the committee. As Chair, I hope Kerry enjoys her time with us and I look forward to working together. We do still have a vacancy for a governor from the local community, someone who may not currently have a link with the school, and would appreciate it if parents could share the role details with anyone they think may be interested or contact me at [jfletcher@cee.coop](mailto:jfletcher@cee.coop) for more information.

Julie Fletcher,  
Chair of Governors

### Dates for your Diary



**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December** – whole school flu immunisations  
**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Lunch – please order via Wisepay  
**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Jumper Day  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – class Christmas parties  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – end of term  
**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – children return to school

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**