

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:** This week in maths we have been learning to use numicon for addition. We have been practicing the sounds we know in phonics to write words and sentences. We have also been spending a lot of time outside and even made an obstacle course.

**Hedgehogs:** This week in English we have been writing an advertisement for a dragon catcher using persuasive writing. In maths Year 1 have begun work on fractions and have been finding a half of a shape and of a number. In Year 2 we have continued our work on fractions and have been solving fraction word problems. In history we have been spying on a new castle being built and have been reporting back to Lord Bunwell.

**Badgers:** Badgers are working hard to complete their explanation texts this week. They have done some excellent research and planning and are just putting the final touches to their work! We are continuing with forest schools on a Friday afternoon and the children look forward to it throughout the week! We are starting a new book in our reading lessons this week. The children enjoyed reading about Pompeii and are excited to begin Fantastic Mr Fox!

**Foxes:** Foxes Class are continuing to enjoy their afternoons at Forest School. It is lovely to see them playing together, negotiating and cooperating. In maths, we have been using our understanding of fractions, decimals and percentages to solve problems and are moving on to learn how to read and draw pie charts. In English we are continuing our study of Beowulf and, in RE, the children have been learning about the contributions of great Humanism thinkers to our society.

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### Gardening Club



Gardening club have been working hard to prepare the raised beds for planting. They've been tending to their seeds and making sure they're watered regularly.

### E-Safety tip



**Online Safety Guide**  
Children's use of the internet is becoming more mobile and interactive offering young people more opportunities to interact and meet new people so it's never been more important to make sure you are helping your child stay safe in the digital world.

- 15 hours a week: Children spend on average 15 hours a week on mobile devices.
- 44%: 44% of 5-15 year olds have their own tablet and together with smartphones are the most popular for going online.
- Get in control of parental controls: Parental controls help you manage what your child can access online.
- Managing privacy settings on apps: This year kids use on average 5 different apps and on average 5 different settings on apps. It's important to check privacy settings on apps, the most popular being Instagram, WhatsApp, Snapchat, Messenger, YouTube, Facebook, and TikTok.

Go to [InternetMatters.org/controls](https://www.internetmatters.org/controls) for step-by-step guides.  
Go to [InternetMatters.org/](https://www.internetmatters.org/) back to school to download our 'How to guide!'.

Helping parents keep their children safe online. [InternetMatters.org](https://www.internetmatters.org/)



### Achievements

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

### Bunwell Birthdays



Happy birthday to Finley, Gabriel, Lucy, Chantel, Summer, Freddy and India who have all celebrated their birthdays recently.

### Staffing Changes

In September, we are looking forward to welcoming Mr Baxter to teach at Bunwell. He will be teaching our Y1/2 class. Mrs Brookes will be coming out of class to focus on her SENCO role, but will still be doing some teaching in Early Years and KS1 including forest schools. Mr Baxter is very much looking forward to returning to Bunwell as a teacher!

Congratulations to Mrs Weller who has completed her Level 3 Apprenticeship Course.

### 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 **98%** attendance. Well done to the whole school with more than 96% attendance! It has been lovely to see the children return to school following the Easter holidays.

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
97%	98%	98%	98%

### 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

Last week was Mental Health Awareness week. During the pandemic, the spotlight has regularly been shone on mental health and highlighting the increase need for support in this area. The theme for this year's week was 'nature'. Recent National Trust research found a link between feeling connected to nature and having improved wellbeing.

We are lucky to live in an area with so much nature on our doorsteps, and many of us will have explored our local area more than ever before with daily walks and bike rides during lockdown periods. We enjoyed the glorious spring weather during the first lockdown, the snow and frosts of the January lockdown and have spent more time than ever in our own gardens.

Since the children have returned to school we have introduced an outdoor learning afternoon for Badgers and Foxes, Ladybirds and Hedgehogs already enjoyed a Forest School session every week.

Forest Schools and outdoor learning can have a positive impact in a variety of ways, all of which we are seeing in our children. Children gain confidence when given the freedom, time and space to learn and problem solve in such an environment provided for outdoor learning. They develop their social skills and gain an improved awareness of the consequences of their actions when participating in team activities such as den building.

The children are fascinated by the natural world and are keen to be involved in the different aspects of the afternoon; they climb trees, hunt for insects, cook up a feast in the mud kitchen, relax in the hammock, build dens and soon will be able to swing on the swing again.

Furthermore, children's physical skills are improved by more time outside and being active. They are developing their physical stamina as well as their gross and fine motor skills. There are children who were apprehensive about climbing trees who are now confident.

All children talk positively about their outdoor learning afternoons and the speed at which places were taken for our forthcoming after school club, show the positive impact it is having on our children.

### PTA

Over the last few years, we have had a successful PTA at Bunwell. They have run a number of events such as St Nicks Night, Leavers' Discos, the regular Friday cake raffles and summer ice lolly sales. A lack of take up of committee roles combined with COVID-19 has meant we have not had a PTA for a little while, however, we are interested in trying to reestablish one in September 2021. If you are interested in taking on one of the committee roles needed (Chair, Vice-Chair, Treasurer or Secretary), please get in touch.

### After School Clubs

We are really pleased with the interest in the after-school clubs we will be running after half term. All the clubs have been oversubscribed!

Tuesday – Forest School – Campfire Cooking (Y3/4)

Wednesday – Multi Sports (Y1/2)

Thursday – Aerobic Dance (KS2)

Children will receive confirmation of their place over the next week.

With restrictions lifting and school returning to some sort of normality, we hope to be able to run more clubs in the Autumn term.

### Dates for your Diary



**w/b Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May** – Walk to School week

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – online Crucial Crew for Y6

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May** – EY/KS1 in school theatre show

**w/b Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May** – half term

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – Y5/6 Eaton Vale

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June** – Bunwell Bubble Olympics (AM – KS2, PM – EY/KS1)

**w/b 12<sup>th</sup> July** - Y5/6 Bikeability

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July** – Vision screening (Reception)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Foxes' Class Camp Out

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July** – last day of term 😊

**Have a great weekend!**

**Miss E. Husbands**