

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: Ladybirds have been working hard in phonics. Nursery have been learning initial sounds in words, Reception have been writing simple words and sentences with the sounds learnt. In maths we are learning about simple shapes such as circles and triangles. We have begun practicing our Nativity and are enjoying learning the songs.

Hedgehogs: Hedgehogs have been working on their addition and subtraction skills this week. In English we have been looking at the features of postcards before writing one from a seaside location. We have also been looking at what we might find at seaside towns as well as comparing different locations. We have started practising for the nativity and the children have been working hard on their lines.

Badgers: Badgers have been working hard this week on their addition and subtraction skills as well as times tables. We are also becoming journalists to learn to write newspaper reports in English. The children are excited about investigating incidents and writing a television report that we will film later in the term! Our book corner is nearly completed and we will share some photos of the children using it once it is finished!

Foxes: Year Six practised hard for the Remembrance Service and enjoyed performing in church. We are all very proud of how well they did. In maths, they have been learning about factors, multiples, prime numbers, squares and cubes and they have started their new class novel: 'The 1000 Year Old Boy,' in English. In science, they have also started a new topic: 'Properties and Changes of Materials.'

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Parents' Evening

Thank you to all the parents and carers who took time this week to speak to their child's class teacher. It has been really nice to hear such positive feedback about the meetings.

Remembrance Service



Well done to Y6 for leading our Remembrance Day service on Thursday 11th.



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 Rufus and Emmett, who have celebrated their birthdays in the last few weeks.

Parking

Please be considerate when parking in the mornings and do not park alongside the cones which are out to ensure disabled drivers are able to park and cyclists can pull in safely. It is our collective responsibility to try and make sure that all our pupils and parents are safe at the beginning of the day. Thank you for your consideration.

Before 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. Our attendance for the last couple of weeks is 94%. It's not uncommon for attendance to take a dip at this time of year with bugs going round. We have been so pleased to have maintained good attendance through this first half term of the academic year.

| Ladybirds | Hedgehogs | Badgers | Foxes |
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| 93% | 92% | 92% | 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.

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

Yesterday we held our traditional remembrance service in the church, the first to be held for two years due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thank you to Year 6 for leading the service.

My great-grandfather was born in 1876. He enlisted in the army as a young man, and served in India, being discharged as a sergeant after twelve years' service in 1906. On October 5 1914, he volunteered to re-enlist; he was already too old to have been conscripted when compulsory military service for the First World War was introduced. He served for four years on the Western Front. Now, he is only known through two First World War medals which had been passed down and a handful of grainy black and white photographs, in which he always appeared wearing a heavy suit, tie and hat. It's in the past few years that I have come to realize that there are any number of questions about his experiences, and those of countless others, to which we will never know the answers.

The guns fell silent at the end of the Great War at eleven o'clock on the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. At the time, it was described as "the war to end all wars" because it was so destructive that the world's politicians seemed determined to prevent such a war from ever happening again. That hope was, of course, dashed. Our service on November 11th provided an opportunity to reflect on all these things and on others: on our family histories which are scarred by war and its aftermath.

Our PSHE topic this half term is called 'Celebrating Differences' whether that is differences between our families, our friends or our communities as well as recognising that these differences can sometimes lead to conflict. It is vital that we teach children how to resolve these conflicts reasonably and peacefully with the understanding that some level of conflict in their day to day life is normal.

Christmas at Bunwell

| <u>Nativity</u> | <u>Christmas Dinner</u> | <u>Class Parties</u> | <u>Christmas Film Night</u> |
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| We will be putting on a nativity this year. Ladybirds and Hedgehogs will be joining forces to perform 'Born in a Barn.' We will hold two performances; one for Hedgehogs' parents and one for Ladybirds' parents. We will also film the performance. | Christmas Dinner will take place on Wednesday 8 th December. You can order this via Wisepay. Children will make Christmas hats in their classrooms to wear at lunchtime. Children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper with their usual school uniform bottoms on this day. | It wouldn't be Christmas without a party and these will take place on Thursday 16 th December. Children can wear party clothes. | We are planning to hold a Christmas Film Night on a date to be decided. It will run from 3:15 – 5:30pm costing £5 per child with additional siblings costing £2.50 (payable via Wisepay) including hot chocolate and a gingerbread man. Film Night will replace after school club on this night. |
| | | <u>Carol Service</u> | |
| | | We are planning to hold a carol service at the end of term as we have in previous years. More details will follow in due course. | |

Dates for your Diary



- Thursday 18th November** - Ladybirds to see The Gruffalo
- Monday 22nd November** - Early Years open morning for prospective parents
- Tuesday 30th November** - Badgers trip to the theatre
- Tuesday 30th November** - YR and Y6 height and weight checks
- Thursday 2nd December** - Flu vaccinations
- Tuesday 7th December** - Rocksteady concert - by invite
- Wednesday 8th December** - Christmas Lunch
- Wednesday 8th December** - Nativity 6pm - Ladybirds' parents
- Thursday 9th December** - Nativity 6pm - Hedgehogs' parents
- Tuesday 14th December** - Rocksteady concert - by invite
- Friday 17th December** - last day of term

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands