

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 had a great week taking part in Christmas activities. We walked our letters to the village to post to Santa, we have had a film afternoon watching the Santa Clause, we have made Christmas cards and had a great class party. I have enjoyed teaching the children so much over the past term, I will miss being in school each day but will still be involved in the children's learning and am available to be contacted at any time. Have a wonderful Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Hedgehogs: Hedgehogs have been looking at the work of Beatriz Milhazes and Briget Riley over the last couple of weeks, we explored using different shapes and colours to create some abstract art of our own as well. In maths, we continued our work on money and in English we continued our class book 'Owl Babies'.

Badgers: Badgers have been working hard on their Grinch newspaper reports and we will be writing these up this week. They have also been working on their multiplication and doing assessments. All of the children are looking forward to the party this week and to Christmas with their families.

Foxes: In English, Foxes Class have been continuing to read their class novel and have also been doing some comprehension based on a short animation called 'Once in a Lifetime.' They have been continuing to work on fractions in maths and have been planning and carrying out dissolving and retrieving experiments in science. While they have continued to work hard during their last week of term, they have also taken part in some Christmas activities and had some treats, such as Christmas crafts, watching a Christmas pantomime and having their class party.

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PTA

Thank you to the re-established PTA who have run a number of events over the last few weeks - it has been lovely to see the children enjoy the disco and film night. Thank you for your support with these events.



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 Grace, Kyle, Leo, Isaac P-J and Harrison P-J who have celebrated their birthdays in the last few weeks.

Staffing Changes

After Christmas, we will be welcoming Mrs Stoneman to our Bunwell team. She will be our After School Club Lead everyday. Mrs East is having an operation over the Christmas period and Ms McCulloch will be covering her absence. We wish Mrs East a speedy recovery, as well as welcoming Ms McCulloch to Bunwell.

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 this term to date is 94%. Despite a little dip, we are so pleased to have maintained good attendance through this first term of the academic year.

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
94%	94%	93%	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

We have thoroughly enjoyed the run up to Christmas and would like to share some of the photos with you.



Trust Update

Those of you with long memories will remember that last year when I wrote this piece before Christmas I was taking a sigh of relief that we had made it almost to the end of term without Covid impacting on school. Literally the day after the newsletter went around we had an outbreak in school, so with that firmly in mind I am being much more careful with my words this year, especially with the new variant about. However, please let me reassure you that, whilst we watch with interest what may unfold over the coming weeks, school is ready to face the challenges that come our way. We have no more news than any of you about what might happen - the plan at present is to open in January as normal. However, if called upon we have a strong contingency plan for remote learning if needed (fingers crossed we don't) and that is ready to go. If anything changes we will communicate via dojo in the usual way.

On a different note, as this is the season to give thanks and be grateful, I wanted to take this opportunity to formally thank our amazing staff who, for longer than I can remember, have gone above and beyond in order to ensure that school stays open and the children have the opportunities to learn and thrive. It has been a very trying time since Covid hit us and each day I am proud of the dedication the whole staffing team show - I thank them all for their hard work which goes into making school such a special place.

Lastly, this is the season to be jolly and I don't want to dwell on Covid. I love hearing all the different traditions everyone has at home and how everyone celebrates Christmas in their own way. For many I know this is the time for family board games. I am sure most of us can recount stories of games of Monopoly or Trivial Pursuit that never seemed to end! My children love playing games, especially card games and if you still have some last minute shopping to do you might like to think about getting a game. Besides the huge amounts of fun across all generations of the family, it is a great opportunity for our small children to learn: the discussions that flow improve vocabulary and expression, it teaches turn taking and waiting patiently, which are all vital life skills we have to implement every day in school. Lastly, it teaches us to be gracious in defeat and magnanimous in victory. These good manners are central to school behaviour and will really help cement some of the work we do in school. Whatever you do and wherever you are this festive season, I wish you all a happy and safe Christmas. Thank you for your support this year and best wishes for 2022.

Paul Bunn
CEO

Dates for your Diary



Wednesday 5th January - children return to school

Have a great weekend!

Miss E. Husbands