



# 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.

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### Ladybirds:

Ladybird class have begun to look at their Growing topic. They have started by learning about the lifecycle of plants, planting runner beans and creating their own bean diaries. Ladybird class also created their own garden centre and have learnt about which fruits and vegetables grow in the UK. They have also been ordering vegetables by size, looking at the differences in length and height as well as printing with fruits and vegetables.

### Badgers:

Badgers have been working hard on fractions over the last couple of weeks. They have learned about equivalent fractions as well as adding fractions. In English we have begun to write mystery texts. Learning about suspense and how we can build up tension for the reader. The children had some wonderful ideas when we were solving the mystery of 'Road's End'. Our castles are almost complete! The children have done really well to build structures and develop their team work in designing and building.

### Dates for your diary

**Thursday 10th March**—Foxes to the Sainsbury Centre

**Thursday 24th March** —EY/KS1 to Melsop Farm

**Friday 25th March**—non-uniform day (Easter donation)

**Friday 1st April**—Easter raffle, end of term

**Monday 4th—Tuesday 19th April**—Easter holiday

**Wednesday 20th April**—summer term starts

**Friday 29th April**—school closed (Jubilee Bank Holiday)

**Tuesday 10th May**—Y3/4 to Eaton Vale

**Monday 16th—Wednesday 18th May**—Y5/6 Residential

**Wednesday 25th May** —YN/R to Playbarn

### Attendance

It has been lovely to welcome back almost all the children this week following such a disrupted half term due to COVID-19.

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.

Ladybirds		96%
Hedgehogs		95%
Badgers		91%
Foxes		94%
Whole School		94%

### Hedgehogs:

In our topic lessons, we have continued our learning about farms and in particular, comparing farms in the UK to farms in other parts of the world. In English, we have been reading the Night Zookeeper and have created our own Night Zookeeper outfit, main character and animal. In Maths we have been learning about the names and properties of 2 and 3D shapes through physical activities such as Tangrams, Pattern Blocks and sorting shapes into Carroll diagrams.

### Foxes:

Foxes Class have been learning about decimals in maths this week, and practising techniques for answering comprehension questions in English. In science, they have continued to study The Earth and Space, learning about the phases of The Moon. Y5 have produced some fabulous prints and all of the children thoroughly enjoyed their Roald Dahl themed drama workshop - thank you to Mrs. Taylor for organising this.

### 8 tips to stay safe online

- 1 Be nice to people online. 
- 2 Take care with what you share. 
- 3 Keep personal information private. 
- 4 Check your privacy settings. 
- 5 Know how to report posts. 
- 6 Keep your passwords safe. 
- 7 Never meet anyone in person you've only met online. 
- 8 If you see anything online that you don't like or you find upsetting, tell someone you trust. 

### 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. Book your sessions via Wisepay.

### 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.

## World Book Day

We thoroughly enjoyed Book Day this week and the Roald Dahl workshops which immersed children into the wonderful world of his characters. His books are loved by so many children and I have enjoyed talking to the children about their favourite Roald Dahl book—there is a real range! Thank you for your efforts in the costumes which added an extra layer to the day.

Reading a wide range of books is vital for children as it gives them the opportunity to extend their vocabulary and learn more about the world around them and beyond. We see the impact reading widely has on children's writing; their vocabulary is better, they have more creativity and ideas as well as improved sentence structure.

Research has shown that reading for pleasure is important to children's cognitive development and is a more powerful factor in life achievement than their background. As the author Michael Morpurgo says, "Reading is the one ability, that once set in motion, has the ability to feed itself, grow exponentially and provide a basis from which possibilities are limitless."

At Bunwell we promote reading for pleasure on a daily basis with the books we choose to read in class individually and as whole class stories. We are working together at the moment to plan out the texts we will use across the year groups to make sure that children are being read a wide range of high quality texts to support their writing. This is in addition to our Whole Class Reading lessons. Whole Class Reading enables every pupil to access high quality texts, immersing all pupils in high quality children's literature. Pupils are motivated by reading skills challenges as they improve their fluency, comprehension and engagement with a text.

Please remember to sign your child's reading record whenever you read at home, either a book or Bug Club. It promotes the importance of reading and is a lovely way to spend some time with your child at the end of a busy day. Let us know what they've read or even what you've read to them! Take it in turns, ask each other questions and explore picture books. We have plenty in school, the local library is a wonderful resource and charity shops are an amazing place to find as good as new books.

*'The more that you read, the more things you will know, the more things that you learn, the more places you'll go.'*

– Dr Seuss

## Book Day at Bunwell



The costumes yesterday at Bunwell were fantastic, thank you for the inventiveness, thought and effort which went into them.

Our winners were Beth, India, Freddy, Isaac G, Morgan, Ella-Mae, Eden and Ethan. All these children won a Roald Dahl book as their prize, some were read immediately!

