



Final Bunwell in Brief

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As we approach the end of the summer term, there is a lot to look back on this year and celebrate. This is the first academic year since 2018/19 that the children have spent three terms in schools, despite the covid disruption during the Spring term, it has been great that the children have been able to experience a far more normal year than the previous two years.

Using Sports Premium funding, children have enjoyed trips to the Playbarn, The Nest, Go Ape, Eaton Vale, Whitlingham and Caythorpe Court for the Y5/6 residential. These trips have challenged children to go beyond their comfort zone and try new activities; archery at Eaton Vale was very popular as was paddle boarding at Whitlingham. We will be looking at continuing these trips next academic year, hopefully with a few different experiences.

Children have also enjoyed a year of a broad and balanced curriculum in the classroom; Y1/2 enjoyed learning about the fire of London and even recreated the fire on the Forest School site. Some of the houses were far too impressive to burn! Ladybirds' 'Superhero' topic filtered through into all aspects of school life and it was not unusual to see caped heroes in assembly.

In Foxes, children have learned about World War II and been very lucky to hear first-hand experiences from local people about evacuees in Bunwell and what wartime life was like in rural Norfolk. Badgers threw themselves into learning about the Stone Age and enjoyed a day out at the Time and Tide museum.

Children in Year 5 and 6 have been swimming this term. There is a broad range of swimming abilities in the class with some children having never been to a pool before and others who are competent swimmers. Despite this all the children have made progress and can swim unaided; one child managed to swim 1000m! Learning to swim is an important life skill and could even save your life. Many of the children caught the swimming bug and have said that they would like to continue with lessons if they didn't have them outside school already.

I couldn't write this without special mention of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. What a show! A huge well done to KS2 for their production of Robin Hood. The show was the result of many hours of hard work from the staff in casting, rehearsing, choreographing dances, designing and making the set and props as well as the children in learning their lines and rehearsing and from the parents and families in supplying costumes and helping children learn their lines.

I hope you all enjoyed the show as much as we did. Our Trust CEO, Paul Bunn, said *"I was gripped throughout and on the edge of my seat. I have not laughed so much in ages!"* Parents could not stop talking about it, *"The costumes, the scenery, the direction and most of all the hard work of the children. I didn't stop laughing and smiling all the way through!"*

It has been a great year in so many ways!

Summer Holiday Homework

The six-week summer holiday is a long time for children and as a result, many vital skills get rusty and even forgotten. As a result, we would like the children to continue practicing some of the vital skills they will continue to need in September such as reading regularly and learning their times tables. The long summer holiday is also an ideal time to learn a new skill. This could be any new skill such as learning to ride a bike, learning to swim, learning their 4 X table or even learning to tie their shoe laces. If your child does learn a new skill over the summer, please share the photos via ClassDojo.

We will be running a summer reading challenge on Bug Club over the summer holidays. We challenge children to log into Bug Club at least three times a week, any children who complete the challenge will receive a prize in September.



2021-22 Results

| Reception ELG | GLD 2022 |
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| Bunwell | 50% |

| Phonics Screening | 2022 |
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| Bunwell Y1 | 38% |

| KS1 at the expected standard | |
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| Reading | 64% |
| Writing | 18% |
| Maths | 55% |
| Science | 100% |

| KS2 at the expected standard | |
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| Reading | 57% |
| Writing | 57% |
| Maths | 71% |
| Reading, Writing & Maths | 50% |
| SPAG | 64% |
| Science | 71% |

We are hugely proud of the children who are a real credit to our school and to their families. Our end of key stage data shows a positive picture again this year and reflects the hard work of the children and staff.

2021-22 Attendance

Ladybirds
90%
attendance

Hedgehogs
93%
attendance

Badgers
90%
attendance

Foxes
93%
attendance

Good luck to those children moving on to new schools and we look forward to seeing everyone else back at Bunwell on **Tuesday 6th September**.



Dates for September

Tuesday 6th September – start of term – children return