



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:

Ladybirds have begun investigating their new topic of light and dark. We began by exploring fireworks and bonfire night and will be moving onto stars and space.

Ladybirds have been focusing on 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Nursery have been focusing on the different sounds that can be heard throughout the book whilst Reception have been thinking of different ways to describe each page.

In maths Nursery have been exploring shapes and colour whilst Reception have been becoming increasingly more confident in their number.

Hedgehogs:

We have been very busy in Hedgehogs. In Maths we have been adding and subtracting, the Year 1s have been using concrete resources to help them add two groups together. The Year 2s have been adding/subtracting to the nearest multiple of 10 before using our number bonds knowledge to complete the sum. In English we have started our new Whole Class Reading book all about Amelia Earhart. This links with our new History topic, the history of flight which is being taught by Mrs Simon.

Badgers:

A huge well done to all the children for their amazing history homework on Ancient Egypt. This term our topic will be Rivers. This week we have begun our new writing unit. The children will be writing a diary extract based on Ancient Egypt and have been carrying out research that they can use in their diaries. In maths both Year 3 and Year 4 have been learning new methods for addition and have been practising their times tables.

Foxes:

In English we have been writing stories based on the story-line of Kensuke's Kingdom.

In Geography we have begun our Coasts topic, which is being taught by Mr Baxter. We have learnt about the different features of a coast.

We have also been learning the songs for our Remembrance Service.

Dates for your diary

w/b 14th November—Anti-Bullying Week

Monday 14th November—Caribbean dance workshop—please wear PE kits

Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th December—Nativity performances

Friday 16th December—Christmas service in church—all welcome

Friday 16th December—last day of term

Wednesday 4th January—children return to school

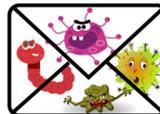
More dates to follow

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.

WEB SAFETY

Never open or respond to unwanted e-mails or messages.



They may contain viruses or nasty messages, or somebody may be trying to trick you.

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: Miss Husbands, Mrs Brookes, Mrs Mitchell (PSA) or Mrs Clarke (Trust Deputy). 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.

Attendance

We do still aim for 96% attendance and hope to achieve this as term goes on. Here are the attendance figures for each class.

Given the circumstances of the last two years, we know that younger children may be susceptible to picking up more bugs and this is seen in our attendance figures.

Ladybirds	83%
Hedgehogs	98%
Badgers	95%
Foxes	96%
Whole School	92%

Headteacher Update

Today, we held our traditional remembrance service in the church. Thank you to all the parents, carers and members of the community who attended our Remembrance Service and well done to Y6 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 5th 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. This is the first Remembrance Day since the war in Ukraine broke out and for the first time since 1945, a war is happening on European soil. We have seen first hand how communities have pulled together to support people fleeing the war and the support our local community has extended to Ukrainian refugees moving here. The events of the last year has made Remembrance Day more current, rather than the historical events of years gone by and shows the importance of the ongoing recognition of such days.



Parent Questionnaires

I recently shared the link to our regular parent questionnaires and would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete them, either online or on paper at parents' evening.

The results of the questionnaire are available [here](#)

In response to a couple of the comments raised, I would really like the school to be able to get more involved with competitive sport. It is something we are working on across the Trust as small schools are not always catered for at the larger competitive tournaments. As a school, we do find it hard to run sporting after school clubs in the winter due to the restrictions on space, but we will look at these again in the spring and summer. Mr Baxter is always keen to run football clubs!

Next week, we have a Caribbean dance workshop taking place for the whole school which links well to the work we did before half term on Black History Month. As the year goes on, we hope to be able to run more of these types of workshops, either for the whole school or for specific classes linked to their topics.

Working with parents and carers is a vital part of what we do and having your feedback allows us to develop our practice.