



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 been super busy practising and performing their nativity 'The Angel Express'.

Ladybirds have been exploring light and dark this term. We have been looking at sources of light inside and out and completing shadow drawings on the playground.

In maths reception have been looking at one more and one less, whilst nursery have been focusing on numbers 1, 2 and 3.

Badgers:

This week in maths we have continued our work on column addition and subtraction. In English we have completed a piece of writing on the short film Rooted. In Geography we have been using atlases to find different rivers around the world and have been using the internet to find out facts about them. We have also made models of the different parts of the river, including the upper, middle and lower course.

Dates for your diary

Friday 16th December—2pm Christmas service in church—all welcome

Friday 16th December—last day of term

Wednesday 4th January—children return to school

Wednesday 18th January—KS2 trip to Norfolk Museum

Tuesday 21st February—Y3/4 Tennis Festival

More dates to follow

Hedgehogs:

In Hedgehogs we have continued writing our own version of the Bear and the Piano story, focussing on adjectives and onomatopoeia. In Maths we have continued our work on addition and subtraction, whilst in PSHE we have discussed bullying. We have also been rehearsing for our nativity and look forward to welcoming Ladybirds and Hedgehogs parents into school to see it.

Foxes:

Foxes Class have completed their stuffed toys in DT - they are really lovely and the children are very proud of them. Many thanks to those parents who donated material and stuffing for them. In maths, the children have been continuing with fractions and in science they have planned and carried out an experiment to investigate the size of shadows. They are very excited to have got to 1000 team points and have chosen an afternoon of Christmas arts and crafts as their reward.

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: 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	85%
Hedgehogs	93%
Badgers	85%
Foxes	93%
Whole School	89%

Headteacher Update

Christmas in primary schools is an exciting and memorable time for both children and staff. As we approach the end of term it is also a good time to reflect. In assembly this week, we spoke about kindness at Christmas and what we can do at this time of year to be kind to those around us. We looked at a reverse advent calendar as well as Action for Happiness' Kindness calendar. Lots of the children shared ideas they had for kind act this month. Please share them with us!

The tree was decorated last week with the children's decorations. Every year it looks a little different and the individual decorations are treasured for many years.

This week we enjoyed our Nativity 'Angel Express.' The children performed to a full house on both occasions and did an incredible job.



We also enjoyed Christmas Dinner this week. The staff and children sat down to enjoy their festive meal together.



After School Club

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Stoneman for all the hard work she has put into organising the After School Club Christmas Night. After the success of our Halloween and Bonfire Night events, she wanted to go bigger for Christmas. As well as seeking hamper donations from local businesses, she has organised the hampers and activities for the evening.

On Monday 12th, we will be running after school club at the village hall with festive activities for all the children booked into the session. We will also be offering all parents and family members the opportunity to drop in for a cup of tea and mince pie. If you have time on your way home from school, even if your child isn't booked in for the whole session, please drop in and see what goes on at After School Club.

Since establishing our Breakfast and After School Club provision in September 2020, it has gone from strength to strength. It is often a selling point when new parents choose Bunwell and children are always keen to be in After School Club.

Mrs Stoneman, along with her team of support staff, offer a wide range of activities and often these are tailored to things the children request or an extension of topics being covered in class. The children help with getting the table set for tea as well as taking food orders from the group. The atmosphere is always calm, friendly and productive.