



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 busy exploring their pirate topic. This has included pirate role play, pictures of stormy seas and lots of water play!

In maths reception have been focusing on combining two amounts together, whilst nursery have been looking at counting different amounts. Ladybirds have also enjoyed reading 'A Squash and a Squeeze' creating their own houses for the little old lady.

Badgers:

This week in English, we have been concentrating on using coordinating and subordinating conjunctions. In maths, we have been looking at length and perimeter.

In science, we conducted an experiment about sound and in geography, we have been learning more about Europe.

Dates for your diary

w/b 13th February—half term & Norwich Science Week

Tuesday 28th February— Fairtrade Café 3:15pm

Thursday 2nd March— World Book Day (bedtime stories)

w/b 6th March—parents' evening throughout week

Tuesday 7th March—Book Bugs & Dragon Tales workshops

Wednesday 8th March—KS1 girls football (TBC)

Thursday 23rd March—Ladybirds to Hulabaloos/HSBC MY Money workshops

Friday 24th March—Y3/4 girls football tournament

Tuesday 28th March—KS1 Castles Day

Wednesday 29th March—Rocksteady concert

More dates to follow

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	87%
Badgers	96%
Foxes	92%
Whole School	90%

Hedgehogs:

We have had a busy few weeks in Hedgehogs! In English we have been designing and creating a leaflet for our own ice theme park. This linked to our art work, where we painted pictures of rollercoasters. In topic we have continued learning about the North and South Pole, with a particular focus on human/physical features. We have also watched a couple of documentaries and pretended we were scientists in the area!

Foxes:

Foxes Class have written wonderful non-chronological reports about an animal of their choice from The Amazon Basin, which ties into with their work on variation and adaptation, leading to evolution, in science. In maths, they have been studying percentages and their relationships with fractions and decimals and in art they have been taking black and white photographs and using these to develop pencil sketches.

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.

Headteacher Update

Earlier this week, we marked Safer Internet Day. The internet is woven through every part of our lives now. There is rarely a day when we don't use the internet, whether it's for keeping in contact with friends and family, staying up to date with news and events, using social media, shopping or gaming. In school we would be lost without the internet; we use it to take the registers, for lesson content, keeping in touch with parents and families and for things such as Times Tables Rockstars.

This year the theme of Safer Internet Day is 'Want to talk about it?' and encourages children to speak up and share any worries about things they see online. It is important that we start conversations on a regular basis about staying safe online. If you are not sure where to begin, these pointers might help:

- Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online
- Ask them about how they stay safe online
- Ask them if they know where to go for help
- Think about how much time you each use the internet.

It can feel that children are a few steps ahead of us when it comes to knowing how to navigate the online world but there are some quick and easy things to put in place.

1. Set parental controls on your children's devices.
2. Set up safe search settings https://safety.google/intl/en_uk/families/
3. Set boundaries—it's never too early to start setting rules about when and for how long children can use their devices. The tricky thing is sticking to the rules!
4. Agree on boundaries about when and where they are allowed to use devices eg. Tech free meal times and no devices kept in their bedroom at night.
5. Check if a site is suitable—many social networking sites have minimum ages—visit the site yourself to see what the content is.

If you need support with setting up controls and parental devices, please let us know and we can support you to do this.

I have challenged the children to have a device free day over half term—some were more keen on this idea than others!

Clubs

After half term, and for the rest of the school year, we will be running a range of after school clubs. These are the clubs which will be running between now and July, we will try and add more to the list as well!

Spring 2—'Art through Experiments' (Tuesday) for Y2, Y3 and Y4 with Mrs Brookes

Spring 2—Dodgeball with Mr Baxter at lunchtimes for Early Years and KS1

Spring & Summer terms—Y5 & Y6 netball club (Thursday) with Mrs Levitt, then for Y3 & Y4 in the last half term before the summer

Summer term—skateboarding club (Wednesday)—half term for KS2 then half a term for Reception and KS1

Summer term—Forest Schools—day and age TBC

We hope we will be able to run some more clubs during the summer term and will share in due course. Look out for letters coming home with your children shortly.