



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 enjoyed exploring their new topic 'Tickets to Ride' focusing on transport and maps. We have had lots of discussions around the transport children use and enjoying poetry from 'All Aboard the London Bus' by Patricia Toht. In maths we have been looking at length and height, comparing the height of the children in class and looking at who can make the longest necklaces. Ladybirds have also begun weeding and sowing seeds in our planters ready for spring!

Hedgehogs:

In English we have been writing a story about dragons. In maths we have continued our work on capacity and volume. In PSHE we have been learning about healthy living and what we need to In RE we have learnt why the Torah is special to Jews. The girls all enjoyed their trip to play football on Wednesday.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 23rd March—Ladybirds to Hulabaloo/HSBC My Money workshops

Friday 24th March—Y3/4 girls football tournament

Tuesday 28th March—KS1 Castles Day

Wednesday 29th March—Rocksteady concert

Friday 31st March— end of term

Monday 3rd April—Monday 17th April—Easter holidays

Tuesday 18th April—children return

Wednesday 19th April—KS2 Skateboarding club starts

Wednesday 26th April—Y5/6 start swimming

Friday 28th April—Badgers & Hedgehogs to Ultimate Ninja

Monday 1st & Monday 8th May—bank holidays

Thursday 18th May—Y5/6 netball competition at UEA

More dates to follow

Badgers:

This week we started our work on the Roman diary and this will link to our history topic about the Romans. In maths we have been learning about fractions and continue to practise our times tables. In DT with Mrs Simon, we cooked biscuits in preparation for adapting the recipe next week. In science we classified different animals and their sub-species.

Foxes:

Foxes Class have been learning about the life and achievements of Charles Darwin and have focussed on his voyage around the world on The Beagle. We have looked at this from a geographical and a historical point of view and the children have completed some fantastic writing that is part diary, part scientific journal. We have begun to look at the fossil record in science and, in DT, the children have started a topic with Miss Husbands: Monitoring Devices. In maths, Y5 have been revisiting number, fractions, decimals and percentages, and Y6 have been learning some algebra.

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 the year 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	★	96%
Hedgehogs		93%
Badgers	★	96%
Foxes		95%
Whole School		95%

Headteacher Update

This week, we have welcome parents and carers into to discuss their children's progress with the class teachers at our parents' evening. Parents' evening gives parents the opportunity to have a conversation about your child's progress and to have a look through their books. Parents' evening is an opportunity for school and parents to listen to each other and continue to work together to ensure a positive impact on children's progress and wellbeing. We are fortunate at Bunwell to have parents who are so engaged and supportive of what goes on at school.

Research consistently shows that when parents are involved in their children's education, children do better on a wide range of aspects. The positive effects include better behaviour, more confidence and self esteem, higher attendance, better outcomes and more engaged in their learning.

Our doors are always open and we believe that early identification and intervention leads to better outcomes for all. If you are worried about something or something is bothering you, please speak to your child's class teacher or myself. We might be able to put your mind at rest, suggest strategies to support you or next steps. Our Parent Support Advisor, Mrs Mitchell, is also available to support you. She is in school every Tuesday but available on the phone throughout the week. More details are on our [website](#).

We aim to share comprehensive information about what the children are learning each term through our regular newsletter and [termly curriculum maps](#) as well as the two year rolling programmes which are on the website. This gives you an idea of the topics your children will be covering as well as some suggestions about what you can do at home to extend and continue their learning.

If there are curriculum areas which you would like more support with or information about, please let us know. Mrs Clarke, our Trust Deputy, is running a Phonics morning for parents with children in Ladybirds or Hedgehogs on Tuesday 14th March. This will be an opportunity to have a chat about phonics as well as taking part in some phonics activities in your child's classroom.

Fairtrade Cooking and World Book Day Activities

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have enjoyed Fairtrade cooking and World Book Day activities .

