



# 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.

## Newsletter 9 - 5th May 2023

### Ladybirds:

Ladybirds have begun their new topic of 'Once upon a time'. We have been focusing on traditional stories such as *Hansel and Gretel*, *Beauty and the Beast* and *The Shoemaker and the Elves*. Ladybirds have enjoyed learning about castles, the people who live in them and the reason they were built. This has included some fabulous role play sessions!

In maths, Reception have been looking at numbers 10-20 as well as looking at adding on varying amounts. Nursery have been focusing on shapes and numbers 5-10. Ladybirds have also begun planting up their vegetable garden, including cucumber, tomatoes and peas!

### Hedgehogs:

We have been very busy in Hedgehogs! After a fantastic trip to Ultimate Ninja, we wrote a recount of the amazing activities. In topic, we have been researching facts about different continents before creating our own fact files. In maths we have been revisiting answering addition and subtraction questions using different methods. In PE we have focussed on sending and receiving, we are applying our skills into competitive games.

### Dates for your diary

**Tuesday 9th-Friday 12th May**—Y6 SATS week

**Thursday 11th May**—Y3/4 Tennis festival

**Tuesday 16th May**— whole school photos

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

**Tuesday 23rd May**—Y6 to Crucial Crew

**Friday 9th June**—Badgers to Thorpe Woodlands

**Friday 16th June**—Sports Day (TBC)

**w/b 19th June**— Bikeability (Y5/6)

**Friday 23rd Jun**—Ladybirds and Hedgehogs to High Lodge

**Thursday 13th July**—Badgers and Foxes to Whitlingham

*More dates to follow*

### Badgers:

This week in Badgers we have been learning about the Royal Family and the Coronation. We have been using this information to answer questions and write information in paragraphs. In maths in Year 4 we have started our work on decimals and in Year 3 we have been reading scales and comparing weights. In Geography we are continuing our work on countries of North America and have been comparing different countries and their climates.

### Foxes:

'Crime and Punishment' and have been referring back to periods of history they have previously studied to compare how law and order was maintained during those times. In maths, they have been covering topics within Statistics, including bar charts, line graphs and tables and, for Year Six, pie charts and finding the mean. In English, they have started their new class reader: 'Holes' and will be using this book as inspiration for some writing over the coming weeks.

### 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.

Attendance has really improved since Easter, it is great to see the children fit and healthy and in school consistently.

Ladybirds	91%
Hedgehogs	96%
Badgers	99%
Foxes	98%
Whole School	96%

## **Headteacher Update**

This week Y6 will be sitting their SATs in grammar, punctuation and spelling, reading and maths. We know how hard the children have worked and that throughout the year the tests have been at the back of their mind. Our SATs breakfast club has set them up for the tests, it is a good job that it is only for one week, the children nearly ate us out of house and home on Tuesday alone!

The SATs assess the children against everything they have learnt throughout the Key Stage 2 curriculum, not just content taught in Y6, it is a culmination of four years work. However, the tests do not assess children on what makes them special and unique. They do not assess the journey the children have taken to get to this point or the progress which they have made over the course of the year.

This particular cohort at Bunwell has always been unique. There are just seven children, in Reception they used to follow Miss Johnson like ducklings. While children have come and gone from the year, they have stuck stubbornly at seven children. The children know each other inside out and are each others greatest advocates and support. When one gets upset, the instinct of the others is to rush to their aid. Breakfast time this week has felt like a family affair—seven siblings eating breakfast around the table together.

As they sit their SATs, we must remember all of the other talents and skills which our children have. Whether it's a creative flair which sees them being able to turn a cardboard box into a superheroes shield, a love of board games, a seemingly endless appetite for new vocabulary and facts, a love of dance and creativity, being unbeatable in basketball or a great friend to all those around them. It is these aptitudes which we see at school and makes the children who they are.

Our jobs as teachers is to teach the children a broad and balanced curriculum, but it is also our jobs to nurture and develop their personal, social and moral education; teaching them how to be a good friend, how to resolve conflict and how to be a responsible member of society.

*"Educating the mind without educating the heart is not education at all" - Aristotle*

## **Coronation Celebrations**

Last week, we marked the King's coronation with a family afternoon tea. We were very lucky with the weather and welcomed most of our families into school for the occasion. We missed the opportunity to hold such events for a long time during the pandemic that it still feels like a treat to be able to open our gates and welcome our families in. I hope you enjoyed joining us for the afternoon.

