



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:

This half term Ladybirds have become Nature Detectives! Ladybirds have been observing and caring for their growing garden and begun talking about the important jobs that different insects do to aid our environment. We are focusing on the book 'Do You Love Bugs?' by Matt Robertson, so far we have learnt about the importance of spiders. In maths, Ladybirds have started to look at doubling amounts.

Hedgehogs:

We have been very busy in Hedgehogs! In maths, the Year 1s have been finding fractions of a shape and number whilst the Year 2's have continued analysing and presenting data. In English, we have started gathering information for a fact file all about sycamore trees. We have been focussing on internet safety in computing lessons and how to deal with certain online situations.

Dates for your diary

Friday 9th June—Badgers to Thorpe Woodlands

Thursday 15th June—HSBC My Money workshops

Friday 16th June—Sports Day

w/b 19th June— Bikeability (Y5/6)

Friday 23rd Jun—Ladybirds and Hedgehogs to High Lodge

Monday 10th July— Hedgehogs to Cricket

Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th—Pirates of the Curry Bean performances (KS2)

Thursday 13th July—Badgers and Foxes to Whitlingham

Wednesday 19th July—Rocksteady concert

More dates to follow

Badgers:

This week in Badgers we have begun our maths topic on money. We have been finding totals of amounts and have been making amounts using the least number of notes and coins possible. Year 4s have also been practising for the times table check that they will do this term. In English we have begun to look at the poem 'Still I Rise' by Maya Angelou, finding out about the rhyming pattern and what the poem is about. In science we will be looking at skeletons and muscles.

Foxes:

Foxes Class have been converting between imperial and metric measures in maths this week and have completed their science unit about growth and reproduction. They were lucky enough to watch a live concert given by the BBC Concert Orchestra, performed specially for schools and streamed live to schools across Norfolk from Great Yarmouth. The theme of the concert was Time Travel and they used a storyteller to link pieces of music together.

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	93%
Hedgehogs	90%
Badgers	94%
Foxes	97%
Whole School	94%



Headteacher Update

Over the last few weeks, Mr Baxter has shared the great news about our two sporting awards; Norfolk PE's Sporting Stars for KS1 and the Gold Schools Games mark. I'd like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank Mr Baxter for all his hard work as PE coordinator this year, he has done a fantastic job in liaising with various outside providers to find a range of sports for our children to take part in.

Experiencing a wide range of sports is a fundamental element of our PE provision at Bunwell Primary School. Our two year rolling programmes cover a broad curriculum of sports. These lessons build on each other so that over time children are developing skills to apply to different activities as well as a comprehensive knowledge of different sports. This is only one part of our PE offer; alongside the curriculum taught in lessons, we recognise it is important for children to experience competition.

Competitions provide the children with the opportunity to apply the skills they have been learning as well as the motivation to achieve a goal, persevere in the face of challenges and understand how hard work can lead to success and achievement. There is also structure to games and rules which are important to the games they are playing. All of these are important life skills to learn. Our netball team visibly grew in confidence when they played the tournament last month. The children themselves recognised the challenges they were presented with, but also their achievements in such a short space of time. When asked about their experience, one of the children said that they had enjoyed acknowledging the other team and shaking hands at the end!



Summer term

This year has flown by and we are approaching the end of the academic year. However, there is still an awful lot to look forward to and celebrate as we move through the summer term.

Next Friday sees us hold sports day. The forecast looks good and we will be using the larger space of the village hall field this year. We hope you are able to join us in cheering on the children.

KS2 are stepping up rehearsals of *'Pirates of the Curry Bean.'* The children were given their parts just after Easter and have been busy learning their lines ahead of rehearsals. Last year's performance of *Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies* set a very high bar, but I have no doubt that the children will match that this year. Shows such as these give children the opportunity to showcase their performance skills; it is something some children will relish and others will prefer roles back stage.

The show itself will be the culmination of many hours of work; for the children (and families) to learn their lines, the songs and dances, for the backstage team to make the props and backdrop as well as sourcing the costumes, for the staff in collating the scripts and allocating parts.

This half term will also see us begin transition events as children in Y6 move on to high school and we welcome new children into nursery and reception, as well as children in other year groups moving on to new teachers. It can be a nerve-racking and anxious time for both the children and their families. We hope that the transition events we have planned and the work we are doing with our local secondary schools will allay any worries that might be surfacing. Please do speak to your child's teacher, me or Mrs Mitchell if you think your child would benefit from some additional support around transition.