



# 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 2—October 2023

### Ladybirds:

Recently in Ladybirds, we have been reading Handa's Surprise and thinking about how the characters would feel when they see each other.

We have been enjoying playing with our dinosaur world which we have created.

In maths we have been working on our counting skills and securing our understanding of numbers to five and beyond. We hope you can join us for our reading morning on Tuesday 7th November.

### Hedgehogs:

In Hedgehogs we have been learning about the properties of 2D shapes and using the right language to describe them. In English, we have been reading *Train Ride*. We have finished reading *Fantastic Mr Fox*, which the children really enjoyed. In Geography, we have been learning about the different oceans and naming them. We have also been learning about Black History Month and the prejudice black people have encountered as well as thinking about how people should treat each other.

### Dates for your diary

w/b 23rd October— half term

Wednesday 1st November—Halloween/Bonfire Night ASC

Tuesday 7th November - parent reading morning

Friday 10th November—Remembrance Service

w/b 13th November—Anti-Bullying Week

Friday 17th November—EYFS open morning (new parents)

Tuesday 21st November— NHS health checks (YR/Y6)

Tuesday 21st November - dental assemblies

Thursday 23rd November—HSBC MY Money workshops

Friday 24th November—CEE Cross Country

Tuesday 28th November—PTA coffee morning

December—School Games Active Advent

Tuesday 5th December—1:30pm nativity performance

Wednesday 6th December—4pm Nativity performance

Wednesday 13th December—Rocksteady concert

Friday 15th December—Christmas film night

Tuesday 19th December—Christingle service (Y3/4)

Wednesday 20th December—end of term

### Attendance

Here at Bunwell we aim for 96% attendance. These are the attendance figures for this half term.

Attendance at the moment is well below where it needs to be. We will continue to monitor individual and class attendance. If your child has repeated periods of absence, our PSA will get in touch to see how we can support your child come back to school. Family holidays will not be authorised and be referred to County where they meet the criteria.

Ladybirds	95%
Hedgehogs	94%
Badgers	93%
Foxes	93%
Whole School	94%

### Badgers:

We have been writing our own stories based on Black Rock. In maths Y3 have been learning to count in 50s and Y4 have been doing Roman numerals.

We finished our history topic about famous explorers with the children creating posters about modern day explorers.

We've enjoyed our first half term as Badgers 2023/24!

### Foxes:

We cannot believe it's the end of a half term already! Time has flown but we've achieved so much already and are really proud of ourselves. In maths we've been doing the 4 operations - addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In English we finished writing our stories and some of us even typed it all up on the computer. We're now looking at writing a balanced argument. Our book is the Anglo-Saxon Boy which we analyse every week and infer from. In history we've been learning all about the Viking invasion, how they settled in England and made agreements with King Alfred the Great. In science we've been doing experiments every week, all based around solids, liquids and gases and seeing how materials react differently to things. In art we've just finished our topic of architecture where we've designed our own monuments. In Spanish we've learnt all the Spanish greetings and have just started learning colours. Computing sees us learning all about being safe online and how to tell if something is not right. In music we've been doing a lot of singing and performed to the receptions this week! We got incredible feedback, and enjoyed performing so much that we now want to perform to some other classes! In PSHE we've celebrated 'Being Me' and how we are all different. We also joined a live webinar with some police officers and learnt about hate crimes and what to do if you see something or feel like you're being targeted. We hope you have a happy and restful half-term and look forward to seeing you all in a week!



### 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

Every year, during the Autumn Term, we hold elections for our school council. Candidates from KS2 make posters outlining why they would make a good school councillor and how they would like to improve the school. Then two children from each class are democratically elected to represent the pupils in that class. The children in KS2 voted with ballot papers and voting booths, kindly donated by the local elections recently held in the village, before posting their votes into the ballot box.

Teaching the children about democracy is an important part of our curriculum and school values, it is one of the cooperative values which our MAT is built on and we strongly believe that we should give our children a say in the way we run our school. Sometimes those suggestions, such as a swimming pool on the playground, are not realistic, but rewarding the class with the best weekly attendance is something which has been suggested and is a sensible and achievable suggestion.

The children have also been learning about democracy through their PSHE lessons. In KS1 this focuses on children rights and responsibilities, how they can make their community a better place and their role within this. As the children move into KS2 they think about their role in their school community, how democracy works through school council and how their decisions can affect others. In Year 5 and 6 the children build on their previous knowledge and apply this beyond their community to understand that for many children the universal rights are not met, how their individual behaviour and actions can affect a wider group. These threads weave together over the children's primary school life to help develop their social, moral and cultural understanding.

Our school council meets with Mrs Charlton monthly to discuss and plan how they can be a force for good in our school and community. Children in Early Years and KS1, hold a vote in class with children putting themselves forward to represent their class.

This year our school councillors are:

Ladybirds	Hedgehogs	Badgers	Foxes
Albert	Harrison	Hollie	Hugh
Ophelia	Sophia	Lily	Elliott



## Before and After School Club

In September 2020, we began our before and after school club provision at Bunwell. We know that for working parents having wrap around care at school can be really useful.

Our breakfast club is staffed by the teachers on a rota. Doors open at 7:45am and children are served toast, cereal or fruit.

Mrs Stoneman and a rota of support staff run after school club until 5:30pm. There is a light meal such as sandwiches, pasta, soup or toasties. Sessions cost £5 for breakfast club and £9 for after school club. Book your sessions via Wisepay or contact us if you wish to use tax free childcare vouchers.

Throughout the year we run themed after school club nights such as our forthcoming Autumnal Night where children will enjoy a bonfire night campfire and spooky Halloween activities.

The children thoroughly enjoy the sessions and it is always rewarding to see family feel to the evenings with children making different friends.

## Remembrance Service

Every year we hold a Remembrance Service in Bunwell church led by Year 6.

It is an opportunity for the community to come together and remember those from our local area who have lost their lives in conflict. It is also a time to think about the ongoing and new conflicts which are being fought around the world and remembering why we strive for peace in our world.

The children in Foxes, and other classes, work hard to learn about Remembrance Day, at an age appropriate level.

Not only does the event bring the community together, but it gives the Year 6 children the opportunity to speak in a public forum and develop their confidence in such an environment.

We hope that you and your family can come and mark the occasion with us once again.