



Final Bunwell in Brief

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This week has made me enormously proud of being Headteacher here at Bunwell. It is weeks like these which pull everything together and you see the culmination of the effort which has been put in over weeks and months.

Our oldest children have been visiting their high schools over the last few weeks. All have gone confidently and positively; they have the foundations and security from school and home to make these visits. We have also welcomed our new Nursery and Reception children to settling in sessions. Miss Bennett has visited the children in their pre-school settings over the last few weeks to get to know the children before they came to school.

Last week marked the release of KS2 SATs results. Our Y6 children did incredibly well and I am very proud of them all. While SATs might be taken in Y6, they are the result of seven years of work which builds year on year. Children need to solid foundations created in Early Years which are then built on each year to enable them to progress and achieve as well as they can. The progress of these children, particularly in maths, over the course of the last year is outstanding. All the children deserve to be very proud of their success.

Last week also heralded the KS2 show, What a Knight. The children across Badgers and Foxes have worked incredibly hard to learn their lines, the songs and dances as well as the skills needed to perform to an audience and with the other characters. The children all deserve credit for what they've achieved, but a special mention needs to go to those children who sang solos which takes an extra degree of confidence and self-assurance. The feedback we have had from the audience has been positive and everyone left with a smile on their face, some humming the songs.

Foxes have been attending weekly swimming lessons at Wymondham Leisure Centre since Easter. It is the National Curriculum expectation that all children will be able to swim 25 metres by the time they leave primary school. This year two thirds of the Y6 cohort achieved 50m, a huge achievement! Swimming has been the high point of the week for many of the children. I have accompanied the children a couple of times and the children are the quickest and most well organised at getting changed – there are never any stray socks left in the changing rooms!

Looking back on this academic year, it is difficult to know where to start. We have achieved the Gold School Games mark for the second year in a row as well as the Platinum Norfolk Sporting Stars award for both KS1 and KS2. Talking to the children about what their favourite memories are of the last year, many of them mention events which have contributed to us achieving these awards. Children in Hedgehogs remember the girls football tournament, sports day and the go karting at Eaton Vale. Badgers thoroughly enjoyed the tag rugby tournament they attended at Wymondham Rugby Club and the trip Thorpe Woodlands. The trip to Whitlingham is a firm favourite amongst the children in Foxes. The children in the netball team learnt many skills about competition and sporting matches when they played at UEA, improving their placing from second bottom to second top. These trips and events have added a huge amount to the children's experience of the all-round PE curriculum and we will be building on events such as the Trust cross country held in the autumn term.

Staff are already planning events for next academic year. Miss Bennett has been organising the Ladybirds and Hedgehogs Christmas performance and Mr Baxter has been liaising with Trust colleagues to plan in the first dates for sporting events.

This year also marked relaunching the PTA. I was not optimistic that we would manage to get enough volunteers to get it off the ground, but I couldn't have been more wrong. We have set ourselves a very high bar indeed, raising over £6,000 since November. This would not have been possible without the commitment of the committee members, Sue, Sam, Jodie and Natalie as well as other regular volunteers (particularly Kelly) who have worked really hard to plan, organise and deliver events to our children. I cannot thank them enough for what they have achieved.

2023-24 Results

Reception ELG	GLD 2024	GLD 2023
Bunwell	57%	55%

Phonics Screening	2024	2023
Bunwell Y1	60%	40%
Bunwell Y2	86% (92% of cohort)	80% (90% of cohort)

KS2 (Y6) at the expected standard		
	2024	2023
Reading	75%	71%
Writing	50%	43%
Maths	81%	57%
Reading, Writing & Maths	50%	43%
SPAG	63%	71%
Science	94%	100%

We are hugely proud of the children who are a real credit to our school and to their families. Our end of key stage data shows a positive picture again this year and reflects the hard work of the children and staff.

2023-24 Attendance

Ladybirds
92%
attendance

Hedgehogs
92%
attendance

Badgers
95%
attendance

Foxes
95%
attendance

A reminder to families that the rules around term time holidays are changing from September. The fine for children being taken out for a week or more will increase to £160 per child and there will be further fines and the possibility of being taken to court if children are taken out of school for subsequent family holidays.

Good luck to those children moving on to new schools and we look forward to seeing everyone else back at Bunwell on **Wednesday 4th September**.



Dates for September
Wednesday 4th September – start of term – children return

