



10/01/2024

# Oxhey Newsletter



## A message from Mrs Jukes

Dear parents and carers,

I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We have certainly been reminded that it's winter with the snowy weather this week! Ensuring the safety of our pupils, staff, and families is always our top priority. We know that unplanned closures can create disruptions, and we're grateful for your flexibility and cooperation. Thank you and to our fabulous site staff for their hard work. Fingers crossed that the temperature warms up a little!

Over the last few days, I have enjoyed visiting classes and seeing all the children enjoying their learning. Welcome to all our new Oxhey families who have joined us this term. We are very proud of how the nursery pupils have settled in.

Finally, I have some wonderful news to share with you... Miss Barnett has had a baby boy, named Harry. He's adorable and we cannot wait to meet him for a cuddle very soon.

Have a great weekend from Mrs Jukes and the Oxhey Staff Team.



## Diary Dates

### Young Voices



6th February

### Faith in Focus week

W/C 10th February

### Valentines Disco



13th February

N 2.30-3pm

R, Y1, Y2 3.15-4pm

Y3 & Y4 4.15-5.15pm

### Last day of term

14th February

### Half term

17th - 21st February

### School re-opens

24th February

### World Book Day



6th March

KS1 Shine Morning

12th March

KS2 Shine Morning

13th March

### Class

### Attendance

### This Week's Winners

Sparkly Spiders	100%
Fabulous Foxes	98%
Terrific Turtles	98%
Perfect Pandas	99%
Amazing Alligators	98%
Marvellous Meerkats	91%
Outstanding Owls	99%

Sparkly Spiders



### Tiger club

A reminder that bookings are now made via Arbor. Failure to book may result in your child being turned away.

Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.  
This week, our school attendance was 97.4%

# Rewards and Celebrations



## Pupils of the Week & TIGER Learners

- LL Isla P, Jonah,  
Finley & Pippa-Mae
- SS Issac & Joey
- TT Olive & Jacob
- PP Freddie & Freya
- AA Paige & Willow
- MM Riley & Millie
- DD Rome & George B
- FF Jacob A & Freddie



## TT Rockstars

- 1st place**  
Sophia, Stanley, Theo
- 2nd place**  
Milo, Ruby, George B
- 3rd place**  
Jack Hu, Isaac, Elys
- Most improved**  
Myla, Tyler, Robyn



## Numbots

### Winning class

- AA - Sophia
- PP- Henry
- TT - Ollie



## House points

Ravenclaw	557
Slytherin	630
Gryffindor	703
Hufflepuff	1024

## Ready, Steady, Read!

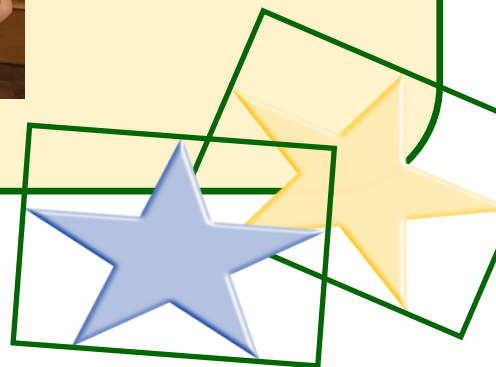
The results are based on the number of children who have read four or more times in the week.



**Starts again next week**



## WOW awards.....



### Safeguarding Tab

As you know, we have a safeguarding tab on our school website. It has a wealth of information and support for anyone needing safeguarding advice and support on a range of safeguarding matters including: mental health, domestic abuse, child criminal exploitation, radicalisation, bereavement, general parenting advice and online /e-safety.

Please have a look and feel free to signpost this to other parents/families that require support in the wider community.

[Safeguarding – Oxhey First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)

Thank you for your continued support.

### **#WakeUpWednesday**

*#WakeUpWednesday* aims to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills that they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health & wellbeing; and climate change & sustainability.

Relevant to all parents and educators, from early years through to secondary school, the *#WakeUpWednesday* resources can be accessed both on a desktop and via our *#WakeUpWednesday* app, providing instant and easy access to world-class expertise in the areas they need the most anytime, anywhere.

This week I would like to direct your attention to **What Parents & Educators Need to Know about YouTube** [Free Online Safety Guide | YouTube](#)

# Notice Board

## FROM PRAM TO PRIMARY SCHOOL



6 week virtual course starting over  
 Microsoft Teams  
 Monday 27th January 2025  
 10-12pm  
 Tuesday 28th January 2025  
 17:30-19:30pm

Would you like to feel more confident in your parenting? Would you like to learn more about your child's behaviours and their emotional development? Then Pram to Primary might be the course for you!

We offer free courses for parents of 0-11 year olds with both face-to-face and virtual options available.

To register your interest, please contact:  
[Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk)



## SIMPLY PLAY FOR BABIES 0-12 MONTHS



Scan the QR code for more information

10 Weeks sessions starting  
 @Wow Hub St Edwards  
 Street Leek  
 Tuesday 4th February 2025  
 12:45-14:45pm

Would you like to learn more about your Baby's development? Would you like to find new ways of supporting them through play? Then Simply Play for Babies might be the course for you!

We offer free courses for parents of 0-1 year olds in a stay and play format, so you can enjoy quality time with your little one alongside learning.

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[groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk)  
 to book your place



## SIMPLY PLAY!



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All Saints First School Leek  
 Starting Thursday 6th February 9:30-11:30pm

Would you like to learn more about your child's development? Would you like to find new ways of supporting them through play? Then Simply Play might be the course for you!

We offer free courses for parents of 0-4 year olds in a stay and play format, so you can enjoy quality time with your little one alongside learning.

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## Present amnesty!

Do you have any duplicate gifts, games, boxes of chocolates/sweets, bottles, toiletries sets, candles, etc., that you don't want?

Oxhey PTFA would gratefully receive any such donations for use at our future events.

Please pop any items into the school office before the end of January.

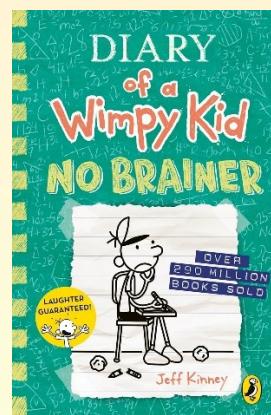
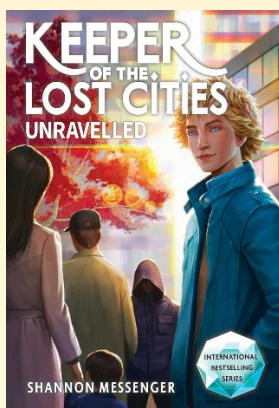
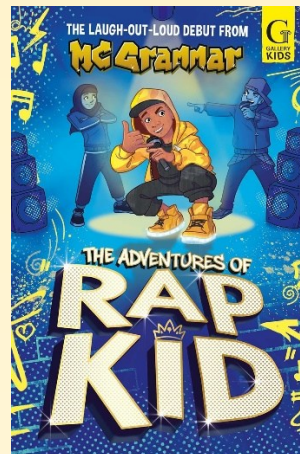
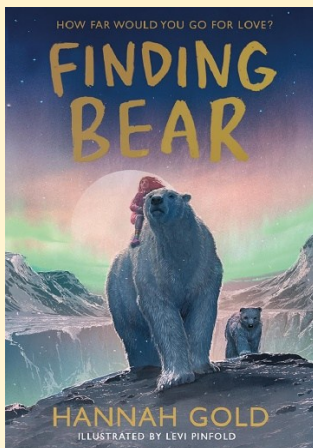
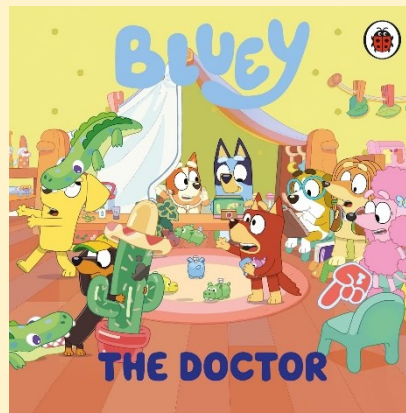
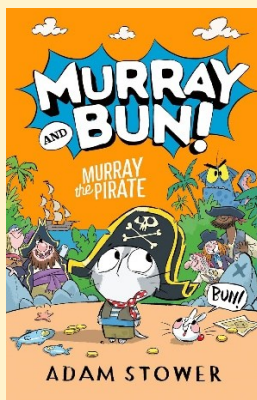
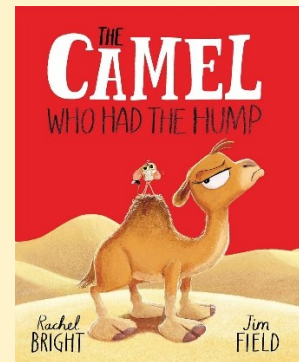
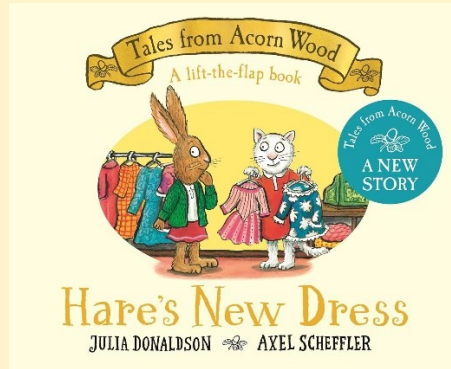
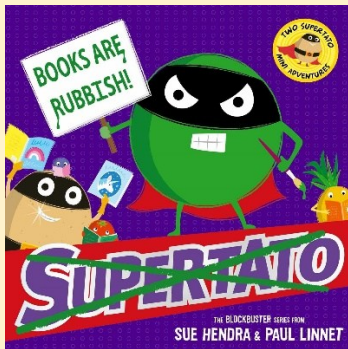


Thank you and happy 2025 from Oxhey PTFA!



# What's new in Key Stage 1 & 2?!..

Here are our half-termly book recommendations!





# ATTENDANCE

## WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME

# 1

I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.

Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

# £160



# 2

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN.



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 1 parent = £640**

Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

## IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE

# 10 IN 10

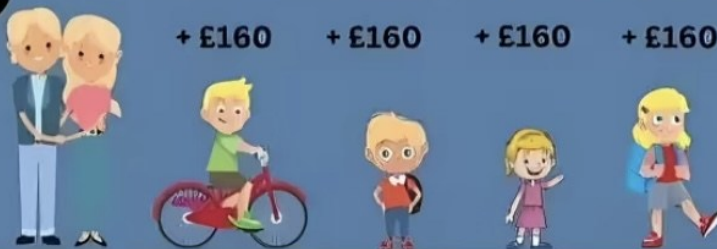
# 5

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised. The school will consider prosecution.

**1** Day = **2** Sessions

# 3

## FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS



+ £160 + £160 + £160 + £160

**4 children & 2 parents = £1280**

Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

# 4

### 2ND TIME

2 parents and  
1 child = £320  
2 children = 640  
3 children = 960  
4 children = 1280

**No discount for early payment**



### 3RD TIME

A penalty notice fine will not be given. Instead, your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child  
**1 parent & 4 children = £10,000**  
**2 parents & 4 children = £20,000**