



17/01/2024

# Oxhey Newsletter



## A message from Mrs Holt

What another busy and enjoyable week we have had! We have been pleased to welcome Create Music into school to provide guitar tuition and it has been lovely to hear music floating through the corridors! The children have also enjoyed a lovely assembly delivered by Sue Davies and her wonderful puppet, Super Boris!

KS1 have taken part in the Change for Life festival this week and, as always, behaved impeccably. Thank you to all the helpers who volunteered to walk the children to the festival, enabling us to take part.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, carers and family members that joined us for the Marvellous Meerkats Forest School Parent Engagement session -we hope you enjoyed the muddy mayhem and the last of the snow!

Don't forget to check out Facebook for photos of all the fun!  
Wishing you a lovely weekend, from Mrs Holt and all of Team Oxhey



## Diary Dates

Young Voices

6th February



NSPCC Number day

7th 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

Y2 Stafford Castle trip

5th March

World Book Day

6th March

KS1 Shine Morning

12th March

KS2 Shine Morning

13th March

EYFS Shine Morning

14th March

Science Week

14th March



**Class**

**Attendance**

**This Week's  
Winners**

Sparkly Spiders

99%

Perfect Pandas

Fabulous Foxes

98%

Terrific Turtles

99%

Perfect Pandas

100%

Amazing Alligators

97%

Marvellous Meerkats

99%

Outstanding Owls

98%



**School Matters!**



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.  
This week, our school attendance was 99%



Don't forget to follow us on Facebook to see what we get up to during our time at school.

# Rewards and Celebrations



## Pupils of the Week & TIGER Learners

- LL Owen, Emilia  
Frank & Alexandra
- SS Sebastian & Elsie S
- TT Rosalie & Carter
- PP Caleb & Alissia
- AA Riley & Maeve
- MM Charlie & Myla
- DD Poppy & Ralphie-Joe
- FF Tyler & Summer



## IT Rockstars

### 1st place

Theo  
Isaac H  
Callum

### 2nd place

Hollie  
Thomas P  
Milo

### 3rd place

Toby B  
Tyler  
Sienna

### Most improved

Ralphie-Joe



## Numbots

### Winning class

AA - Kai

PP- Henry

TT - Carter



## House points

Ravenclaw	485
Slytherin	630
Gryffindor	703
Hufflepuff	712

## Ready, Steady, Read!

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



1st Terrrific Turtles 96%

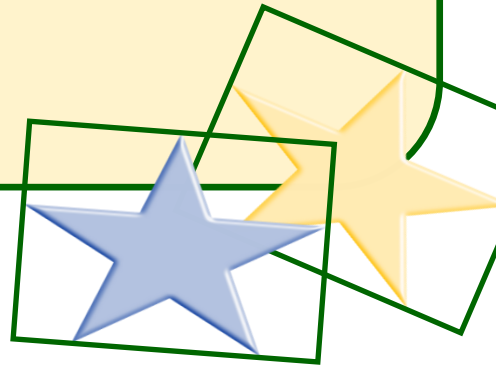
2nd Sparkly Spiders 90%

3rd Amazing Alligators 63%

Well done to everyone who read and took part in the challenge last 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 **Parents guide to Roblox**.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/roblox-2022>



# In the spotlight this week.....

**Overall Progress**

**67% Total**  
towards Accreditation

## Help us to become a National Online safety certified school for 2024-25

- Follow the link as a parent and sign up to the national college website- it's free!
  - <https://v2.nationalcollege.com/enrol/oxhey-first-school>
- Complete the 30min course- 'Annual award in online safety for parents of children 3-7' or '7-11.'

Annual Award in Online Safety for Parents of Children 3-7

Myleene Klass  
Advocate of protecting children on the internet

Supporting Parents & Carers

Course | 31min | 7 modules | ★★★★★ 48 reviews

Developed by our safeguarding experts and presented by TV presenter, musician and passionate online safety advocate, Myleene Klass, this course takes you on a detailed journey through your child's digital habits, explaining the type of online world they're experiencing now, what risks they might be exposed to and just what you can do to support.

▶ START LEARNING    ⊕ TO WATCHLIST

- Follow the link on the whole school newsletter each week for 'Wake up Wednesday- what parents and carers need to know about...' for free advice and guidance about the apps children are using online.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about Roblox

Clare Godwin  
Experienced video game journalist


Gaming | Supporting Parents & Carers

Guide | ★★★★★ 7 reviews

This free online safety guide focuses on Roblox. It highlights a number of risks such as online daters, in-app purchases and contact with strangers.

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Guide complete 🏆 View my learning record






## 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!

OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL

# DISCO

THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY

NURSERY	2:30-3:00	£3 FOR SNACKS/EXTRAS
REC, Y1 & Y2	3:15-4:00	£5
Y3 & Y4	4:15-5:15	£5

Price includes: Entry, drinks, crisps, sweets, tattoo, face art & games

PLEASE PROVIDE TO THE OFFICE BY 11TH FEB:

- CORRECT MONEY IN AN ENVELOPE
- CHILDS NAME & CLASS
- ALLERGIES OR INTOLERANCES - PTFA DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO THIS DATA IN SCHOOL THEREFORE IT MUST BE PROVIDED HERE



# 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.

To register your interest, please contact:  
[groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk)  
 to book your place



## SIMPLY PLAY!



Scan the QR code for more information

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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## HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND

FINANCIAL WELLBEING WORKSHOPS  
 "BUILDING FIRMER FOUNDATIONS"



Funded by UK Government

Are you struggling with your personal finances or concerned about the cost of living?

If so, would you like ...

- To identify and overcome your barriers?
  - To receive some tips that will help you make your money go further, reduce costs, and leave you feeling more hopeful?
  - To talk about how financial difficulties can impact our wellbeing.
- If so, we are running weekly workshops in your local district.



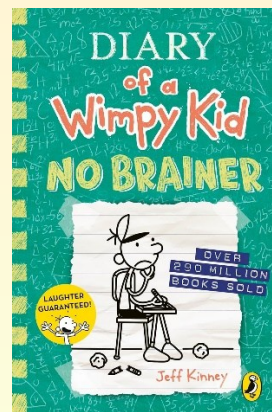
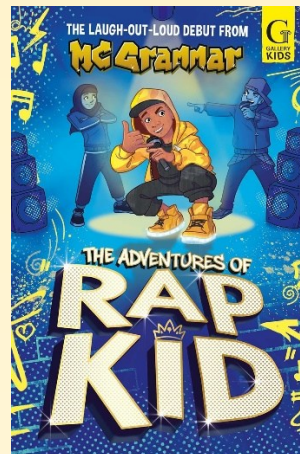
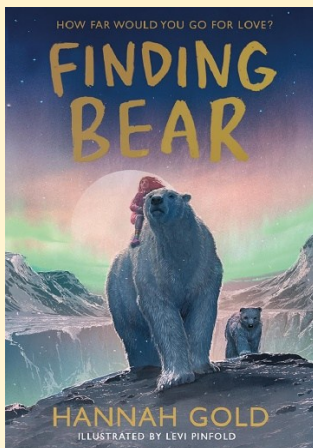
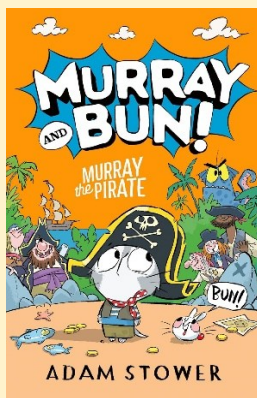
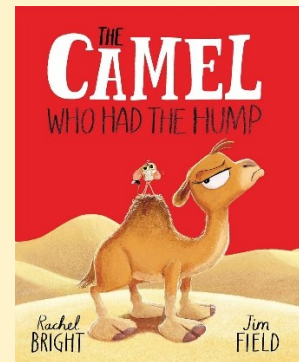
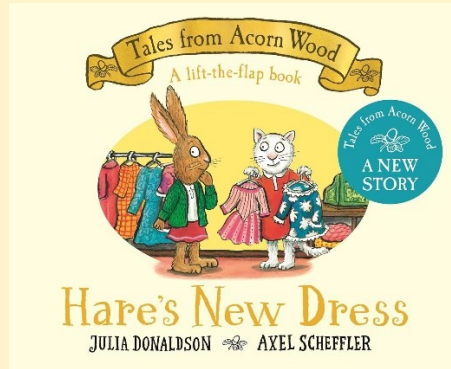
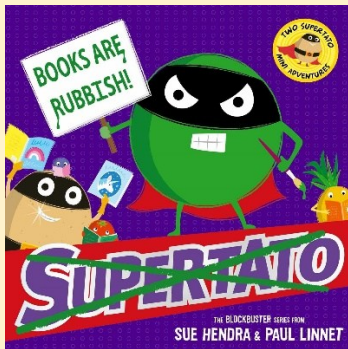
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE, OR FOLLOW THIS LINK WHICH WILL TAKE YOU TO OUR WORKSHOP SIGN UP FORM  
<https://forms.office.com/E/ZAKFU7XPP?ORIGIN=LPLINK>

For any additional support please contact -  
[financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk)



# 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**