

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Jukes

Dear parents and carers,

I cannot believe there are only two weeks of this half term left! We have some exciting events before we break up with Mental Health Week, Young Voices, NSPCC Number Day and the PTFA Valentines disco. Oxhey choir have been practising the songs in preparation for their performance at the Co-op Live arena on Thursday. Keep an eye out for all the photos on Facebook.

Please can I draw your attention to the CFLP spring safeguarding newsletter in the spotlight. It includes information about private fostering, E-safety, staff training, school policies and the upcoming Safer Internet Day on 11th Feb. I hope you find it informative. It will be added to the school's safeguarding page [Safeguarding – Oxhey First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)

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



Diary Dates

YOUNG VOICES & EYFS STARDOME

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
Sparkly Spiders	88.89%
Fabulous Foxes	95.17%
Terrific Turtles	90.04%
Perfect Pandas	92.5%
Amazing Alligators	89.58%
Marvellous Meerkats	96.3%
Outstanding Owls	98.52%

This Week's Winners

Outstanding Owls



School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.
This week, our school attendance was 93.09%



Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme is 'Know yourself, Grow Yourself!' Children will be engaging in lots of different activities throughout the week to explore this theme – keep an eye on Facebook!

Rewards and Celebrations



Pupils of the Week & TIGER Learners

LL Charlotte, Oscar,
Thea, Isla B
SS Etta, Bella G
TT Matthew, Oaklin
PP Brooke, Alfred
AA Henry, Freddie
MM Niamh, Ayla
OO Isobelle T, Harriet
FF Annabelle, Jacob HK



TT Rockstars

1st place
Jack H, Tyler S, Hollie

2nd place
Annabelle W, Stanley,
George M

3rd place
Charlie B, Ruby, Isla Ch

Most improved
Ayla, Elijah, Robyn



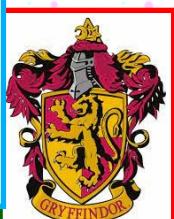
Numbots

Winning class
Perfect Pandas

AA Isabelle

PP Henry

TT Ollie



House points

Ravenclaw	515
Slytherin	698
Gryffindor	747
Hufflepuff	463

Ready, Steady, Read!

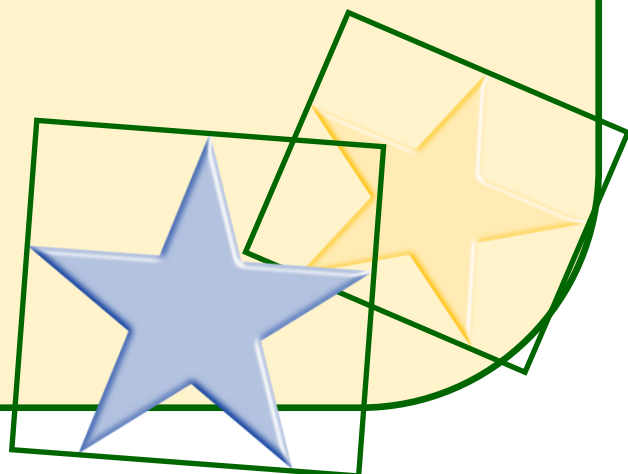
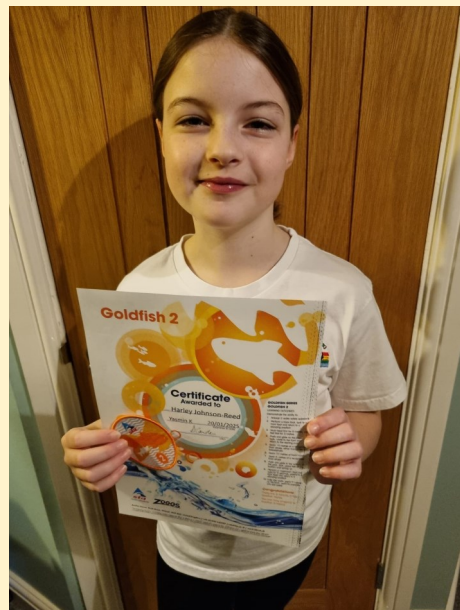
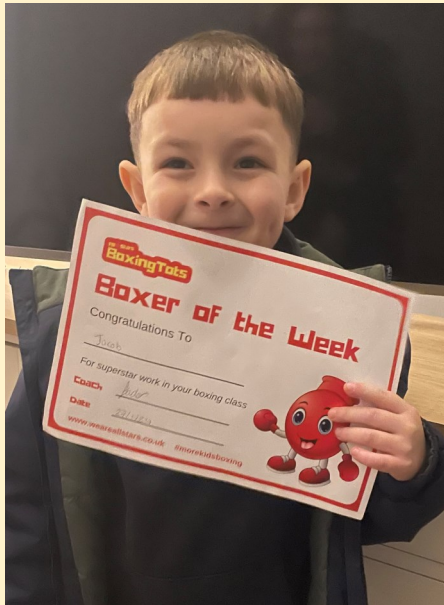
The results are based on the number of children who have read four or more times in the week.



1st Sparkly Spiders and
Terrific Turtles **100%**
2nd Marvellous Meerkats **73%**
3rd Perfect Pandas **67%**

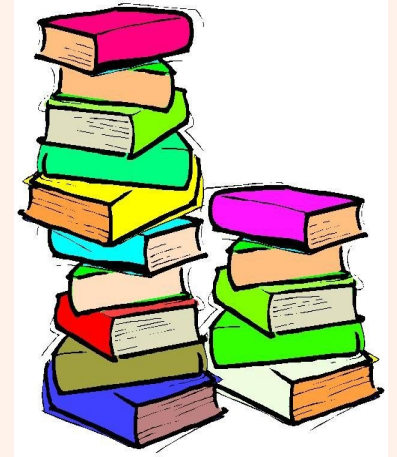
Well done to everyone who read and took part in the challenge last week.

WOW Awards





Coming soon ...
World Book Day -



Thursday 6th March 2025

At Oxhey, we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6th March 2025. This years theme is **'Read Your Way'**.

On this day we are inviting children to come to school dressed as their favourite story book character.

As part of our World Book Day celebration we will be holding a Whole School Competition. We are asking children to create a reading den at home and to take a picture of themselves reading in their den for our competition. Please print out the pictures and bring them into school during the week beginning - 3rd March 2024. Winners will be announced on Thursday 6th March.

As part of the celebration we have organised an author visit for Friday 7th March. More information regarding this event will follow.

In the spotlight this week ...



Spring Safeguarding Newsletter



What is Private Fostering?

Private fostering is when a child or young person under 16 years old (or 18 if they have a disability) is looked after for 28 days or more by someone who is not a close relative, guardian or person with parental responsibility. Close relatives include parents, step parents, aunts, uncles and grandparents. It is not private fostering if the arrangement was made by a social worker at Staffordshire County Council or if the person looking after the child is an approved foster carer.

People become private foster carers for all sorts of reasons. Private foster carers can be a friend of the child's family, or be someone who is willing to care for the child of a family they do not know.

Why do you need to notify Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership if you are privately fostering a child?

Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership (SSCP) will arrange to make regular visits to see how the child has settled with you and provide you with support. SSCP will also be able to help you with practical information and advice, as well as details about benefits that may be available to you. SSCP will work in partnership with the child, parents and private foster carer to ensure that the best possible arrangements are in place for the child. This includes: visiting the parent(s), the child and private foster carer helping to make sure that the child's holistic needs including racial, cultural, linguistic and religious needs are being met.

To find out more about Private Fostering or to tell someone that you think a child might be privately fostered you can call: The SCAS team on: 0300 111 8007 Select option 1, then 3.

Or you can go on-line: staffordshire.gov.uk/privatefostering or click the link: [What is Private Fostering? | Foster For Staffordshire](#)

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County Council

Private Fostering



Is your child living with another family?
Are you looking after someone else's child?

Call: 0300 111 8007 Select option 1, then 3.

staffordshire.gov.uk/privatefostering



Staff Training, Key Documents and Policies



In the autumn term our Designated Safeguarding Leads attended the termly update led by Staffordshire Safeguarding Children's Partnership which covered a range of topics including: hate crime, looked after pupils, attendance, RADY (raising attainment of disadvantaged youngsters) PSHE support and knife crime prevention.



All school staff completed Level 1 Safeguarding training in September 2024 to ensure their knowledge and understanding is up to date. Weekly safeguarding briefings continue to be held to refresh key safeguarding topics. Since the beginning of the academic year we have reviewed various safeguarding policies. These include:

- Attendance Policy
- PREVENT Policy and Action Plan
- Child on Child Abuse Policy
- Safer Recruitment Policy
- Restrictive Physical Intervention Policy

Click here to view our safeguarding policies: [Policies & Procedures - Oxhey First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)



Safer Internet Day Tuesday 11th February 2025



Children should feel safe at all times. This includes when they are online. We have an E-Safety Policy which is regularly reviewed and updated. Staying safe in the virtual world is regularly discussed in class and in assemblies to further promote the importance of this.

This year, Safer Internet Day has the theme of "Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online". Awareness of this topic will be focussed on in lessons in an age-appropriate way. Click here for more information: [Safer Internet Day 2025 - UK Safer Internet Centre](#)

National Online Safety is a multi-award winning digital training provider with extensive resources in online safety, developed in line with the Department of Education's statutory requirements.

We regularly email posters to offer advice, support and helpful tips for increasing internet safety in the home. These posters provide information on filters, time-limits and safety settings on various apps and devices as well as some of the risks of social media platforms that parents may not be aware of.

Please click on the link below for lots of useful resources and support for staying safe online including National Online Safety factsheets:

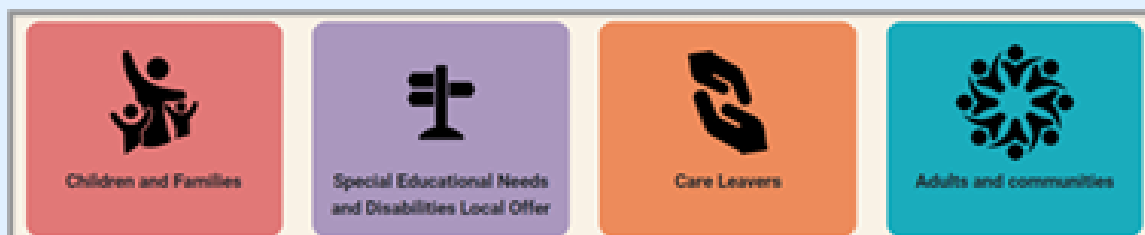
[E-Safety - Oxhey First School | Biddulph | Staffordshire](#)



Don't forget to also download the free National Online Safety App which can help you keep up-to-date with new developments in keeping your child/ren safe.



Staffordshire Connects is a service that allows parents /carers to search and find help & support in their community under the 4 following headings:



Click here: [Staffordshire Connects](#)



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

Job Vacancy

Knypersley First School currently have a vacancy for a Cleaner.

The position is for 10 hours per week, 2 hours per day term time (inc inset days) plus 4 weeks. There may be the potential for additional cleaning hours within an external building located on their grounds as and when required. The hourly rate for this post is £12.26

If you are interested in finding out more please call into the school office or call 01782 973810 for further details.

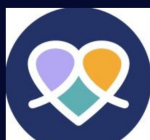
This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people / vulnerable adults and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This position is subject to a criminal records check from the Disclosure and Barring Service (formerly CRB) which will require you to disclose details of all unspent and unfiltered spent reprimands, formal warnings, cautions and convictions in your application form.

It is an offence to apply for this position if you are barred from engaging in regulated activity.

<https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/CFLP-Child-Protection-Safeguarding-Policy-2>

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



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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/ZAKFUY7XPP?ORIGIN=LPLINK

For any additional support please contact -
financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk