

05/09/2025



# Oxhey Newsletter



## A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

Welcome back! Every September, it's such an exciting and very special occasion when we welcome everybody back to school. We do hope you have had an enjoyable summer and managed to have lots of fun and some quality family time. We have also welcomed our brand-new little ones as they have made their first steps into school life at Oxhey! A very warm welcome to all our new children and families. There has been a lovely atmosphere in school over the first few days, as everyone has been very busy learning new routines, spending time getting to know each other and catching up on holiday news. Our first priorities are, as always, about ensuring we build strong relationships in classrooms between pupils and staff and also spend time focussing on our golden rules: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Ready. Well done everyone for making such a fantastic start! We can't wait to see your brilliance shine!

The main gate will open at 8:45am every morning by a member of our leadership team. This half term, you'll see Mrs Proffitt (Head of School) every Monday and Wednesday, Mrs Holt (Assistant Headteacher & SEND-Co) every Tuesday and Thursday and Mrs Taylor every Friday. Staff will be welcoming children into their classroom from 8:50am. We kindly encourage everyone to arrive on time so that children can begin their day calmly and confidently, ready to learn. The main gate will close at 9:00am every morning to ensure we can all make a prompt start to the day.

Have a lovely weekend!  
From The Oxhey Team



## Diary Dates

**EYFS Early Reading & Phonics Workshop (5.15-5.45)**  
15th September

**KS1 Early Reading & Phonics Workshop (5.15-5.45)**  
18th September

**Y4 Standon Bowers/MTC/TT Rockstars Meeting 5.15-6.00pm**  
25th September

**Macmillan Coffee morning**  
26th September

**Food bank donations for Harvest**  
w/b 29th September

**KS1 & KS2 Harvest Service**  
2nd October

**World Smile Day**  
3rd October

**EYFS Harvest assembly for Parents (9.15 & 2.15)**  
3rd October

**Autumn Parents Evening**  
9th October

**School photos**  
10th October

Class	Attendance
Sparkly Spiders	100%
Fabulous Foxes	99%
Terrific Turtles	96%
Perfect Pandas	100%
Amazing Alligators	100%
Marvellous Meerkats	98%
Outstanding Owls	98%
Marvellous Meerkats	98%



If any of your details have changed over the summer holidays e.g. address or contact numbers, it's really important that you log onto Arbor and update them, each child should have at least 3 emergency contacts, if your child only has 2, please add a 3rd. Thank you! If you wish to change any of your child's consents, please email [office.oxh@cflptrust.co.uk](mailto:office.oxh@cflptrust.co.uk) to confirm what you want to amend. Many thanks.

Whole school attendance target is **96.4%**.  
This week, our school attendance was **98.3%**



# In the spotlight this week .....

Don't forget to complete your  
Summer Reading Challenge

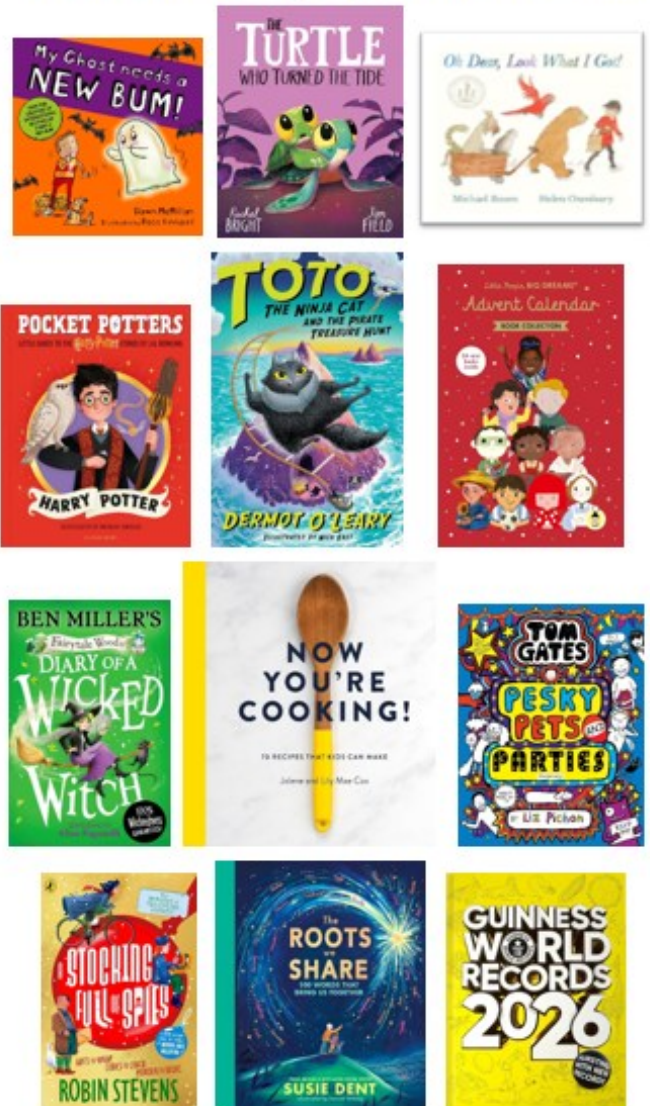
by returning all your borrowed books to  
Biddulph Library by  
Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September  
and receiving your completion certificate!



Bring your certificate into school to then  
receive your 20 house team points!

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

Here are our termly book recommendations!





## #WakeUpWednesday

### This week I would like to direct your attention to Supporting Children Going Back to School

[Tips for Parents & Educators: Supporting Children Going Back to School](#)

The return to school after summer can be a whirlwind of emotions - a mixture of excitement, nerves, and everything in between. This guide shares ten practical tips to support children during this transition. From re-establishing routines to encouraging conversations about feelings, this guide is designed to reduce stress and build a sense of calm.

### Key Dates for September

I'd like to draw your attention to a few key events that are taking place this month.

- ◆ On **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September from 5:15pm - 5:45pm**, there is an Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for parents/carers with children in Nursery and/or Reception.
- ◆ On **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 5:15pm - 5:45pm**, there is a Reading and Phonic Workshop for parents/carers with children in Year 1 and/or Year 2. Please try your best to attend. I'm sure you will find it really beneficial.
- ◆ Our popular playgroup sessions will recommence on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**. This session is from 9:45am until 11:00am, every Thursday in school. It's a lovely opportunity for children to play, explore and make new friends in a safe and nurturing environment - and for parents/carers/grandparents to connect and share in the joy of early learning over a cuppa! Spread the word as everybody is welcome!
- ◆ On **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> September**, we are holding a meeting from 5:15pm - 6:00pm for all of our Y4 parents/carers about the annual residential trip to Standon Bowers. Staff will also share useful information with you regarding the Multiplication Check and TT Rockstars.
- ◆ On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, from 9:00am - 10:30am our amazing PTFA are holding their Annual General Meeting. The majority of our PTFA members are in their final year at Oxhey so as we start a new academic year, we're inviting all parents, carers and friends of our school to become part of our PTFA. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, your involvement makes a big impact and will ensure events like the colour run, discos, Christmas Fair, Pantomimes, sports days, ice creams etc. continue to happen. From helping at events to sharing ideas or simply lending a hand, there's a place for everyone! It's a great way to meet others, support our children's education, and have fun along the way. If you are able to attend the meeting, just turn up and you will be made very welcome. If you are unable to make the meeting, but would like to find out a little more information, please contact the school office or Jen Hyde on [jenniferklong@outlook.com](mailto:jenniferklong@outlook.com) Many thanks.
- ◆ On **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money for Macmillan Cancer ... more details will follow.
- ◆ **Finally, throughout the week commencing Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be inviting families to bring in Harvest donations for the local food bank.



Hello everyone,

I'm excited to introduce myself as the new Attendance Officer here at the Children's First Learning Partnership. I'm really looking forward to working with our pupils, families, and staff to help every child achieve excellent attendance and reach their full potential.

Good attendance is more than just being in school — it's about building routines, staying connected, and making the most of every opportunity to learn and grow. I'll be here to offer support, answer any questions, and work with families to overcome any barriers to regular attendance.

Together, we can ensure that every school day counts!

If you ever need advice or support regarding attendance, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards

Rebecca Farrington

Attendance Officer

## Be a HERO!

Here Everyday, Ready & On Time!

A Guide for Parents & Carers

Proud to be part of the  
**Children First**  
Learning Partnership

INSPIRING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

### Why is Attendance important?

Everyday in school counts!

Your child's early years are the foundation for future learning. When children attend regularly, they:

- Build strong friendships
- Learn new things every day
- Develop routines and confidence
- Feel part of our school community

Even missing a day here and there can add up!

### Feeling a Bit Poorly?

Children can still come to school with minor illnesses such as:

- Runny nose
- Mild cough or cold
- Tummy ache (if they're still playing and eating)

If you're unsure, just ask us! We're always happy to help.



"Sometimes just getting in the door is the hardest part- we'll take it from there!"

### We're Here to Help!

We understand that mornings can be hard — from tricky routines to worries about separation or illness.

Please talk to us!

We can support with:

- Morning routines
- Attendance concerns
- Health questions
- Settling-in support

No problem is too small — we're a team!



Be a HERO!

Here  
Everyday  
Ready  
On Time

Help your child become a HERO  
by building good habits now!

Let's Work Together!  
Together, we can make sure every child gets the best  
start to their school journey.



# Notice Board

WE ARE  
**RECRUITING**  
*join our team*



## Casual Site Technician / Caretaker

We are seeking to recruit a reliable and practical individual to support local schools with day-to-day site duties as a casual site technician. This hands-on role includes opening and closing school premises, carrying out basic maintenance and repairs, and assisting with routine H&S checks. Hours will vary depending on site needs. This post will commence ASAP.

Closing date for applications:  
Monday 22nd September 2025 at 9 a.m.

**Apply now and help us 'Inspire Excellence Together'.  
Please email [centraloffice@cflptrust.co.uk](mailto:centraloffice@cflptrust.co.uk) for more information and apply before 22nd September 2025**

## Talking Teens (Virtual)

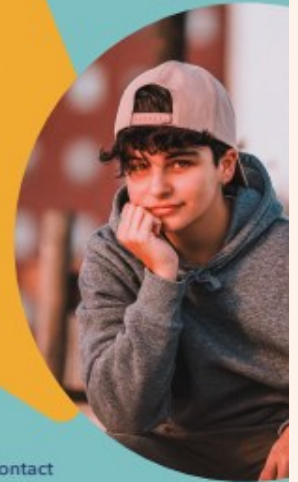


Scan for more information

Would you like to feel more confident parenting your teen?  
Would you like to understand their emotions and behaviours, and receive support to help set clear and appropriate boundaries?

Our **FREE Virtual Talking Teens 6 week course** for 13-18 year olds may be for you.

**Wednesday 17th Sept 25  
Over Teams Meeting  
6.30pm-8:00pm**



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



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Right time.  
Right place.

Search Family Hubs Staffordshire to get the support you deserve

## From Pram To Primary School



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Would you like to feel more confident in your parenting, or learn more about your child's behaviours and emotional development? Our **FREE 6 week Pram to Primary School course** for parents of 0-11 year olds may be for you.

Available virtually  
**Monday 15th Sept 2025  
Over Teams Meeting**

**12:30pm-2pm**

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**Tuesday 16th Sept 2025  
Over Teams Meeting**

**6:00pm-7:30pm**

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## September Swimming Promotion

Biddulph Leisure Centre have been in touch with a promotional swimming offer for September. During September, they are giving one month free swimming to children who sign up or restart swimming lessons. If this is something you are interested in please email

[sarah.gilman@myactive.uk](mailto:sarah.gilman@myactive.uk)

for further information. Unfortunately, this promotion is **not available** for children who are already in lessons; it's just for any 'new starters'.

## **CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2025/2026**

### **Autumn Term 2025**

**INSET DAYS 1 AND 2:** Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd September 2025 (Staff only)

**Pupils:** Wednesday 3rd September - Friday 24th October

**October Half Term Holiday:** Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October

**INSET DAY 3** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November (Staff only)

**Staff and Pupils:** Tuesday 4th November - Friday 19 December

**Christmas Holiday:** Monday 22nd December - Friday 2nd January 2026

### **Spring Term 2026**

**Staff and Pupils:** Monday 5th January 2026 - Friday 13th February

**February Half Term:** Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February

**Pupils:** Monday 23rd February - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April

### **Summer Term 2026**

**Staff and Pupils:** Monday 13th April - Friday 22nd May

**May Bank Holiday - School Closed:** Monday 4th May

**Half term:** Monday 25th May - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

**INSET DAY 4:** Monday 1st June (Staff only)

**Pupils:** Tuesday 2nd June - Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

**INSET DAY 5-** Monday 20th July (Staff only) Taken as Twilights

**Summer Holiday for pupils:** Monday 20th July -Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2026

# 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**