



10/10/2025

# Oxhey Newsletter



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

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evening last night. It was a pleasure to welcome you into school. I hope you found it useful. Foxes parents - we appreciate your understanding as we are still waiting to confirm the date for your appointments—thank you for your flexibility and patience. Finally, a heartfelt thank you for your generous Harvest donations; the local foodbank was incredibly grateful yesterday for your kindness and support, which will make a real difference to families in need. Looking ahead to next week, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October is Hello Yellow Day, and we're inviting all children to wear their usual school uniform with a splash of yellow – just swap one item of your school uniform for something yellow to show support! Please note: we are not collecting donations. This day is all about raising awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing in a fun and positive way.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.



## Diary Dates

**World Mental Health Day**



**13th October**

**EYFS Shine Afternoon (1.45-3.10pm)**

**20th October**

**Woodhouse Academy open evening**

**20th October**

**EYFS Funny Bones dress up day**

**24th October**

**PTFA Halloween Disco**



**(See further in newsletter for times)**

**Last day of term**

**24th October**

**Inset day—school closed to pupils**

**3rd November**

**Remembrance Day**



**11th November**

**Road Safety Week**

**w/c 17th November**

**Children in Need**



**21st November**

| Class                | Attendance |
|----------------------|------------|
| Sparkly Spiders      | 93%        |
| Fabulous Foxes       | 92%        |
| Terrific Turtles     | 100%       |
| Perfect Pandas       | 100%       |
| Amazing Alligators   | 96%        |
| Marvellous Meerkats  | 93%        |
| Outstanding Owls     | 75%        |
| Dazzling Dragonflies | 91%        |

### School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



On Monday Children can wear a yellow accessory along with their uniform to mark World Mental Health Day.



Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.  
This week, our school attendance was 92.2%

## Safe Parking around School

Like most schools, we can experience difficulties with parking at peak times, particularly during morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. Biddulph Town Council, along with the Police and enforcement staff will be completing some proactive work around schools in Biddulph over the next couple of weeks. We've also shared a leaflet outlining the key guidelines for safe and considerate parking near school. This should have come home in your child's bag.

**TOP TIPS FOR PARKING AROUND SCHOOLS**  
**THINK BEFORE YOU PARK**  
**Put child safety before convenience.**

- ✓ Make sure you park away from the school - Walking a short distance is good for you.
- ✓ When dropping off children, let them out on the pavement not the road.
- ✓ Drive slowly around schools.
- ✓ Be courteous to neighbours.
- ✓ Set a good example for your children, as well as other drivers. For example always wear your seatbelt.
- ✓ Consider learning key road safety skills with your children, such as e.g. crossing roads safely.
- ✓ Encourage other drivers to think about parking, to ensure that school roads are safe for everybody.
- ✓ Always stop when the lollipop person signals with their lollipop stick.
- ✗ Do not park your vehicle in dangerous, inconvenient, or obstructive areas surrounding the school.
- ✗ Do not block driveways or school entrances.
- ✗ No idling. Please turn your engine off while you wait.
- ✗ Do not block the roads as they need to be accessed at all times by emergency services and buses.
- ✗ Do not park on yellow lines or zig-zag markings.
- ✗ Do not park on pavements or any dropped curbs.
- ✗ Do not park on, or within 10 metres of a junction.
- ✗ Do not use your phone while driving.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PTFA ... AUTUMN DISCO DATE CHANGE!

Due to the success of the previous disco where we had a DJ, we have changed the date to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October so that we can book him again! We'll begin to collect ticket money on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October. As usual, please enclose £5 in a sealed envelope with your child's name, class and any dietary requirements. Sweets, crisps, juice, tattoos and entertainment will be provided so children do not need to bring any money on the night. We invite children to come dressed in Halloween costumes. EYFS children (Nursery and Reception) will have their disco in school time and snacks, drinks, tattoos and entertainment is still provided. The cost is £3. **EYFS children do not need to dress up in Halloween costume on this occasion as they will be enjoying their 'Funny Bones Dress Up Day' on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October.**

## Hello Yellow Reminder

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# Rewards and Celebrations



# WOW Awards



## Key Dates for October 2025

|   |                 |
|---|-----------------|
| Autumn Term Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm - Bookings will be available via Arbor (Nursery appointments will begin at approx. 1.30pm)                        | 09/10/25        |
| <b>**Fabulous Foxes Class Parents Evening TBC**</b><br><b>**Bookings will be available via Arbor once the date is confirmed**</b>                             | <b>TBC</b>      |
| Individual School Photos & Oxhey Siblings   | 10/10/25        |
| Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day (Wear something yellow with usual school uniform)  | 13/10/25        |
| <b>CHANGE OF DATE</b><br>PTFA Halloween Disco<br>Nursery & Reception: 2:30pm - 3:00pm<br>Year 1 & Year 2: 3:15pm - 4:00pm<br>Year 3 & Year 4: 4:15pm - 5:15pm | <b>16/10/25</b> |
| <b>James Bateman Middle School Open Morning</b><br><b>Book an appointment from 9.30 - 12.30 or for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October.</b>                       | <b>18/10/25</b> |
| EYFS Shine Afternoon (Reading for Pleasure/Bedtime Stories Theme) 1.45pm - 3.10pm   | 20/10/25        |
| Woodhouse Academy Open Evening  | 20/10/25        |
| Early Years Funny Bones Dress Up Day  | 23/10/25        |
| School Closes for Half Term   | 24/10/25        |
| <b>HALF TERM</b>  |                 |
| CFLP INSET DAY (Staff only)   | 03/11/25        |
| School Opens for Pupils   | 04/11/25        |

# Notice Board

## Stay Well Prescription



**FREE** Mental Health Service for young people ages 5-18 years in Staffordshire (upto 25 with SEND or careleavers)



**Scan Me**



**Who can refer?**

- Self Refer
- Parents/Carers
- GP's & Professionals

Call: 01782 418518 *option 2 or 3*  
Email: staywellcypstaffs@changes.org.uk  
Visit: staffs.staywellcyp.org

## OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING...  
MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER  
5PM - 6PM

Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in 2026? Come and meet the staff and view our OUTSTANDING environment.

CONTACT 01782 513000

OXHEY.STAFFS.SCH.UK

## MONDAY BIDDULPH TOWN HALL

STAGED  
**Firebirds**

£7

**Ages 4 - 10**  
4pm - 6pm

ACT SING DANCE

## **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**