



24/10/2025

# Oxhey Newsletter



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

Wow — what a fantastic first half term it's been! It's flown by, and we've packed so much in already. From brilliant learning moments to lots of laughter and teamwork, the children have really settled in beautifully and made us all proud. A huge thank you to our wonderful staff and families for your support and positivity — it makes such a difference. It was great to welcome so many parents and grandparents to our EYFS SHINE afternoon on Monday — thank you for coming along! The staff really enjoyed showcasing early reading, and your positive feedback was wonderful to hear. **I've updated and popped the key dates for November below, so please do add them to your calendars so you are up to date.** Have a lovely, restful break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back into school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

Best wishes,  
Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.

Class	Attendance
Sparkly Spiders	93.36%
Fabulous Foxes	94.8%
Terrific Turtles	99.26%
Perfect Pandas	94.44%
Amazing Alligators	97.22%
Marvellous Meerkats	94.44%
Outstanding Owls	97.7%
Dazzling Dragonflies	94.57%

Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.  
This week, our school attendance was 95.79%.



## Diary Dates

**Inset day**—school closed to pupils

**3rd November**

**Year 1 trip to Manchester Airport**

**4th November**

**Year 2 trip to Manchester Airport**

**6th November**

**Anti Bullying Week**  
w/c **10th November**

**Prospective Parents' EYFS Open Evening**  
**10th November**


**Remembrance Day**   
**11th November**

**Children in Need**   
**14th November**

**Road Safety Week**  
w/c **17th November**

**KS1 Shine Morning (9-10am)**  
**18th November**

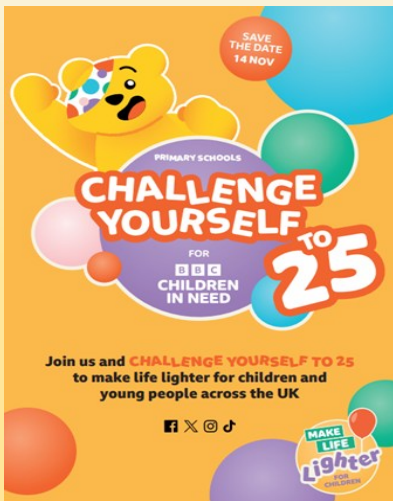
**KS2 Shine Morning (9-10am)**  
**27th November**

**PTFA Christmas Fayre (3.30-5.15pm)**  
**5th December** 

## School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**



## Children In Need

**Save the Date - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
CHALLENGE YOURSELF TO 25!**



For BBC Children in Need's 2025 Appeal, we're taking part in **Challenge Yourself to 25!** With the help of our newly appointed School Councillors, each class is currently coming up with their own '25' themed challenges to take part in throughout the day on **Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November!** The School Council will be in touch after half term with all the details. Thank you

After half term, Oxhey First School will, once again, be supporting the Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal. Our School Council will be visiting classrooms and selling poppies during the first week back, along with a selection of other items including poppy reflector key rings, rulers, and festival-style wristbands. Suggested donations are 50p for smaller items and £1 for the larger ones. Your support helps us honour those who have served and continue to serve our country.

Many thanks.



## Anti-Bullying Week

We're excited to be taking part in **Anti-Bullying Week 2025**, running from **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November**. This year's theme is "**Power for Good**", which encourages everyone to use their voice and actions to make a positive difference. We'll be kicking things off with **Odd Socks Day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November** — a fun way to celebrate what makes us all unique! Children (and staff J) are invited to wear odd socks to school to help spread the message that it's okay to be different. No donations needed — just lots of colour, creativity and kindness!

## #WakeUpWednesday

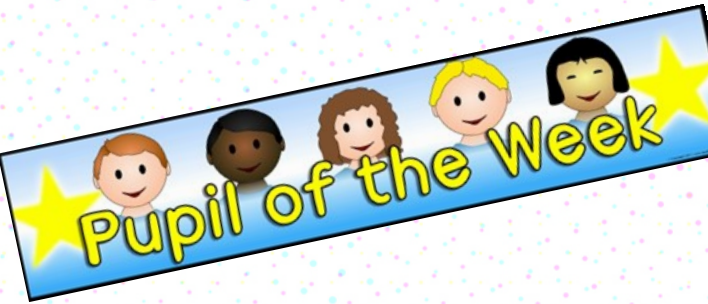


This week, I'd like to draw your attention to Parent Zone <https://parentzone.org.uk/parents>

Being a parent in a connected world can feel overwhelming – but you're not alone. Parent Zone has a wealth of articles, videos and their 'Tech Shock' podcast, which are all designed to give you the confidence to support your child online. Screen time limits? What age is right for a smartphone? If you're worried about your child and the digital world, or you simply want to explore more information on the latest apps and games, please explore the website.



# Rewards and Celebrations



**HERE EVERY DAY  
READY ON TIME**

**Little Heroes Assemble**

Staffordshire County Council



## A Friday Challenge...

Each week, I'll share a couple of **Bebras Challenges** which promote children's **computational thinking** and **problem-solving skills**. Why not support your child to complete a challenge each week and you'll be helping them to develop logical and algorithmic thinking skills, as well as introducing them to some new computer science concepts.

### Task Difficulty

The difficulty of the task on each card is indicated by the icon in the bottom right-hand corner.

● = Easy

◆ = Medium

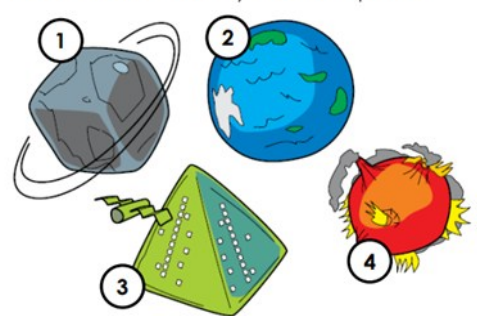
★ = Hard

Patterns

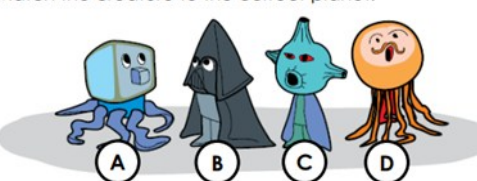
### Alien residents

1

Cute creatures live in newly discovered planets.



Match the creature to the correct planet.



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Algorithms


### Colourful tower

18

A little beaver girl puts rings on top of each other in this sequence:

- 1) Red
- 2) Green
- 3) Yellow

She repeats the sequence until the last correctly coloured ring has been placed.



How many rings will the tower have?

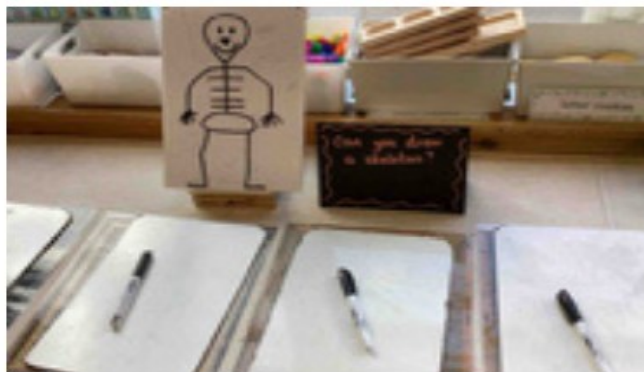
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# In the spotlight this week .....



EYFS Shine  
Afternoon

Funnybones

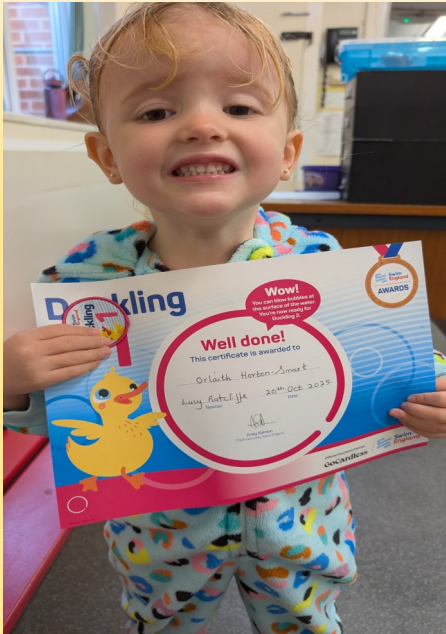


TRICK  
OR  
TREAT

We enjoyed sharing how we explore stories and learn phonic skills in EYFS.



# WOW Awards



## KEY DATES FOR NOVEMBER

<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS</b>	<b>03/11/25</b>
School Opens for Pupils	04/11/25
<b>YEAR 1 TRIP TO MANCHESTER AIRPORT</b>	04/11/25
<b>YEAR 2 TRIP TO MANCHESTER AIRPORT</b>	06/11/25
Remembrance Sunday - Biddulph Parade	09/11/25
Anti-Bullying Week 'Power for Good' & Odd Sock Day (Wear odd socks to school)	W.B 10/11/25
Prospective EYFS Parents' Open Evening 5.00pm - 6.00pm	10/11/25
Remembrance Day	11/11/25
Children In Need - Challenge 25 Fundraising Day & Non-Uniform	14/11/25
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Shine Morning 9.00am - 10.00am (Reading for Pleasure Theme)	18/11/25
Key Stage 2 (Year 3 & 4) Shine Morning 9.00 - 10.00am (Reading for Pleasure Theme)	27/11/25

# Notice Board



**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**



**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



**JOIN US ON WEDNESDAY 29TH OCTOBER**  
**3 - 5PM FOR A CREATIVE WORKSHOP**

## LIGHT UP YOUR BIKE

Join artist Fabric Lenny on Wednesday 29th October at Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert St, Biddulph, ST8 6DT, for creative fun with lights and bikes.

**Making your bikes and wheels light-ready for our Light Ride on 7th Nov (from 5.30pm at Life Stream Church carpark)**

Suitable for all ages - bring your bike, trike, scooter and make it dazzle!  
If you need a bike (as we are supplying some from the recycling centre for a small donation) please contact Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub on 01782 297970.

Part of Chain Reaction a partnership project with OUTSIDE, Biddulph Town Council, SCC Libraries, SCC Waste Savvy, Socially Connected, Move More and Moorlands Climate Action

# Half Term activities at Biddulph Library

## Children's Lego Club—10am-12pm - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> October

Join us for a Children's LEGO Club events at Biddulph Library! Kids can unleash their creativity and build amazing LEGO creations. It's a fantastic opportunity for young builders to explore their imaginations, work together, and have loads of fun. Suitable for children aged 3+. Come and be part of this exciting morning event!

Drop-in event, no charge, and no booking required.

## Lost in Time – “Vikings Adventure” – Family Event—Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October

- **10.30-11.15am for families with younger children**
- **11.30-12.30am for families with older children**

*Step Back in Time with Lost in Time!*

*Bring the whole family for an unforgettable historical Viking adventure!*

Join us for a session packed with **hands-on activities**, fascinating artefacts, and stories that make history come alive.

### Why come along?

- Interactive workshops for all ages, including a battle drill
- Authentic artefacts from the Lost in Time **Mini Mobile Museum**
- Fun, educational, and family-friendly

Meet passionate history experts who've lived the experience

### Discover. Learn. Laugh. Leave with a smile and a story to tell!

**Cost: Only** £3 per family (Summer Reading Challenge Completers only £2 per family, special thanks to our previous Mayor, Nigel Yates.)

**Booking:** Contact Biddulph Library on 01782 485491

or email [Biddulph.library@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:Biddulph.library@staffordshire.gov.uk)

## Family Learning – Drop-in Crafts— Friday 31st October

**The Great Pumpkin Make-Off** - Design and decorate your paper pumpkins using colourful card, stickers and seasonal decorations, run by Staffordshire County Council's Community Learning team.

## **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**