



21/11/2025

# Oxhey Newsletter



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

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Key Stage 1 SHINE Morning on Tuesday! The focus was on promoting *reading for pleasure* and exploring the incredible power of wordless stories in developing vocabulary, language, imagination, creativity and sheer enjoyment. It was fantastic to see so many of you engaging with the activities and discussions and the children absolutely LOVED having you all in their classrooms! The feedback from questionnaires has been overwhelmingly positive, and we really appreciate you taking time out of your busy schedules to attend and share in this enrichment activity. Your support makes such a difference. Thank you. Unfortunately, we have postponed the Key Stage 2 SHINE morning, which was planned for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, but look out for a new date which will be shared for the Spring Term. Our Year 4 pupils had a fantastic visit to James Bateman yesterday, where they enjoyed a morning packed with exciting learning experiences! They took part in a fascinating science experiment, tried their hand at making delicious Mexican quesadillas, and even got the chance to play African drums, exploring rhythm and culture. A huge thank you to the staff at James Bateman for hosting such a wonderful and enriching morning – the children came back buzzing with enthusiasm and new knowledge!

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs. Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.



## Diary Dates

**R-Y4 Nasal Flu Vaccination**  
**28th November**

**Dress rehearsal**  
**(pupils only)**  
**8th December**

**EYFS morning performance**  
**(9.30am)**  
**9th December**

**KS1 AM performance**  
**(9.30am)**  
**10th December**

**EYFS AM Performance**  
**(2.15pm)**  
**10th December**

**KS1 PM Performance**  
**(1.30pm)**  
**11th December**

**KS1 Evening Performance**  
**(6pm)**  
**11th December**

**Class Christmas Party**  
**Week**  
**w/c 15th December**

**Pupil Christmas**  
**Lunch**  
**17th December**



Class	Attendance
Sparkly Spiders	95.4%
Fabulous Foxes	98.5%
Terrific Turtles	97.1%
Perfect Pandas	92%
Amazing Alligators	95.6%
Marvellous Meerkats	97.4%
Outstanding Owls	98%
Dazzling Dragonflies	96.4%

Our whole school attendance target is **96.4%**.  
This week, our school attendance was **96.6%**

## School Matters!



**Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow**

## Snow and Ice

As winter approaches, I'd like to remind families of our snow procedures. In the event of heavy snowfall or icy conditions, we will always prioritise the safety of pupils and staff. If school closure becomes necessary, we will notify parents promptly via an Arbor message, email and updates on Facebook. Please ensure your contact details are up to date. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe during winter conditions.

## Wrap Up Warm!

We are certainly experiencing a cold snap at the moment! Please ensure children come to school wrapped up warmly with coats, hats and gloves so they can fully enjoy any planned outdoor learning, as well as playtimes and lunchtimes outside. Thank you.

## Staff Car Park

It is essential that only vehicles with a valid parking permit use the staff car park during the busy morning drop off from 8.30am. This measure is in place to ensure the health and safety of our children, families and staff. By following this rule, we can maintain a safe and organised environment for everyone. Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe.

## 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.

Algorithms


### Layered painting

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Little beaver has six stamps.



By using these stamps, he created a painting:



In what order did little beaver use the stamps?

### Little stones mosaic

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Robot-beaver is walking on a tile path and putting down little stones according to the commands:

- Advance one tile;
- Put a little stone on the tile in front of self;
- Put 3 little stones on a tile in front of self.

When several little stones are put on the same tile they form a tower. Which program causes the robot to create a tower of 4 little stones?

A 3

B 3

C

D 3

### Task Difficulty

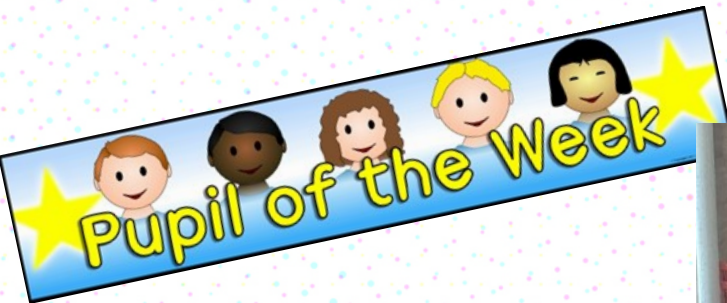
The difficulty of the task on each card is indicated by the icon in the bottom right-hand corner.

● = Easy

◆ = Medium

★ = Hard

# Rewards and Celebrations



**HERE EVERY DAY  
READY ON TIME**

**Little Heroes Assemble**

Staffordshire County Council



# In the spotlight this week .....

On Tuesday KS1 had their Shine Morning!



It was lovely to see so many parents and carers!

## Year 4 visit to James Bateman



Yesterday year 4 went to visit James Bateman. The staff commented on how well the children listened and everyone had a lovely day!



# WOW Awards



Please make sure you update your calendar with the most up to date information on the key dates for November and December

## KEY DATES FOR NOVEMBER


**\*\* Postponed \*\*** Key Stage 2 Shine Morning 9.00 - 10.00am **\*\* Postponed \*\***

## KEY DATES FOR DECEMBER

Christmas Nativity Week	W.B 08/12/25
<b>Dress Rehearsal - PUPILS ONLY</b>	08/12/25
EYFS Morning Performance for Parents (9.30am)	09/12/25
KS1 Morning Performance for Parents (9.30am)	10/12/25
EYFS Afternoon Performance for Parents (2.15pm)	10/12/25
KS1 Afternoon Performance for Parents (2.00pm)	11/12/25
KS1 Evening Performance for Parents (6.00pm)	11/12/25
Class Christmas Party Week	W.B 15/12/25
Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day	17/12/25
Autumn Term Reports Home	17/12/25
KS2 Carol Concert at St. Lawrence Church (Concert for Parents 1:30 - 2:30)	18/12/25
Finish for Christmas	19/12/25

## KEY DATES FOR JANUARY

**SCHOOL OPENS 05/01/26**



# Notice Board



## Finance & Wellbeing Cafe

3<sup>rd</sup> December 9:30am - 12:30pm  
Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub  
Albert Street, Biddulph, ST8 6DT

Are you struggling with the cost of living?  
Would you benefit from some support, advice,  
and signposting to relevant services?

If so, we are here to support you.  
Come along and meet

Department for Work and Pensions  
Citizens Advice Bureau  
Green Doctor  
Social Prescriber  
Potteries Moneywise  
School Uniform Bank  
Our Household Support Fund Coach

Freebies Available!!  
Join us for Tea,  
Coffee and Mince  
Pies



## 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](mailto:staywellcypstaffs@changes.org.uk)  
Visit: [staffs.staywellcyp.org](http://staffs.staywellcyp.org)

## **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

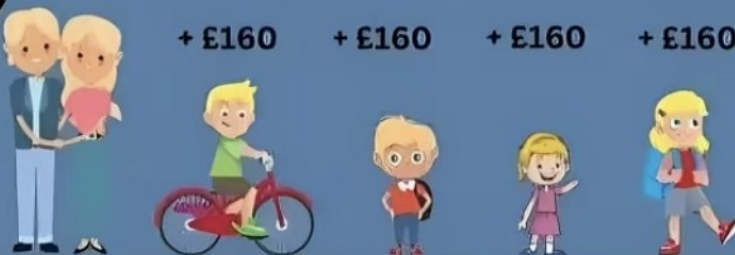
# 5

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**