

05/12/2025

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

This week, it has been great to welcome Mrs. Barnett back to Oxhey First School and our Dazzling Dragonflies class, following her maternity leave. She has been greatly missed by pupils and staff alike, and we're thrilled to have her energy, expertise, and warm smile back in school! Welcome back! On Tuesday, Mrs Holt accompanied our Pupil Forum representatives at their very first meeting. Pupils from across our seven CFLP schools met at The Hub and worked brilliantly together exploring new ways to celebrate and reward good attendance across our Trust. They also began shaping our sustainability vision; contributing ideas that will feed directly into our Climate Action Plan. It was inspiring to see so much enthusiasm, collaboration and leadership from our pupils and our Trust in action! Well done and thank you! Christmas cheer is in the air and the countdown is now on! Next week, our school will be filled with singing, costumes and Christmas magic! I'm so excited to welcome parents, grandparents, and families to enjoy the Early Years and Key Stage 1 nativities and celebrate the children's hard work as we to share in this wonderful festive tradition.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.

Diary Dates

Dress rehearsal
(pupils only)
8th December

EYFS morning performance
(9.30am)
9th December

KS1 AM performance (9.30am)
10th December

EYFS afternoon Performance
(2.15pm)
10th December

KS1 PM Performance
(2pm)
11th December

KS1 Evening Performance
(6pm)
11th December

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

Pupil Christmas Lunch
17th December



KS2 Carol Concert—
St Lawrence Church 1.30pm
18th December

Last day of term
19th December

| Class | Attendance |
|----------------------|------------|
| Sparkly Spiders | 94% |
| Dazzling Dragonflies | 95% |
| Terrific Turtles | 91% |
| Perfect Pandas | 99% |
| Amazing Alligators | 99% |
| Marvellous Meerkats | 96% |
| Outstanding Owls | 100% |
| Fabulous Foxes | 99% |

Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.
This week, our school attendance was **96.54%**

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

A Huge Thank You from the PTFA!



We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who kindly donated items today for our Christmas hampers. Your generosity and support mean so much! Together, we've spread kindness and Christmas cheer – and that's what makes Oxhey First School so wonderful! To be in with a chance of winning one of the fabulous hampers, you can purchase a raffle ticket (£1.00 per strip) by sending the correct money into school in a named envelope. Thank you!

Reception Application

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2026, please be aware that applications open on 1 November 2025 and must be submitted by 15 January 2026.

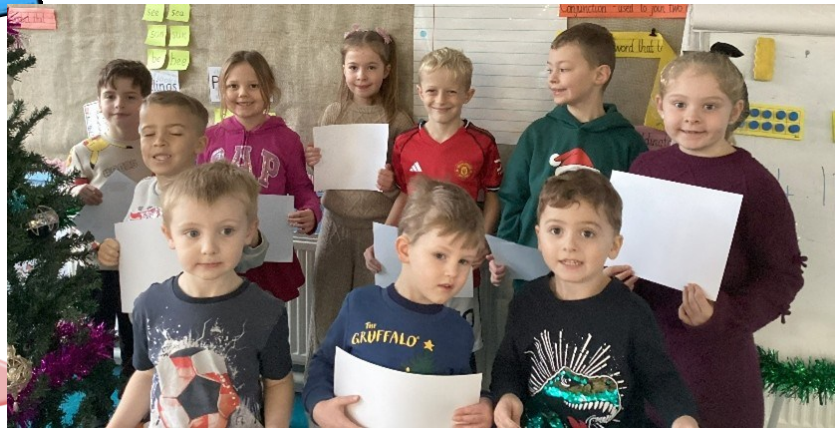
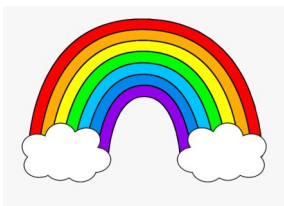
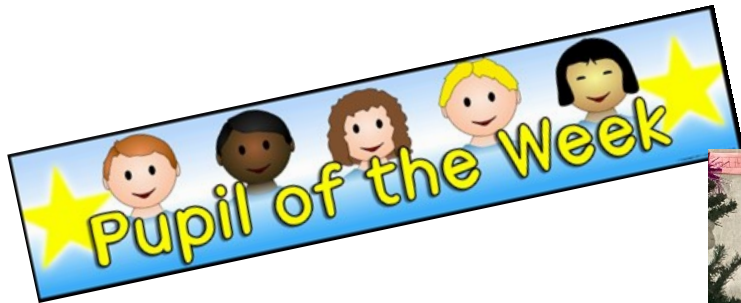
Applications are made online through the Staffordshire County Council's admissions portal. Please ensure you apply within this timeframe, as late applications may affect your chance of securing a place at your preferred school.

National Offer Day will be on 16 April 2026 when you will be notified of your child's allocated school.

ParentPay

Please could all parents and carers check their ParentPay accounts for any outstanding balances. We kindly ask that these are cleared, or that small payments are made regularly to help reduce any remaining amounts. Thank you.

Rewards and Celebrations



In the spotlight this week

You are warmly invited to our ...

Christmas Performances

Early Years Performances of 'Baarmy Bethlehem' on
9th December @ 9.30am and 10th December @ 2.15pm

★ Key Stage 1 Performances of 'Lights, Camel, Action' on
10th December @ 9.30am and 11th December @ 2.00pm
or @ 6.00pm.

Let's celebrate the joy of Christmas
together!



WOW Awards



#WakeUpWednesday



With Christmas right around the corner, millions of families are excitedly anticipating the chance to spend some quality time with each other over the festive season. When everyone's engrossed in their phones or glued to their games consoles, however, genuinely meaningful moments with loved ones can often be difficult to orchestrate. This guide lends a hand: providing some advice on helping young people to set aside their devices for a while and live in the moment. Even if going full tech cold turkey feels unrealistic, implementing just a few of these tips could still decrease the amount of screen time in your home this festive season – enabling everyone to make the most of it.

<https://nationalcollege.com/guides/12-top-tips-for-children-and-young-people-to-enjoy-a-tech-free-christmas>

Please make sure you update your calendar with the most up to date information on the key dates for the rest of this Autumn term. Many thanks.


KEY DATES FOR DECEMBER

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| Christmas Nativity Week | W.B 08/12/25 |
| Dress Rehearsal - PUPILS ONLY | 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 |
| Year 4 Visit to Woodhouse Academy (9.30am - 11.30am) | 12/12/25 |
| Class Christmas Party Week | W.B 15/12/25 |
| Fabulous Foxes Reports Home | 15/12/25 |
| Santa visiting Oxhey (Rotary Club) | 16/12/25 |
| Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day | 17/12/25 |
| Fabulous Foxes Parents Evening | 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

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| Pantomime in School | 08/01/26 |
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Notice Board



KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL
Gunn Street, Biddulph, ST8 6AY

FREE PLACES

1 DECEMBER 22-23 2 DECEMBER 29-30 HALF DAY 09:00-13:00

We are excited to welcome you all to our action-packed holiday club throughout the Christmas period. Our program of sports, games, crafts and special events will give every child an unforgettable experience that will live long in the memory.

**MULTI-SPORTS · SPECIAL EVENTS · GAMES
ARTS & CRAFTS · INFLATABLES · COMPETITIONS**

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HAF CODE

Access this through contacting admin at your school.



REGISTER

Login to the EEQU website to register your child's details.



BOOK

Locate your venue on the EEQU website to secure a place.

**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD**

This program provides children who are eligible for free school meals with the opportunity to access physical activity, alongside receiving snacks, a nutritious lunch and drinks.



NAME

HAF CODE

For more information:

Call: 01782 366332 Website: asmsports.co.uk

Stay Well Prescription



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



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- Parents/Carers
- GP's & Professionals

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

SPORTS COACHING GROUP INVITES YOU

FREE

CHRISTMAS SPORTS & ACTIVITIES HOLIDAY CLUB

22ND, 23RD, 24TH DECEMBER & 2ND JANUARY
BIDDULPH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ZONE, ST8 6NE
10AM - 2PM

HOT LUNCH INCLUDED | SPORTS | CRAFTS | AGES 5-13 YEARS | PART OF THE STAFFORDSHIRE HAF PROGRAM | AVAILABLE FOR THOSE WHO RECEIVE INCOME RELATED MEALS

PAID SPACES AVAILABLE FOR THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR HAF, AT ONLY £15 INCLUDING LUNCH

HOW TO BOOK:
Book via Sports Coaching Group website,
Or click **HERE**

01270 449770

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 3rd 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 27th 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 29th May

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

Pupils: Tuesday 2nd June - Friday 17th July

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

Summer Holiday for pupils: Monday 20th July -Monday 31st 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...

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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