



27/03/2026

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....



Dear Families,

As we reach the end of a joyful and action-packed spring term, it has been wonderful to see our school community thriving and achieving in so many ways. Our pupil leaders have been true stars; confidently leading assemblies, promoting active lunchtimes, contributing to policy development and sharing their voices through meetings and pupil forums. The Reading Den has become a much-loved lunchtime hideaway, offering a cosy space for children to snuggle up and unwind with a good book. We have welcomed new families and visitors into school, celebrated Children's Mental Health Week, filled Fridays with energy during our celebration assemblies and explored curiosity and creativity through British Science Week. From fabulous Easter bonnets to Oxheylicious Chocolate Bars and golden tickets, the term has been brimming with smiles and excitement. Our dedicated PTFA has, once again, gone above and beyond this term. Thank you. Staff have continued to strengthen their practice through high-quality training, and have benefitted from subject network meetings and development days. Thank you. It is now time for our children, families, and staff to enjoy a well-earned break—have a wonderful Easter, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 13th April.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.

Diary Dates

Finish for Easter
27th March

School re-opens
13th April 2026

Bank Holiday Monday
School Closed
4th May

Career's Week
w/c 5th May

**Nursery/Reception Graduation
& Year 4 Leavers Photographs**
11th May



Images Art Exhibition
12th May

Inflatable Fun Day
15th May

Walk to School Week
WB 18th May

Y2 trip—Weaver Hall
20th May

Y1 trip - Weaver Hall
21st May

Finish for May Half Term
22nd May

Inset Day (Staff only)
1st June



Class	Attendance
Little Ladybirds	95%
Sparkly Spiders	95%
Dazzling Dragonflies	97%
Terrific Turtles	99%
Perfect Pandas	96%
Amazing Alligators	98%
Marvellous Meerkats	94%
Outstanding Owls	96%
Fabulous Foxes	94%

Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.
This week, our school attendance was 96%

In the spotlight this week

Inspire Dance 2026



We are incredibly proud of our wonderful dancers for their outstanding performance on Wednesday evening at Biddulph High School — they were absolutely amazing! Their confidence, teamwork, and sheer joy on stage shone through, and they represented Oxhey beautifully. Well done! We are proud of you all! A heartfelt thank you also goes to Miss Fryer who has given her time, supported, guided, and encouraged our dancers throughout.

In the spotlight this week

Year of Reading



National Year of Reading

2026 marks the UK's National Year of Reading — a nationwide celebration designed to help everyone rediscover the joy of reading and make it a natural part of everyday life. This year-long campaign, led by the Department for Education in partnership with the National Literacy Trust, invites the nation to *Go All In* by connecting reading with the passions we already love — from sport and music to baking, gaming, family time, and more. With a strong focus on reversing the decline in reading for pleasure and reigniting excitement around books for children and adults alike, the programme brings together schools, libraries, communities, ambassadors, and volunteers across the UK.

National Year of Reading 2026

The new advert for the National Year of Reading is here. Whatever you're into, reading lets you *Go All In* on your passions. [Watch it here](#). The National Year of Reading extends well beyond the classroom. From community events and library activities to festivals and online resources, there's a wealth of opportunities for people of all ages to discover the joy of reading together. Over the Easter holidays, you may wish to take a look at the [National Year of Reading website](#) where you can find a range of fun and creative ways to inspire your child whilst they're away from their classroom.

The Summer Reading Challenge will be back and, as usual it is a free, UK-wide programme run by The Reading Agency and public libraries to get children reading for enjoyment. In 2025, nearly 600,000 children took part, reading over 11 million books. With 2026 being the National Year of Reading, we can make this year even bigger! This year's theme is [Read to the Beat!](#) A music-focused challenge powered by Universal Music Group UK. The Summer Reading Challenge matters to us because it significantly improves reading skills and confidence, supports children's wellbeing throughout the summer, supports successful transition to new year groups and key stages and it's free for every child to take part!

Price increases from 1st April 2026

From the 1st April the following price increases will come into effect:

- School meals £3.25 per child
- Nursery afternoon charge £21.29 per child.

ParentPay



A gentle reminder that Oxhey is a **cashless school**, and all payments for school trips, Tiger Club sessions, school dinners and other activities must be made through **ParentPay**.

Staffordshire Day



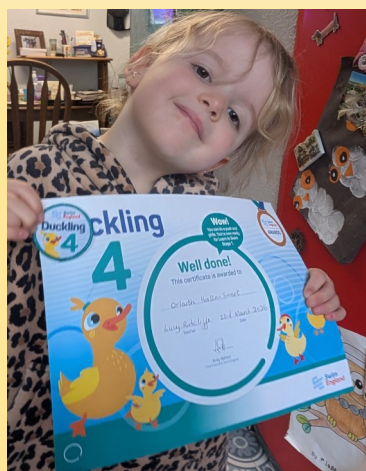
As part of the celebrations for Staffordshire Day's tenth anniversary, Oxhey has been selected to participate in the Attraction Action Primary Project! We have been partnered with Middleport Pottery to explore its past, present and future, culminating in creative work that will be displayed at Middleport Pottery during May and shared digitally across We Are Staffordshire channels. All our children will be working on this exciting project next week and when we return after Easter. It's great to know Oxhey is helping to showcase the creativity, pride and imagination of Staffordshire's young people!

Inflatable Fun Day – New Date



Unfortunately, we took the decision to postpone the Inflatable Day yesterday. However, ASM Sports are now planning to join us on **Friday 15th May** with their incredible *Inflatable Fun Park*, bringing a bespoke bouncing experience for all our children! Throughout the day, pupils will build their resilience, teamwork and growth mindset as they take on an amazing outdoor inflatable adventure filled with fun, laughter and friendly competition. Activities will include an action-packed obstacle course, gladiator duel, sumo suits, hungry hippos, caterpillar tracks and a classic bouncy castle! Please note that some inflatable stations will be reserved for our older children due to safety restrictions. **To make the most of this energetic day, all children should come to school dressed appropriately in their PE kit and trainers**

WOW Awards



SUMMER 1 April - May (6 Weeks)

School Opens	13/04/26
St. George's Day	23/04/26
Staffordshire Day	01/05/26
Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed	04/05/26
Career's Week	WB 05/05/26
Nursery/Reception Graduation and Y4 Leavers Photographs	11/05/26
Images Art Exhibition (children's art will be on display in our school hall)	12/05/26
New Date for Proposed Inflatable Fun Day (PE Kits to be worn)	15/05/26
Walk to School Week	WB 18/05/26
Year 2 Trip to Weaver Hall	20/05/26
Year 1 Trip to Weaver Hall	21/05/26
Finish for May Half Term	22/05/26

SUMMER 2 June - July (7 weeks)

INSET DAY (Staff Only)	01/06/26
School Opens for Pupils	02/06/26



Notice Board

SPORTS COACHING GROUP

Spring into ACTION

MULTI-SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES HOLIDAY CLUBS

31ST MARCH - 10TH APRIL **FREE HAF SPACES**







MOVE PLAY EXPLORE

BOOK HERE
FOR THOSE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR FREE HAF SPACE, IT'S ONLY £12 PER SESSION



DETAILS

- BIDDULPH YOUTH AND COMMUNITY ZONE
- 9:30AM - 1:30PM
- FREE HOT LUNCH INCLUDED IN HAF BOOKINGS

CHILDCARE VOUCHERS AND TAX FREE SCHEME ACCEPTED | SPORTS | DANCE | BASKETBALL | FOOTBALL | POOL | THEME DAYS | EASTER CRAFTS AND MORE...



HOLIDAY Activities and FOOD Staffordshire County Council Ofsted Registered

CHATTERLEY WINGS FOOTBALL CLUB

CHATTERLEY KICKS!

OPEN FOOTBALL SESSIONS

AGES 5+ UP

School Year Reception & Year 1

SOCCER SATURDAY!


Session Time: 10:30 - 12:00

• FA QUALIFIED AND UEFA LICENSED COACH

JAMES BATEMAN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Cost £3 per child paid in advance or cash/card on day. £10 if paid monthly in advance.

Contact the page for more details or to book place!



GLOW-IN-THE-DARK

Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 10AM-11.30AM

BOOKING REQUIRED - CALL 01782 244288
ONLY £5 PER CHILD
PAYMENT SECURES YOUR BOOKING

BIDDULPH YOUTH & COMMUNITY ZONE
CHURCH RD, BIDDULPH

Glow Zone Limited places Craft Fun Disco

Age 12 and below
Under 8's must be accompanied by an adult - bring your own small egg basket

Staffordshire Family hub
www.bycz.org




Simpli.life

Farm to Fork

HAF Programme

At Intake Farm, Ipstones, ST10 2JT






7th & 8th April, 9am - 1pm

Free for HAF Eligible Children
£25 per session for non-HAF children

To book log on to: www.eequ.org
Call: 07795 420664



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

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Staff and Pupils: Tuesday 3rd November - Friday 18th December

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Spring Term 2027

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INSET DAY 3 Monday 22nd February (Staff only)

Pupils: Tuesday 23rd February - Thursday 25th March

Easter Holiday: Monday 29th March - Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 12th April - Friday 28th May

May Bank Holiday - School Closed: Monday 3rd May

Half term: Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June

INSET DAY 4: Monday 7th June (Staff only)

Pupils: Tuesday 8th June - Tuesday 20th July

INSET DAY 5- Wednesday 21st July (Staff only)

Summer Holiday for pupils: Wednesday 21st July - Wednesday 1st September 2027

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