

Oxhey Newsletter



24/04/2026



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....



Dear parents and carers,

It has been a wonderfully busy and uplifting week in school, helped along by the lovely sunshine we have been enjoying. We have had important and positive transition discussions with Woodhouse and James Bateman as we prepare to support our Year 4 pupils as they get ready for their next exciting chapter in September. The children were delighted by a visit from 'Biscuit' and Becky from The Gingerbread Family Support, who delivered a valuable assembly exploring charity, compassion and community — marking the beginning of an exciting partnership between Oxhey and this amazing local charity. Our Year 3 pupils enjoyed a walk to Woodhouse Middle School yesterday to watch the production 'Surviving School', which was thoroughly enjoyed and made even more special by seeing some of our former pupils shining on stage! To add to the excitement, Middleport Pottery visited this morning to collect the children's fantastic artwork, which will be mounted and displayed as part of Staffordshire Day's 10th Anniversary celebrations.



Have a great weekend!

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.

Diary Dates

Bank Holiday Monday
School Closed
4th May

Careers Week
w/c 5th May

Careers Dress up day
8th May

Nursery/Reception
Graduation & Year
4
Leavers Photos
11th May



Images Art Exhibition
12th May

Inflatable Fun Day
15th May

Walk to School Week
WB 18th May

Y2 trip to Weaver Hall
20th May

Y1 trip to Weaver Hall
21st May

Standon Bowers Meeting
for Y4 Parents
21st May

Finish for May Half Term
22nd May

Class

Attendance

Little Ladybirds	91.71%
Sparkly Spiders	94.31%
Dazzling Dragonflies	93.84%
Terrific Turtles	99.63%
Perfect Pandas	95.38%
Amazing Alligators	98.57%
Marvellous Meerkats	96.67%
Outstanding Owls	98.97%
Fabulous Foxes	97.04%

School Matters!



Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.
This week, our school attendance was 96.38%.

In the spotlight this week

SUMMER 1 April - May (6 Weeks)

Staffordshire Day	01/05/26
Bank Holiday Monday - School Closed	04/05/26
Career's Week at Oxhey	WB 05/05/26
KS1 Taste and Sensory Workshop with Edwards and Ward	05/05/26
Nursery/Reception Graduation and Y4 Leavers Photographs	11/05/26
Images Art Exhibition (3.30pm - 5.30pm in the hall. Details will follow shortly)	12/05/26
Inflatable Fun Day at Oxhey with ASM Sports (PE kit to be worn all day)	15/05/26
Walk to School Week	WB 18/05/26
Y2 Trip to Weaver Hall	20/05/26
Y1 Trip to Weaver Hall	21/05/26
Standon Bowers Meeting for Y4 Parents (5.30pm - 6.15pm)	21/05/26
Finish for May Half Term	22/05/26

SUMMER 2 June - July (7 weeks)

INSET DAY	01/06/26
School Opens for Pupils	02/06/26
Y1 Phonics Screening and Y4 Multiplication Tables Check	WB 08/06/26
PTFA Summer Discos	11/06/26
Biddulph Schools 'Bump Up Day' - Transition Day	18/06/26
Health and Sports Week	WB 22/06/26
KS2 Smoothie Bike Activities	22/06/26
EYFS Sports Day 9:15am -11:00am	23/06/26
KS1 Sports Day 9.15am - 11.00am	24/06/26
KS2 Sports Day 9.15am - 11.00am	25/06/26
PTFA Colour Run	26/06/26
Y4 Residential Visit to Standon Bowers	01/07/26 - 03/07/26
End of Year Annual Reports Out	03/07/26
Meet the Teacher Evening	07/07/26
Cricket Enrichment Day	08/07/26
Year 4 Leaver's Disco	09/07/26
Nursery & Reception Graduation Assembly for Parents (AM and PM)	10/07/26
Leavers' Assembly and Awards Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm X 2 tickets	13/07/26
Leavers' Assembly and Family Picnic on the Field 1.30pm - 3.00pm	14/07/26
Create Music - Summer Music Concert 2.45pm - 3.15pm	15/07/26
Pupils Finish for Summer - Non-Uniform Day	17/07/26
INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS	20/07/26



No Mow May

This May, our Eco Warriors are encouraging us take part in *No Mow May* by leaving some areas of the school grounds uncut. This will include the lawned area at the front of the school. It gives wildflowers the chance to grow and provides important food and shelter for bees, butterflies, and other wildlife. The children are enjoying learning how small changes can help look after our planet, and they are proud to be making a positive difference. Thank you for supporting our Eco Warriors as they help nature thrive.

Oxhey Art Gallery – Tuesday 12th May

We are delighted to invite you to attend an Exhibition of the Children's Art in our school hall, on Tuesday 12th May, between 3:15pm and 5:30pm. The children have produced some stunning art and we're sure that you'll be delighted when you see their beautiful pictures professionally mounted, framed, catalogued and displayed in the 'gallery' so please make a space in your diary for this very special event. A letter has gone home with further details.



Careers Week - 5th May

As part of our upcoming Careers Week (5th – 8th May), we would love to invite any parents or carers who would be willing to come into school to deliver a short assembly about their chosen career. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to learn about a wide range of jobs, pathways and real-life experiences, helping to raise aspirations and spark curiosity about the world around them. Assemblies would be kept brief and age-appropriate, and your support in sharing your experiences would be hugely valued. If you are interested in taking part, please contact the school for more information. As part of Careers Week, on Friday 8th May, we are inviting all children to come to school dressed up as what they would like to be when they grow up. The children will also have the opportunity to share their dream job with their class as part of our learning. Thank you for your support!

Middleport Pottery and the Attraction Action Project

Today, Middleport Pottery faced the very tricky task of judging the incredible teapots and jugs designed and created by our talented Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children. After much discussion, they selected 83 outstanding finished pieces, which will now proudly return to Middleport Pottery to be mounted and showcased among the museum collection in the Heritage areas throughout the whole month of May. This is a truly special achievement! All children whose work has been chosen to be displayed as part of this project will be bringing home a family voucher, very generously donated by Middleport Pottery. The voucher offers free entry for up to two adults and accompanying children to the Heritage Trail, giving families the chance to visit, explore, and spot your child's artwork on display in the museum. Vouchers will be valid until the end of May, when this exciting project comes to a close. Well done to all our amazing artists!

Parking - Respect for Local Residents and Safe Parking at Drop-Off/Pick-Up

Further to my letter this week, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of being considerate towards our local residents when dropping off and collecting children from school, particularly regarding parking. We understand that the Roaring Meg car park is currently closed, and we appreciate the inconvenience this may cause, however, I kindly ask that you adhere to the following expectations:

- Park considerately and allow access to driveways and cul-de-sacs at all times.
- Do not block residents' drives or park across dropped kerbs, pavements, or in a way that prevents other vehicles from passing.
- Avoid stopping on double yellow lines or in areas marked for emergency access.
- Do not park on pavements where pedestrians, including those with pushchairs or mobility aids, are forced into the road.
- Maintain kerbside clearance to allow residents to enter and leave their homes safely.
- Turn off engines when waiting and avoid unnecessary idling.
- Be polite and calm with residents, other parents, and school staff; verbal abuse will not be tolerated.

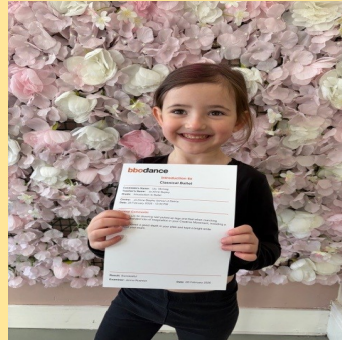


Thank you for your cooperation. Respectful behaviour keeps everyone safe and helps maintain good relationships between the school and our neighbours.

Our football team & Wellbeing champions

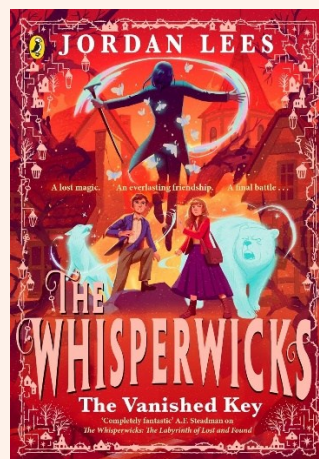
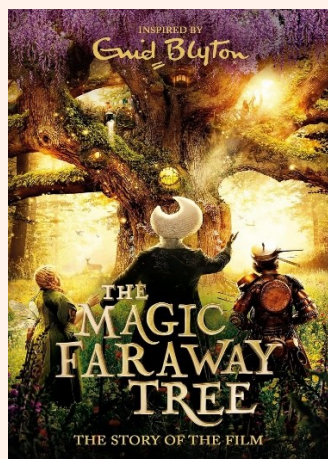
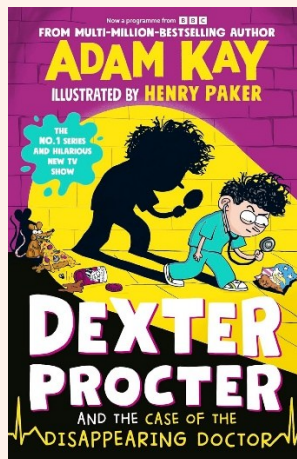
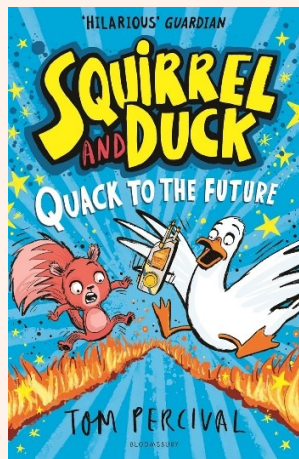
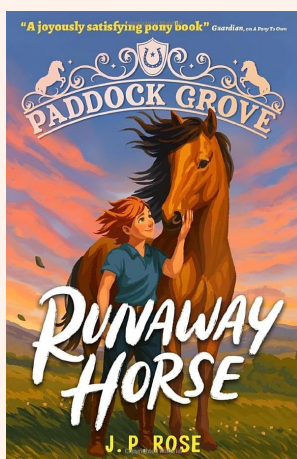
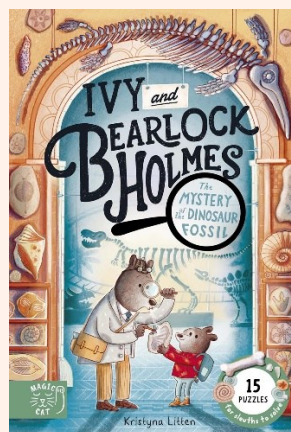
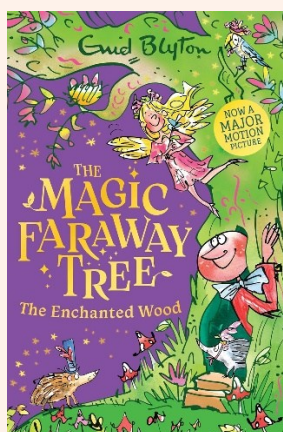
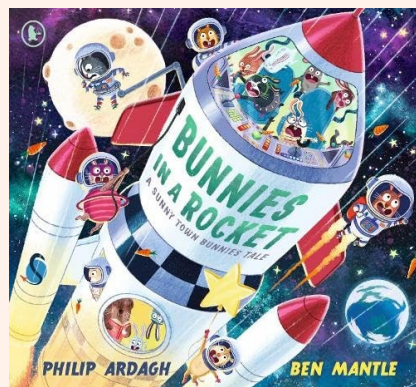
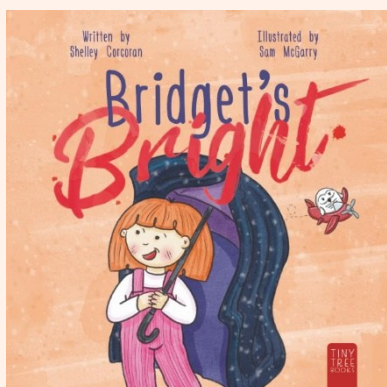


WOW Awards



What's new in Key Stage 1 & 2?!..

Here are our termly book recommendations!

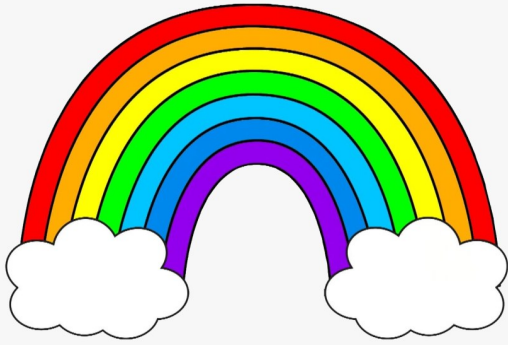



Keep an eye out for news about..
this year's
Summer Reading Challenge!



Summer 2026!

Notice Board





What to do when you are not 100% happy with your leavers hoodie?

Dear Customer,
we have strived to ensure your purchase is 100% satisfactory.
In the event that it is not please help us to solve this issue as soon as possible.


Please follow the below steps:

DO EMAIL
shop@smartuniform.co.uk
✔

Do Not Visit In-Store
✘


Please provide us with the following information:
School Name/ Your Name/ Mobile number
The issue you would like to bring to our attention
Please attach a photograph of the issue where possible

In most cases we will reply within the same day of your email
In some instances 48 hours is required for our Leavers Hoodies team to reply, weekends excluded.



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COME JOIN US AT
BIDDULPH FAMILY HUB

29TH APRIL
5:30-7:30PM

9-17 YEAR OLDZ

COMBAT SPORTS GAMES
MUSIC SNACKS
ARTS & CRAFTS CHILL TIME
FUN


FREE TO ATTEND

STAFFS MOORLANDS HUB, ALBERT STREET, BIDDULPH, ST8 6DT





SEND & Wellbeing Coffee Afternoon




A great opportunity to meet and catch-up with other parents, check-in with staff and discuss SEND & Wellbeing Support!

Open to all parents of all year groups!
No need to book, just show up!
Open to Prospective Parents too!



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM




Autism Inclusion Team

- Worry management / Anxiety
- Panic management
- Low Mood
- Sleep
- Problems solving

- Work with children with a diagnosis or working diagnosis of Autism.
- Offer specific support and advice to staff, children and parents in educational settings

Wednesday 3rd June
1:30pm to 3:30pm at
James Bateman Middle School's Canteen



Families' Health and Wellbeing



Midlands Partnership University
NHS Foundation Trust

School Nurse Community drop in



For parents/
carers of 5-19's
and young
people not in
education

**2nd
Friday
of the month**
1.15pm – 4.00pm

The School Nurse
is here to help your child feel healthy, happy
and safe during their school years and to get
the best from their
education. If you
have any concerns
about their health
call in for a chat at →

Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub

Albert Street

Biddulph

Staffordshire

ST8 6DT

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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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Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAYS 1: Tuesday 1st September 2026 (Staff only)

Pupils: Wednesday 2nd September - Friday 23rd October

October Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

INSET DAY 2 Monday 2nd November (Staff only)

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

Christmas Holiday: Monday 21st December - Friday 1st January 2027

Spring Term 2027

Staff and Pupils: Monday 4th January 2027 - Friday 12th February

February Half Term: Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February

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