

01/05/2026

Newsletter

A message from Mrs Proffitt.....



Dear parents and carers,

This week has been full of learning, links and lovely moments across Oxhey! Our KS2 School Council have proudly linked up with The Gingerbread Family Support charity to take part in an exciting enterprise challenge, and I'm sure all our fabulous families will get behind them by supporting the fundraising events coming up – please see this week's *Spotlight Section* for more information. We were delighted to welcome St Lawrence Church on Tuesday, who led an *Open the Book* assembly. Again, we are really grateful for this link with our local church and thank the team for enriching our assemblies! Staff have also been busy with their own learning this week; taking part in training on PSHE and Citizenship and our new spelling scheme and as we begin to prepare for September. It was a pleasure to welcome Year 8 students from Woodhouse Academy as part of their *Reading in the Community* project – they were extremely impressed by the confidence and skill of our wonderful KS1 readers. Well done! Today is Staffordshire Day, and we're thrilled that our project with Middleport Pottery is now LIVE! To celebrate this partnership, Middleport Pottery have very generously gifted family heritage trail passes to *all* Oxhey children, so why not take the opportunity to visit over the bank holiday weekend? Whatever you choose to do, I hope you have a fantastic time.

Have a great bank holiday weekend. See you back in school on Tuesday!

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

School Matters!



Class

Attendance

Little Ladybirds

91.8%

Sparkly Spiders

95.28%

Dazzling Dragonflies

95.13%

Terrific Turtles

96.6%

Perfect Pandas

94.23%

Amazing Alligators

97.62%

Marvellous Meerkats

96.39%

Outstanding Owls

95.68%

Fabulous Foxes

97.27%

Our whole school attendance target is **96.4%**.
This week, our school attendance was **95.74%**.

In the spotlight this week

SUMMER 1 April - May (6 Weeks)

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.

School Council Raffle & Bake Sale

At this event, our Key Stage 2 School Council will be running a raffle and bake sale to help raise funds as part of their Enterprise Challenge. Raffle tickets will be **£1 per strip**, and they will also be selling **gingerbread to take home for a tasty treat**.

Please bring some cash if you are able — **your support is really appreciated** and makes a big difference to the children.



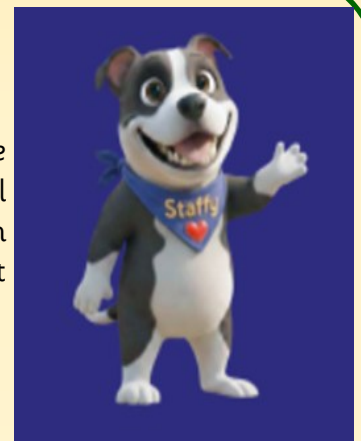
Careers Week - 5th May

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.

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

Middleport Pottery has generously donated a voucher to all our children that offers free entry for up to two adults and accompanying children to the Heritage Trail, giving all Oxhey families the chance to visit, explore, and have a look at the artwork on display in the museum. Vouchers will be valid until the end of May, when this exciting project comes to a close. Have a look in your child's bag for the voucher!



In the spotlight this week

Key Stage 2 School Council Enterprise Challenge

The Gingerbread Family Support is a local charity supporting local families who have lost their home. Family is at the heart of what they do, and children in particular can be traumatised by homelessness. They provide the family with temporary accommodation in one of their flats and houses and assign them a support worker who ascertains why the family lost their home and puts together a support package to get them back on track and back into a home of their own, regardless as to how long it takes.

We are proud to be supporting The Gingerbread Family Support and our Key Stage 2 Council are taking part in an **enterprise challenge** to raise vital funds for this very special charity. Please support them in any way that you can; we are very grateful!



50p Freeze Pop Friday – Friday 15th May

As part of the Enterprise Challenge, the School Council are organising 'Freeze Pop Friday' which will take place after our Inflatable Fun Day on Friday 15th May. **Ice pops will be sold for 50p**, and children will enjoy them in school after the event. To help the children plan accurately, **orders and money must be placed in a named envelope and handed in to the school office by Friday 8th May**. This deadline allows enough



time for the School Council to buy and freeze the ice pops ready for the day! Unfortunately, we will be unable to accept or budget for any late orders received after Friday 8th May. Thank you very much for your understanding and support



Additionally, the School Council will be selling decorated gingerbread treats and raffle tickets at the Art Exhibition on **Tuesday 12th May**, so please come along with some loose change to support our fundraising. Many thanks!

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

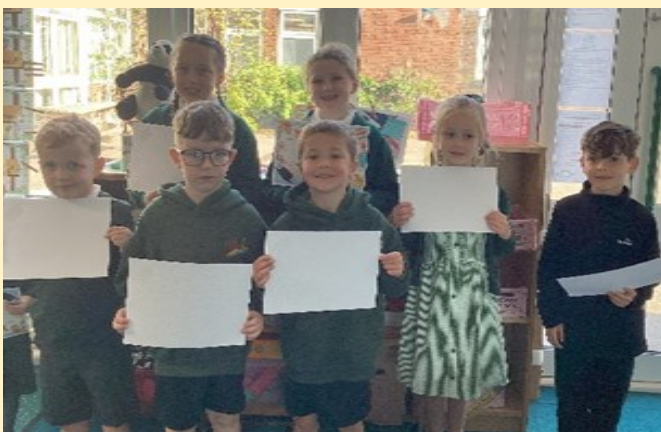
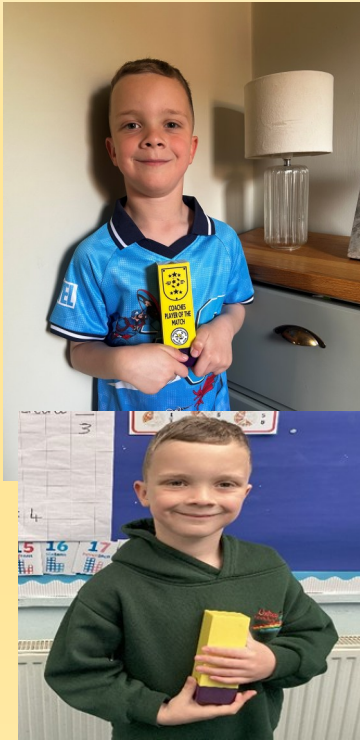
Further to my letter this week, I would like to remind everyone of the importance of being considerate towards our local residents when dropping off and collecting children from school, particularly regarding parking. We understand that the Roaring Meg car park is currently closed, and we appreciate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

WOW Awards



COMING SOON



When I grow up
I want to be a...

Careers Dress-Up Day—Non Uniform!

We are inviting all pupils to take part in a **Careers Dress-Up Day** on **Friday 8th May**.

This will be a **non-uniform day**, and children are encouraged to come to school dressed as a **professional linked to what they would like to be when they grow up**. This could be any career of their choice, such as a doctor, teacher, builder, scientist, artist, police officer, fire fighter, footballer, athlete any job they are interested in!

Simple outfits, accessories and homemade ideas will be absolutely perfect.

The aim is to encourage children to think about future aspirations and have fun sharing their hopes and interests. We look forward to seeing the children's fantastic career choices!



Parents/Carers, if you would be willing to come into school to talk about your own career, we would love to hear from you!

Also, if you were a former pupil at Oxhey and would be willing to send a photograph of yourself as a child at Oxhey and also as an adult in your current profession, please contact us.

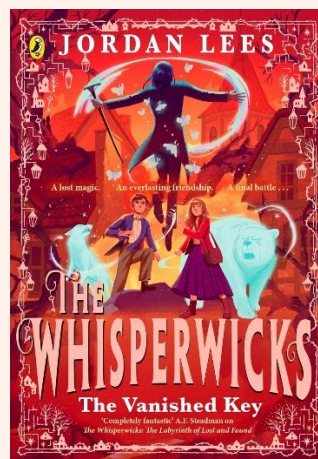
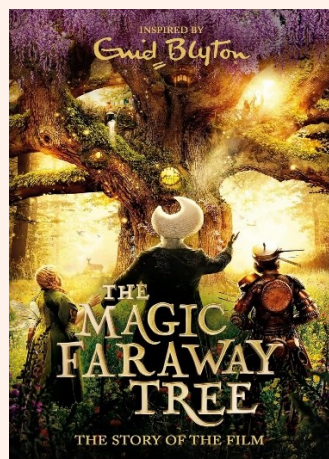
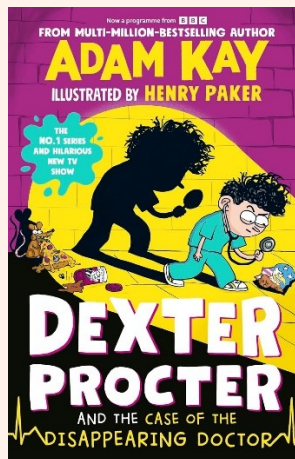
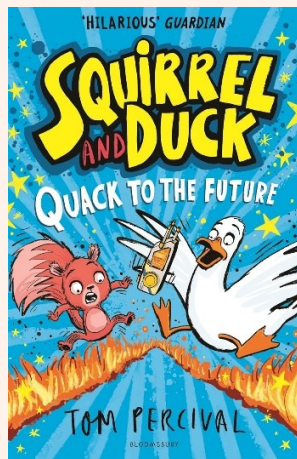
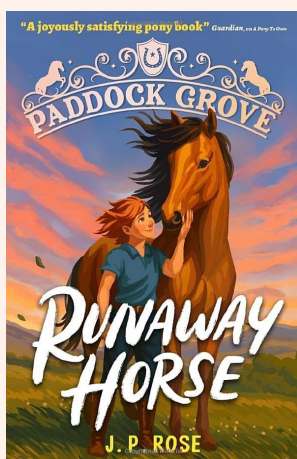
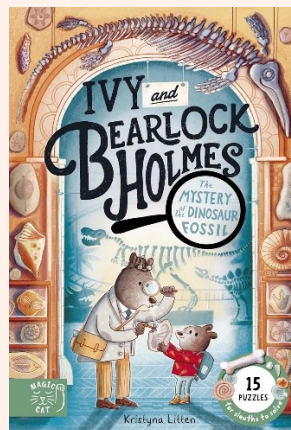
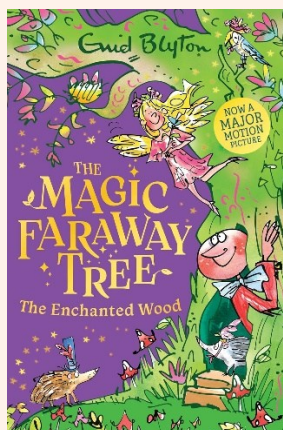
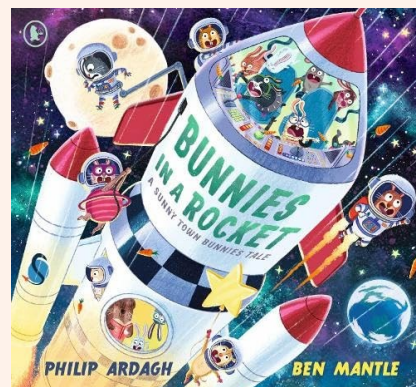
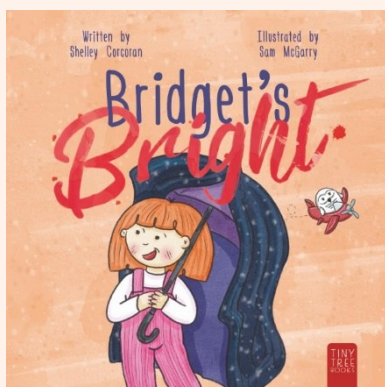
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Thank you for your support!



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



WE ARE
RECRUITING
join our team



Permanent Grade 5 Caretaker

We are seeking to recruit a reliable and practical individual to support Knypersley First School with day-to-day site duties as a caretaker. This hands-on role includes opening school premises, carrying out basic maintenance and repairs, and assisting with routine H&S checks. Grade 5, 25 hours per week but may vary depending on site needs. This post will commence ASAP. Additional 5 hours Grade 2 janitor to lock school also available

Closing date for applications:
Friday 08th May 2026 at 9 a.m.

Apply now and help us 'Inspire Excellence Together'. To apply, click on the link below

<https://mynewterm.com/jobs/146873/EDV-2026-KFS-47279>

and apply before 8th May 2026

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!

Wednesday 3rd June

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



Autism Inclusion Team



- SPECIAL GUESTS!**
- 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



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

CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

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