



# Newsletter

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



Dear parents and carers,

Despite it being a shorter week in school, it has been bursting with learning and fun! Tuesday saw the start of Careers Week; an incredibly important opportunity to help our children begin to dream big and develop aspirations for the future – never underestimating the powerful seeds that can be planted now for lifelong success! We were thrilled to welcome Matt Turner, a Police Officer, who truly brought his career to life; our youngest children were amazed to sit inside his police car, see the flashing blue lights and hear the sirens! We also welcomed Matt Penning, who spoke about the wide range of fascinating careers available in the RAF – the children were mesmerised by his body armour and military artefacts. Our thanks go to Jason Paul Evans from Edwards and Ward too, who spoke to the KS1 children about his career as a chef, bringing the experience to life in a meaningful and inspiring way through an exciting taste and sensory workshop. Today, we have also marked VE Day, taking time to reflect on its significance and honour those who served, helping children understand the importance of remembrance and peace. Looking ahead, we would love families to support us next week at our Art Exhibition – please remember to bring some cash to support our School Council raffle and gingerbread sales. Thank you! And finally, don't forget our Inflatable Fun Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May – fingers crossed the weather is kind to us!

Enjoy the weekend.

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.

## Diary Dates

**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**

**Inset Day (Staff only)**

**1st June**

Class	Attendance
Little Ladybirds	90.87%
Sparkly Spiders	93.31%
Dazzling Dragonflies	90.7%
Terrific Turtles	98.15%
Perfect Pandas	87.69%
Amazing Alligators	93.57%
Marvellous Meerkats	97.33%
Outstanding Owls	95.52%
Fabulous Foxes	98%

### School Matters!



Our whole school attendance target is 96.4%.  
This week, our school attendance was 94.34%.

# In the spotlight this week .....

## SUMMER 1 April - May (6 Weeks)

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)

<b>INSET DAY</b>	<b>01/06/26</b>
School Opens for Pupils	02/06/26
<b>Y1 Phonics Screening and Y4 Multiplication Tables Check</b>	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
<b>INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS</b>	<b>20/07/26</b>

## Inflatable Fun Day Next Week!

Get ready for an unforgettable day of fun and challenge! **ASM Sports** will be joining 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—No Jewellery.**

## 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.

### 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.



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

## Middleport Pottery and the Attraction Action Project

We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the Attraction Action Project as part of Staffordshire Day's tenth anniversary celebrations. It has been a wonderful opportunity for Oxhey pupils to engage with the rich heritage of our local area through the partnership with Middleport Pottery. Projects like this are so valuable as they enhance and enrich our curriculum and bring learning to life. By exploring the past, present and future of such an iconic Staffordshire landmark, our KS1 and KS2 children have developed a deeper understanding of where they live and the traditions that have shaped our community; helping them to feel a strong sense of belonging and pride in their local area. We are delighted that our pupils' art work will be showcased at Middleport Pottery this month and proud to be sharing the creativity and talent of Staffordshire's young people!

We're delighted to share a special short video celebrating our partnership with Middleport, and we'd love you to take a moment to watch it by clicking the link. It captures the creativity, collaboration and pride shown by our pupils – we are so proud of how brilliantly they represent our school. A huge well done and thank you to everyone involved, especially our Art Leader, Mrs Kane. We hope you enjoy watching this lovely snapshot of our shared successes!

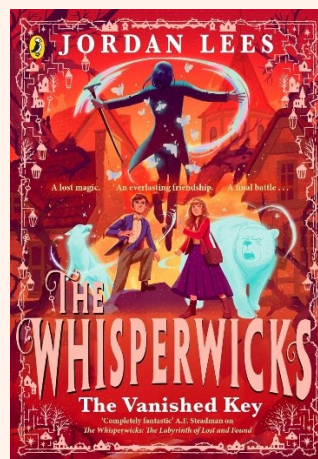
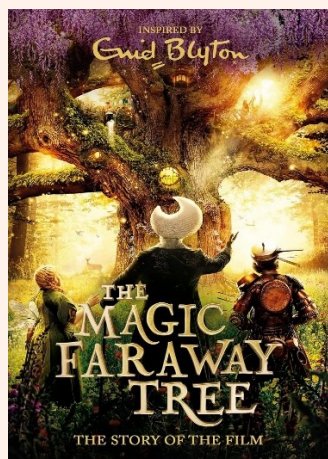
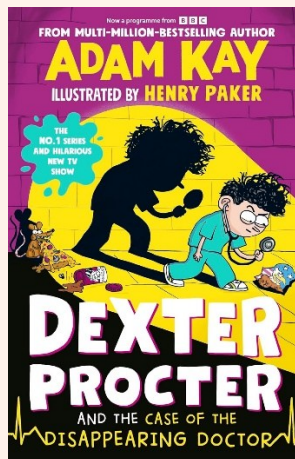
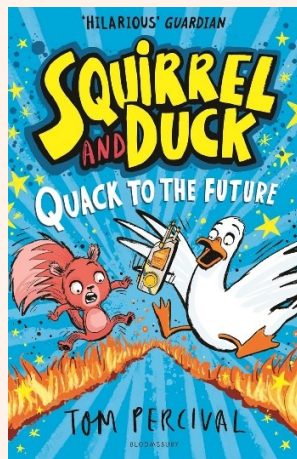
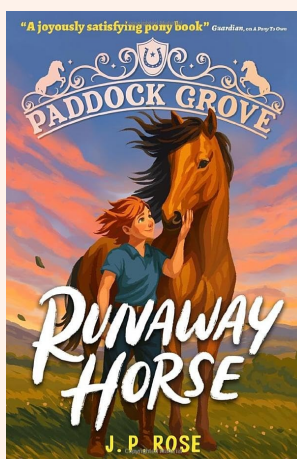
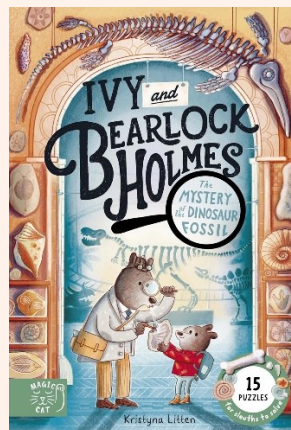
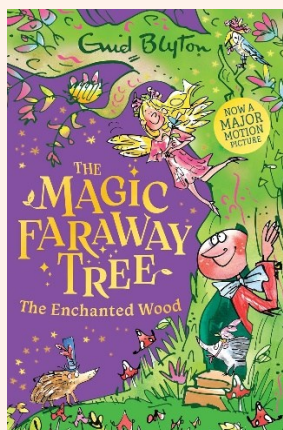
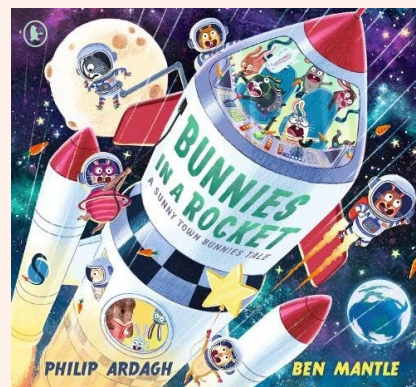
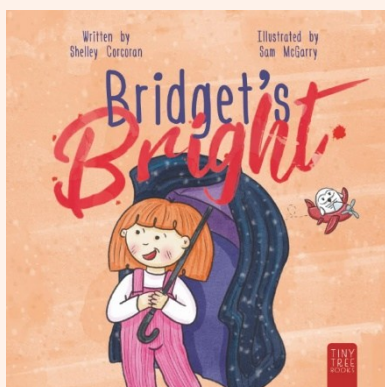
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Middleport Pottery has generously donated a voucher to all our children that offers free entry for up to two adults and accompanying children to the Heritage Trail, giving all Oxhey families the chance to visit, explore, and have a look at the artwork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

# 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



## 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!

### SPECIAL GUESTS!



### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> June

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





## MAY-HEM HALF TERM

HOLIDAY CLUBS

**KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL** Gunn Street, Biddulph, ST8 6AY

We are excited to welcome you to our action-packed holiday club from **May 26-29**. Our program of sports, games and special events give every child an unforgettable experience living long in the memory.

**NEW EXTENDED FULL DAY!**  
WE'RE GIVING YOU AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES!

**FULL DAY 08:30-15:30 £23.50**

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

Half Day (£15.00)      Wrap-Around (from £4.00)

<b>AM 08:30-12:00</b>	<b>PM 12:00-15:30</b>	<b>AM 08:00-08:30</b>	<b>PM 15:30-17:00</b>
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**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- Glow Dodgeball
- Scoot Skills
- Circus Skills

- Laser Tag
- Mini-Medics
- Wet 'n' Wild

- World Cup Day
- Bring-a-Bike
- Talent Show

All of these scheduled activities may be subject to change

**SIBLING DISCOUNT**  
20% off for all siblings!

We accept payment of childcare vouchers from most schemes. Bookings subject to a £3.00 admin fee.

**OFSTED**  
Registered  
(at selected venues)



Call: 01782 366332      Website: [asmssports.co.uk](http://asmssports.co.uk)

# BioBlitz

## Free Event Drop in

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2026**  
10:00<sup>am</sup> - 12:00<sup>pm</sup>  
At All Saints' Church Sandon ST18 0DB



- Join Staffordshire Wildlife Trust's rangers to take part in a BioBlitz in the grounds of All Saints' Church Sandon.
- Find and identify as many species as possible and record your sightings.
- Take part in bug hunts, bird watching and investigate plants and trees
- Have a go at tree bingo and clay creature modelling
- For further details see [www.sandonallsaints.com](http://www.sandonallsaints.com)





**All Saints Sandon**  
[www.sandonallsaints.com](http://www.sandonallsaints.com)



**Staffordshire Wildlife Trust**




@allsaintssandon

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

01782 297970

**We provide a confidential and friendly service**

[www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing](http://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing)

## **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

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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**