



Newsletter

A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

Dear Families,



What a fantastic week it has been at Oxhey! We are incredibly proud to have achieved the **School Games Gold Award**, a prestigious national recognition celebrating our commitment to high-quality PE, school sport and opportunities for all children to be active and engaged. Sticking with the sporting theme, our Year 2 pupils had a wonderful time taking part in a **Multi-Skills Festival at Woodhouse yesterday**, developing their teamwork, coordination and confidence through a range of activities. Meanwhile, our Year 4 children have enjoyed an action-packed residential adventure at **Standon Bowers**, where they have challenged themselves with caving, team games, low ropes, bouldering, archery and shelter building. It has been brilliant to see them stepping outside their comfort zones, digging deep and demonstrating such resilience, determination and independence – everything we champion at Oxhey. We are sure they will return with memories to last a lifetime! A huge thank you must also go to the staff who have given up their time to make this wonderful experience possible. Their care, enthusiasm and commitment have ensured our Year 4 children have had an unforgettable few days.

I hope you all enjoy a very well-deserved weekend!

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.

Diary Dates

KS2 Sports Day 9.15-10.30am
6th July

PTFA Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day
6th July

Meet the teacher evening
7th July

Cricket Enrichment Day
8th July

Y4 Leaver's Disco
9th July

Y3 Festival of Brilliance
10th July

PTFA Colour Run
10th July

EYFS Graduation 9.15am or 2.30pm
10th July

Y4 Leavers' Assembly and Awards Evening 5.30-7.30pm
13th July

Class

Attendance

Little Ladybirds	97%
Sparkly Spiders	93%
Dazzling Dragonflies	97%
Terrific Turtles	97%
Perfect Pandas	100%
Amazing Alligators	98%
Marvellous Meerkats	94%
Outstanding Owls	96%
Fabulous Foxes	99%

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is **96.4%**.
This week, our school attendance was **96.55%**

SUMMER TERM—KEY DATES

Next Week in School

Looking ahead, next week is set to be another busy and exciting one. We have our **KS2 Sports Day** on **Monday 6th July at 9.15am**, the **Rock Steady Concert** on Tuesday 7th July at 10.00am, our **'Welcome Meetings'** for parents and carers after school on Tuesday, a **Cricket Enrichment Day** on Wednesday, the **Year 4 Leavers' Disco** on Thursday, and the **Festival of Brilliance trip for Year 3**, the **PTFA Colour Run**, and our **Nursery and Reception Graduation Assemblies on Friday!** Please make sure all of these events are on your calendar so you don't miss out. Further details about each event can be found throughout this newsletter. Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Have a wonderful weekend!

Welcome Meetings for Parents/Carers

On Tuesday 7th July, we warmly invite you to our 'Welcome Meetings'. These short, informative sessions will give you some key snippets of information in preparation for September and a chance to ask your child's new teacher any questions. Please be advised that the meeting times are as follows: new to Reception: 3:30pm, new to Year 1 and 2: 4:00pm and new to Year 3 and 4: 4:30pm. Please enter school via the main office. Don't worry if you can't make it, we will upload the powerpoint presentations to the school website. We look forward to meeting you then.

Smart School Uniform

A reminder that Smart Uniform will be in school on Thursday 9th July from 2:45 until 3:15pm for you to browse and/or purchase uniform, should you need to.

SUMMER TERM—KEY DATES

SUMMER 2 June - July (7 weeks)

Key Stage 2 Sports Day 9.15 - 10.30am	06/07/26
PTFA Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day	06/07/26
Meet the Teacher Evening - EYFS 3.30pm/KS1 4.00pm/KS2 4.30pm	07/07/26
Cricket Enrichment Day	08/07/26
Year 4 Leaver's Disco	09/07/26
Y3 Festival of Brilliant	10/07/26
PTFA Colour Run	10/07/26
Nursery & Reception Graduation Assembly for Parents (AM and PM Session)	10/07/26
Year 4 Leavers' Assembly and Awards Evening 5.30pm - 7.30pm X 2 tickets	13/07/26
Year 4 Leavers' Assembly and Family Picnic on the Field 1.30pm - 3.00pm X2 tickets	14/07/26
Last Day - Pupils Finish for Summer - Non-Uniform Day	17/07/26
INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS	20/07/26

PTFA Colour Run – New Date: Friday 10th July



We are delighted to invite you to join in with the PTFA's Colour Run on Friday 10th July – the powder has been ordered and we're ready for a fun-filled, colourful afternoon!

The cost is £5.00 per runner, and we kindly ask that correct money is sent into the office in a **named envelope**. Wristbands will then be sent home ahead of the event. On the day, please meet on the top playground at 3.30pm. Grown-ups must stay and watch the fun unfold!

As this promises to be a wonderfully messy event, please remember that the coloured powder may not wash out, so children should wear an old t-shirt and shorts. Swimming goggles or sunglasses are

also a good idea to protect eyes—and definitely no white trainers!

PTFA Rainbow Raffle

Get ready for the PTFA's **Rainbow Raffle Non-Uniform Day**, taking place on **Monday 6th July**! Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a hamper donation, with each class collecting items based on a different colour. The hampers were absolutely amazing last year, and we would really appreciate your support again to make this year just as special. Raffle tickets will also be available to purchase for the chance to win one of these fantastic rainbow hampers. The raffle will be drawn during assembly on **Thursday 16th July**. Please note that Monday 6th July is also **Key Stage 2 Sports Day**, so Key Stage 2 children should come to school dressed in sportswear ready to race, but this does not need to be their school PE kit. Thank you, as always, for your continued support!

Key Stage 2 Sports Day – New Date: Monday 6th July

A reminder the Key Stage 2 Sports Day will take place on **Monday 6th July** from **9:15am to 10:30am**.

Operation Encompass School



A reminder that Oxhey First School is an Operation Encompass school. Operation Encompass is a partnership between police and schools, and it is now in place in all 43 police forces in England and Wales. It is a police and education early information-sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support to any child experiencing domestic abuse. Operation Encompass ensures there is a phone call or notification to a trained member of school staff on the next school day after an incident of police-attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved. This timely information sharing enables appropriate support to be provided for that child so that all interactions, from when the child first arrives at our school gates, are of a positive nature.

FREE First News for our pupils this summer holiday! We know how important it is to keep children reading, thinking and engaged over the summer holidays and our friends at **First News** have introduced a brilliant offer to help keep our pupils reading over the summer break! The award-winning weekly newspaper is jam-packed with headlines, sport, entertainment, world news and education resources. The content is written with KS2 and KS3 in mind, but we're confident that there's something for everyone, regardless of their age or reading level.



First News helps children:

- Build strong reading habits
- Stay informed in an age-appropriate, safe environment
- Develop critical thinking and media literacy skills
- Engage in meaningful conversations at home

What's included in your free summer subscription?

Unlimited access to the First News app from Thursday 9th July until Friday 4th September, which includes:

- The weekly newspaper and an archive of past issues
- Weekly news quiz to test knowledge in a fun way
- Daily news stories to read, listen or watch
- Polls and interactive content
- Puzzles and games
- Discussion points for families

It's fun, educational and completely free – all summer long.

Your next steps ...

Parents need to click the link, fill in a short form, and you're done. Your login details to the First News app will arrive by email on 9th July, ready for the holidays!

<https://subscribe.firstnews.co.uk/summer-reading-2026/228904214080/>

Co-opted Governor Opportunities – Oxhey First School

Oxhey First School is seeking to appoint two committed and skilled co-opted governors to join our governing body. These are pivotal leadership roles that play a vital part in shaping the strategic direction, effectiveness and continued success of our school.

As a governor, you will work collaboratively with school leaders to provide challenge, support and oversight, ensuring high standards of education, strong safeguarding practices and the very best outcomes for all pupils. There is a full induction and training package available.

Following a recent skills audit, we are particularly keen to hear from individuals with expertise in:

- **Health and Safety** – to support the school in maintaining a safe, compliant and well-managed environment for pupils, staff and visitors.

Education and Safeguarding – to strengthen our strategic oversight of teaching, learning and the welfare and protection of all children.

This is a rewarding voluntary role offering the opportunity to:

- Make a meaningful contribution to the local community
- Influence the future of the school

Use your professional skills to support school improvement

If you are interested in making a difference at Oxhey First School, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please provide a short paragraph, addressed to our Chair of Governors, Mrs. W. Parrott, outlining your experience, skills and knowledge by 14th July via email to: office.oxh@cflptrust.co.uk.

Notice Board

The theme for this year's Summer Reading Challenge is

'Read to the Beat!'



This year's theme, **'Read to the Beat!'**, celebrates the joy of music and the power it has to move, inspire, and connect us - all through the magic of reading. The theme inspires children to explore the connection between stories and songs, discovering how reading and music both ignite imagination and creativity.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at children from 4-11 years old. It supports this age group and their families by:

- Preparing children to get back to the classroom in the autumn.
- Supporting the move into a new year group or key stage.
- Boosting children's confidence and self-esteem by supporting independent reading.
- Providing free access to books and fun family activities during the summer.

Register with Biddulph Library and receive your starter pack from **Saturday, 4th July!** Usual opening hours apply.

THE FESTIVAL OF BRILLIANT Summer at the Libraries

Marc Jackson
Join cartoonist Marc Jackson (THE BEANO, PHOENIX, and GOOF COMIC) for a crazy-fun, comics and cartoon art workshop!! You'll learn how to create characters for comics, all the basics to how they can be made, whilst breaking the rules and having fun all at the same time. Let's celebrate drawing and having fun, taking away the concerns about getting things 'right' or having it 'perfect' Marc brings his own brand of lively comics making to your library!
Ages 6+
Biddulph Library, Tuesday 28th July, 11am - 12pm.
Cheadle Community Library, Tuesday 28th July, 2pm - 3pm.

Lydia Monks
Join bestselling and award-winning author and illustrator, Lydia Monks, for a fun and interactive event to understand how she creates her bestselling books. Discuss how she comes up with ideas, plots and creates characters. Hear how she illustrates books with Julia Donaldson such as Princess Mirrorbelle; The Toothfairy and the Crocodile and the What the Ladybird Heard series and what her process is for writing her own books such as The Six Queens, her new non-fiction book. Ages 4+
Werrington Library, Friday 31st July, 11am - 11.45am.

Rats Tales
An interactive story performance for children and families from the New Vic Theatre. Join us on a 30 minute escapade of fun and adventure with our re-telling the story of The Pied Piper, with a few twists, a few surprises and a few strange noises!

Get ready to wiggle your whiskers because we need you to come along with us! Ages 5+
Leek Library, Thursday 30th July, 11am & 2pm.
Blythe Bridge Library, Friday 31st July, 11am & 2pm.

VIBES 2026
KINGDOM QUEST
AN EPIC JOURNEY TO DISCOVER GOD'S KINGDOM
CHILDREN'S HOLIDAY CLUB
24 - 28 AUGUST 2026
St Lawrence's Church BIDDULPH

WOODHOUSE ACADEMY BIDDULPH
SUMMER FAYRE
A FUN FILLED AFTERNOON FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
3RD JULY 2026 | 4PM
FAMILY FRIENDLY FUN!
ATTRactions INCLUDE:
RAFFLE, TOMBOLA, GAMES, BOUNCY CASTLE, CANDYFLOSS, POPCORN, SLURRIES, ICE CREAM, SPONGE THE TEACHER, PENALTY SHOOTOUT, GLITTER, TEMPORARY TATTOOS, FACE PRINTING, JEWELLERY & FASHION STALLS, PERSONALISED GIFTS
AND ALL YOUR FAVOURITE FAYRE GAMES SUCH AS...
HOW MANY SWEETS IN THE JAR?, NAME THE TEDDY, TIN CAN ALLEY, WHO CAN WIN, GUESS THE TEACHER'S BABY PICTURE, GUESS THE WEIGHT OF THE CAKE!
And so much more!
ALL ARE WELCOME!

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 ➡

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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 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