



04/09/2026

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

Dear parents and carers,



Welcome back! Every September, it's such an exciting and very special occasion when we welcome everybody back to school. We do hope you have had an enjoyable summer and managed to have lots of fun and some quality family time.

We have also welcomed our brand-new little ones as they have made their first steps into school life at Oxhey! A very warm welcome to all our new children and families. There has been a lovely atmosphere in school over the first few days, as everyone has been very busy learning new routines, spending time getting to know each other and catching up on holiday news. Our first priorities are, as always, about ensuring we build strong relationships in classrooms between pupils and staff and also spend time focussing on our golden rules; Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Ready. Well done everyone for making such a fantastic start! We can't wait to see your brilliance shine!

Best wishes,

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.



Diary Dates

PTFA Colour run
11th September

EYFS Reading & Phonics Parent Workshop 5-5.45pm
14th September

KS1 Reading & Phonics Parent Workshop 5-5.45pm
17th September

Y4 Standon Bowers Meeting & Multiplication tables
24th September



Important Term Date Change – Friday 26th March 2027 (Good Friday)

Please note a change to the published Spring term dates in your child's reading diary/planner.

Friday 26th March is Good Friday, and therefore, the last day of the spring term will be **Thursday 25th March**. Following the Easter holiday, **pupils and staff will return to school on Monday 12th April, 2027**. The CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027 previously shared are all correct.

Class	Attendance
Little Ladybirds	95%
Sparkly Spiders	92%
Dazzling Dragonflies	100%
Terrific Turtles	99%
Perfect Pandas	98%
Amazing Alligators	89%
Marvellous Meerkats	92%
Outstanding Owls	95%
Fabulous Foxes	99%

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**.
This week, our school attendance was **95.25%**

Supporting Children Going Back to School

[Tips for Parents & Educators: Supporting Children Going Back to School](#)

The return to school after summer can be a whirlwind of emotions – a mixture of excitement, nerves, and everything in between. This guide shares ten practical tips to support children during this transition. From re-establishing routines to encouraging conversations about feelings, this guide is designed to reduce stress and build a sense of calm.

Here, Every Day, Ready, On Time!



Now is the time to set good intentions for the year ahead and we kindly encourage everyone to arrive on time so that children can begin their day calmly and confidently, ready to learn. The main gate will open at 8:45am every morning by a member of our leadership team. Staff will be welcoming children into their classroom from 8:50am. The main gate will close at 9:00am every morning to ensure we can all make a prompt start to the day.

Action Required: Update Your Arbor Consents!



Over the summer, we made important changes and updates to the parent consent options in Arbor. **We kindly ask all parents and carers to log into Arbor and review/update their consent preferences as soon as possible.** Thank you to those who have already done this. It is very important that we have your current permissions recorded.

Important!

If any of your details have changed over the summer holidays e.g. address or contact numbers, it's really important that you log onto Arbor and update them. Thank you!

New Collection Password Feature on Arbor

Arbor now offers the option to set a **collection password** for your child. This provides an extra layer of security. We encourage all parents and carers to add a collection password through the Arbor app to help us further strengthen our safeguarding procedures.

Thank you for taking the time to complete these important tasks at the start of the new academic year.



🎉 Congratulations, Mrs Hepworth! 🎉

We are delighted to share some wonderful news from our Oxhey family. Over the summer holidays, Miss. Eccleston got married and is now officially Mrs. Hepworth! We are thrilled for her as she begins this exciting new chapter and know that our pupils and families will join us in wishing her and her husband a lifetime of happiness, love and wonderful adventures together! Congratulations!

Tiger Club – Revised Fees, Terms and Conditions effective from September 2026

Further to our email sent in July, we would like to remind parents of our revised Tiger Club fees, terms and conditions which will be effective from 1st September 2026. The revisions include an increase in fees due to rising staffing and running costs. We have also clarified our new expectations around bookings, attendance and session charges to help us plan staffing levels and provide the best possible care for all children.

PTFA Colour Run – Friday 11th September

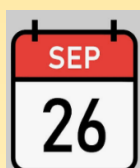
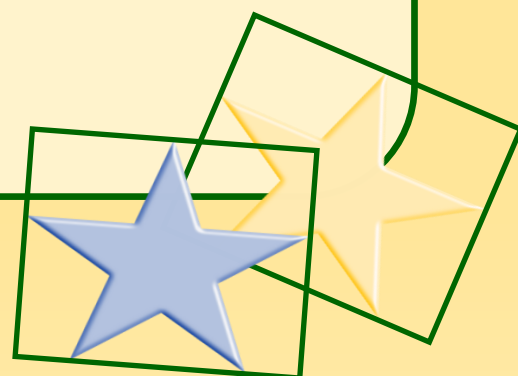


As many of you will remember, the PTFA Colour Run event was postponed during the summer term due to the exceptionally hot weather! For all children who registered for the event in the summer term, we have retained all payments, so everything is in place for the rescheduled event.

If your child would like to take part but has not yet signed up, places are available. 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!



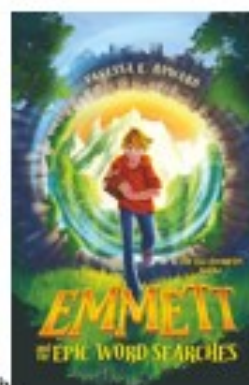
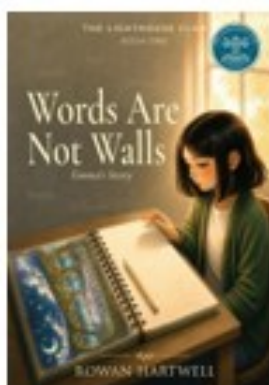
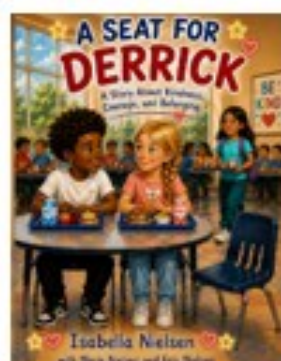
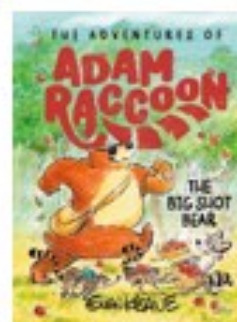
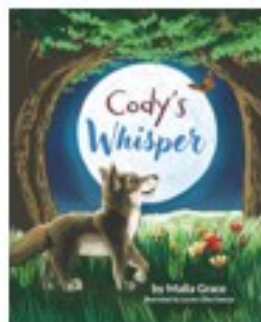
Key Dates for September

I'd like to draw your attention to a few key events that are taking place this month.

- On Monday 14th September from 5:00pm – 5:45pm, there is an Early Reading and Phonics Workshop for parents/carers with children in Nursery and/or Reception.
- On Thursday 17th September from 5:00pm – 5:45pm, there is a Reading and Phonic Workshop for parents/carers with children in Year 1 and/or Year 2. Please try your best to attend. I'm sure you will find it really beneficial.
- On Thursday 24th September, we are holding a meeting from 5:15pm – 6:00pm for all of our Y4 parents/carers about the annual residential trip to Standon Bowers. Staff will also share useful information with you regarding the Multiplication Check and TT Rockstars.
- On Friday 25th September, from 9:00am – 10:30am our amazing PTFA are holding their Annual General Meeting in school. As we start a new academic year, we're inviting all parents, carers and friends of our school to become part of our PTFA. Whether you can spare a little time or a lot, your involvement makes a big impact and will ensure events like the colour run, discos, Christmas Fair etc continue to happen. From helping at events to sharing ideas or simply lending a hand, there's a place for everyone! It's a great way to meet others, support our children's education, and have fun along the way. If you are able to attend the meeting, just turn up and you will be made very welcome. If you are unable to make the meeting, but would like to find out a little more information, please do get in touch. Many thanks.
- Finally, throughout the week commencing Monday 28th September, we will be inviting families to bring in Harvest donations for the local food bank.

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

Here are our termly book recommendations!



Notice Board

There's Still Time to Complete the Summer Reading Challenge!

The Summer Reading Challenge finishes on **Monday 14th September**, so there is still time to visit the library, enjoy a few more books and complete the challenge to earn your certificate! We are incredibly proud of our readers at Oxhey First School. For the last couple of years, we have been top of the Biddulph schools' leader board for the number of children completing the challenge. What a fantastic achievement! If you haven't quite finished yet, keep reading and don't give up!

Little Giggles
GROWING TOGETHER
GIGGLE BY GIGGLE

Wiggle & Wonder

OUR FIRST 6 SESSIONS!
Music, movement, stories and imagination for little ones aged walking to 3 years

WEEK	DATE	THEME
WEEK 1	14th September 2026	Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? Theme: Welcome & Colours
WEEK 2	21st September 2026	Giraffes Can't Dance Theme: Confidence & Movement
WEEK 3	28th September 2026	The Colour Monster Theme: Feelings
WEEK 4	5th October 2026	Owl Babies Theme: Families & Belonging
WEEK 5	12th October 2026	The Little Red Hen Theme: Harvest & Helping
WEEK 6	19th October 2026	Leaf Man Theme: Autumn

SESSIONS 10.00am - 10.45am
AT Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub
STARTING Monday 14th September 2026 until Monday 19th October 2026 (6 weeks)

INDIVIDUAL SESSION £7 per child
SAVE WHEN YOU BOOK ALL 6 SESSIONS! £39 for all 6 sessions

6 WEEK BLOCK BOOKING for all 6 sessions
AGE RANGE Walking to 3 years

SPACES ARE LIMITED
Book now to avoid missing out!

Let's wiggle, wonder and make magical memories together!

Little Giggles
EXPLORE • PLAY • GROW

MESSY MOMENTS

AUTUMN TERM
SIX (FABULOUS!) WEEKS OF SEASONAL, SENSORY FUN!
A hands-on messy play class for little explorers to squish, splash, create and discover through everyday materials and natural treasures.

7 WEEKS OF MESSY ADVENTURES!
STARTING FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER
At Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub

10:00am - 10:45am
For children 5 months to 2 years 6 months

WEEK	DATE	THEME
WEEK 1	FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER	HARVEST FUN Explore fruits, vegetables and countryside treasures with squishy, splashy fun!
WEEK 2	FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER	AUTUMN LEAVES Crunch, crumble and create with colourful leaves, natural materials and sensory play.
WEEK 3	FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER	WOODLAND ANIMALS Discover the woodland friends through messy small world play, textures and pretend adventures.
WEEK 4	FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER	PUMPKIN PATCH Scoop, squash and explore pumpkins in lots of messy, smelly and gooey ways!
WEEK 5	FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER	WITCHES' POTIONS Mix, fizz and bubble as we create magical potions and mysterious messy mixtures!
WEEK 6	FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER	SPOOKY MESSY FUN A not-too-spooky week of messy play with slimy, oozy and ghostly good fun!
WEEK 7	FRIDAY 23RD OCTOBER	AUTUMN TREASURE HUNT A final week of seasonal exploration as we hunt for treasures and celebrate all our messy adventures!

STAFFORDSHIRE MOORLANDS FAMILY HUB, BIDDULPH
A safe, welcoming space for you and your little one to explore, play and make memories.

£7.00 per session (adults go free)
7-WEEK BLOCK BOOKING £46 (SAVE £3)
We have been booking recommended to secure your child's place.

BOOK YOUR SPACE!
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE!
Message down on Facebook to book your space.

WICKY ELAY • JING SMILEY • LITTLE P. MEMORIES

SPARK TO YOUR SUCCESS
PROJECTS THAT IGNITE EVERYONE

Less judgement. More understanding. Stronger connection.

BIDDULPH UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEENS

BECAUSE TEENS DON'T COME WITH A HAND BOOK

SUPPORT AND CONNECTION TO HELP THE WHOLE HOUSE work together in unity

FACE TO FACE 1 HOUR A WEEK FOR 6 WEEKS

UNDERSTAND YOUR TEEN
Gain insight into the teen brain, emotions and behaviour.

BUILD CONNECTION THAT LASTS
Learn how to communicate, listen and build trust with your teen.

CREATE HARMONY AT HOME
Practical strategies to reduce conflict and create a home where everyone belongs.

LET'S BUILD A HOME WHERE EVERYONE FEELS HEARD, SEEN AND VALUED.
Together, we can make it happen.

This programme is for you if you:

- Want to better understand your teen
- Want less conflict and more connection
- Want your whole family to work together
- Believe in building a home based on respect, love and unity

Stronger together. Connected always. One home, one heart.

STARTING WEDNESDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER 10AM-11AM
STAFFS MOORLANDS FAMILY HUB Albert St, Biddulph, Stoke-on-Trent, ST8 6DT
01782 287970

WOODHOUSE MOVE
2K WALK / JOG / RUN

26TH SEPTEMBER 9AM

Please scan the QR code or click the link to state how many children are attending (so we have an estimate of bodies needed). Woodhouse Move

EVERY PACE HAS A PLACE THE WOODHOUSE WAY

Every child that takes part will receive a **FREE BAKED TREAT!**

Bake sale in aid of **TEENAGE CANCER TRUST** for anyone to purchase

ALL WOODHOUSE STUDENTS WILL EARN HOUSEPOINTS!
Everyone is welcome (children under 16 need to be accompanied by an adult)

CAWDWELL CHILDREN

COFFEE MORNING DROP-IN SESSIONS

MONDAYS 9.30AM - 11.30AM
Join us for our weekly Monday morning Drop-in session

Who can visit us?

- Parents and carers of disabled and/or autistic children
- Health, education, and care professionals
- Anyone looking to learn more about Caudwell Children's services

WHERE
Caudwell International Children's Centre
International Village
Banks, Biddulph and Newcastle Parks
Biddulph on London, Lygon
ST8 6DT

Supporting Every Childhood. 01782 287970

CFLP School Term and Holiday Dates 2026/2027

Autumn Term 2026

INSET DAY 1: Tuesday 1st September (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)

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 – 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: Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term 2027

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

May Bank Holiday – School Closed: Monday 3rd May

May Half Term Holiday: 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