



11/09/2026

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

Dear parents and carers,

It's been a real privilege to watch all the children confidently running through the gate in a morning with big smiles on their faces. As we embark on a brand-new autumn term, we will do our best, as always, to support our children; easing transition back into a new year group, a new class and the school routine. After the long summer break, September can be a tricky time for some children; adapting back into the school routine, settling into a new year group, a new classroom and building relationships with new teachers. Our successful transition activities that we had back in the summer term, have certainly helped to ensure that our children approach the new academic year with confidence and resilience. They seem to have taken it all in their stride! We are so proud of how quickly our youngest learners have settled into school too; it feels as though they have always been with us! After the first full week, our children are happy and settled and already wowing us with their learning. Well done, everybody! Enjoy the weekend.

Best wishes,

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.



Diary Dates

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

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**.
This week, our school attendance was **98.7%**

IMPORTANT - Allergy Safety Policy 2026

In-line with Benedict's Law, we have a new Allergy Safety Policy. We have emergency EpiPens on site, and staff are trained to administer them in the event of an emergency. **As a priority, we ask that no nut-based products are brought into school.** We will continue to monitor snacks throughout the year to keep everyone safe. Please read through our policy by clicking the link:

[Oxhey First School Allergy Safety Policy 2026](#)

Breaktime Snacks - NUT FREE

We would like to remind families about our expectations for break time snacks. Children in EYFS and KS1 are provided with a free piece of fruit each day, so should not need to bring a snack from home, but if you wish to send in an alternative, please feel free to do so.

We encourage something nutritious for playtime; avoiding snacks that contain high sugars and additives. Examples could include:

- Fresh fruit/Dried fruit (e.g. raisins, apricots)
- Vegetable sticks (carrot, cucumber, pepper)
- Plain popcorn (unsalted, no added flavourings)
- Rice cakes
- Breadsticks
- Yogurt tubes/pouches
- Nut-free** cereal or granola bars

We kindly ask that any bars brought into school are **nut-free**. We have a pupils with severe nut allergies, and it is essential that we keep our school environment as safe as possible. We greatly appreciate your support and understanding in helping us ensure the wellbeing of all our children. Thank you.

Parking Around Our School

A reminder to please be respectful when parking around our school community. We understand that collection time can be difficult to navigate but please park safely and with care and consideration for our neighbours.

Safety During Collection and Drop Off Times.

Please can we ask that all children remain with their grown-ups during drop off and collection. Please do not allow children to go onto the trim trail/outdoor gym equipment. We also ask that **no dogs** are brought onto the school grounds (even if in arms). This is due to the increased health and safety risk they bring.

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. Your support in getting your children to school on time makes a real difference — allowing us to begin learning straight away and helping all the children settle quickly into their routines. Thank you. Home time for our Nursery and Reception children is 3.15pm every day, our Key Stage 1 children finish at 3:20pm and our Key Stage 2 children finish at 3:25pm.

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.



Our spotlight this week...

Our Golden Rules...
Be Safe, Be Respectful,
Be Ready!



Flying High



I am standing out for superb effort and continuing to do my very best.

We want our learners to be safe and feel safe; safe as they move around school, safe inside and outside the school building which includes being safe on school trips and staying safe online. We want our children to know who they can turn to for advice when they are worried or concerned, within school and outside of school. We aim to build a school community of people who protect not only our own safety but a community who take the time and care to look out for one another.

We want our learners to be respectful; to treat others fairly, to develop mutual respect alongside tolerance, patience and understanding, to listen when others speak, to respect others' opinions, to use and show good manners and to respect class resources and the school environment.

Ultimately, we aim to all work together to promote and develop strong, healthy relationships in school and within the local community.

Above and Beyond



I am learning to my full potential and keen to deepen my knowledge and skills. I can visit the Headteacher to celebrate being brilliant!



Smart sitting



Smart sitting



Wonderful walking



Lovely lines

We want our learners to be ready; ready to work and learn to their full potential by always doing their very best, ready to listen, ready to help, ready to act for a friend or neighbour in need, ready to lead, ready to give and forgive, ready to have fun and enjoy time in school.

Please follow the link below to view our behaviour policy in full.

Add link ..



Intimate Care and Hygiene Policy 2026

I would like to inform parents and carers that we have a new **Intimate Care and Hygiene Policy**. The policy outlines the procedures we follow to ensure that all children receive appropriate care in a safe, dignified and respectful manner. Please take a moment to read the policy by visiting our website or by clicking the link:

[Oxhey First School Intimate Care and Hygiene Policy](#)

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.

[September 2026 Tiger Club Parent Information](#)



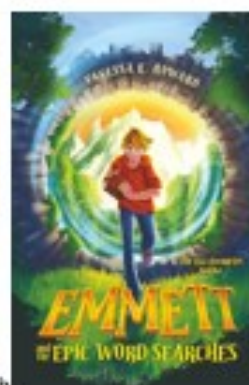
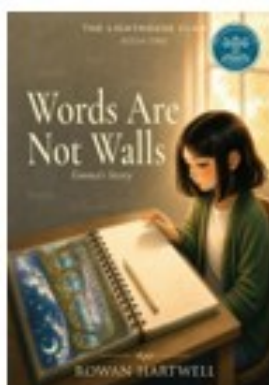
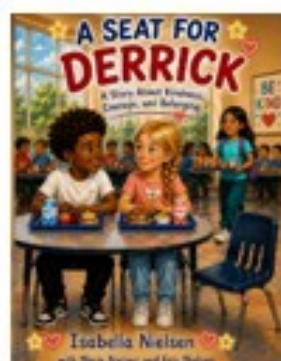
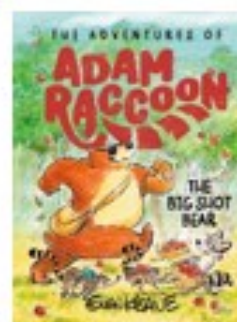
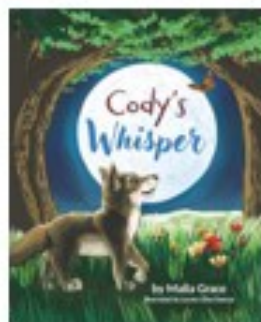
Key Dates for September

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
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
6 WEEK BLOCK BOOKING £39 for all 6 sessions

SPACES ARE LIMITED
Book now to avoid missing out!

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

Little Giggles
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

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 £31)
We have been booked to ensure your child's place.

BOOK YOUR SPACE!

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 297970

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Staffordshire County Council

ARE YOU IN NEED OF ITEMS OF SCHOOL UNIFORM?

At the Family Hub, we have a stock of NON-NAMED school uniform items available.

These include T-shirts, shirts, trousers and skirts.

GOOD QUALITY PRE-LOVED UNIFORMS available FREE OF CHARGE to families.

WE CAN HELP!

NEED SOMETHING? We're here to help!
If you are in need of any school uniform items, please contact us:
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familyhubadvice@moorlands.staffordshire.gov.uk

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY AND HELPING FAMILIES TOGETHER

Pop in and see us!

SUPPORTING FAMILIES
BUILDING CONFIDENCE
SUPPORTING HOUSEHOLD BUDGETS
STRONGER COMMUNITIES

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
Barnsley Village
Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster
01773 850107

CAUDWELL CHILDREN

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