

25/09/2026

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

Dear Families,

There's been a real buzz around school this week as our children have been finding out about the many different leadership opportunities available at Oxhey this year. We believe every child has the potential to lead, inspire and make a difference and that's why we're proud to offer such a wide range of leadership opportunities across our school. Roles include Head Boy and Head Girl and their Deputies, School Council representatives, Eco Warriors, House Captains, Play Leaders, Digital Leaders, Librarians, Reading Champions and Helping Hands.

These opportunities are more than just titles — they nurture our school values and provide opportunities for our children to develop confidence, experience teamwork, decision-making, and the joy of contributing to something bigger than themselves.

We've held our very own elections for our Head/Deputy Boy and Girl roles, complete with a polling station and voting booths, giving every child a voice and all of our pupils a hands-on experience of democracy in action. From informative, thoughtful discussions to passionate letters of application, the excitement over the leadership opportunities this year has been wonderful to see. Once all the votes are in and counted, we'll be able to introduce you to our new leaders for 2026 – 2027!

Have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team



Diary Dates

Food bank donations for harvest

WB 28th September



KS2 visit to St. Lawrence Church

1st October

Reception Harvest Assembly for Parents 2.30pm

2nd October

Autumn Term Parents Evening (Except Little Ladybirds class)

6th October

Autumn Term Parents Evening - Little Ladybirds only

7th October

Individual school photos & Oxhey siblings

9th October



World Mental Health Day—wear something yellow

12th October 2026



Reception Phonics Shine Afternoon 1.45pm-3.15pm

19th October

Class	Attendance
Little Ladybirds	98%
Sparkly Spiders	99%
Dazzling Dragonflies	95%
Terrific Turtles	97%
Perfect Pandas	89%
Amazing Alligators	96%
Marvellous Meerkats	99%
Outstanding Owls	90%
Fabulous Foxes	98%

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**.
This week, our school attendance was **95.8%**

In the spotlight this week

NSPCC's Speak out, Stay safe Programme

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's Speak out, Stay Safe programme this term. This is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help them understand and recognise the signs of the different types of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly, age-appropriate programme is fully aligned with the curriculum and consists of a short film and supporting classroom-based activities which staff have reviewed, alongside an NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for our Year 2 children on Tuesday 20th October. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy.

To find out more about the programme, please watch the NSPCC's **Speak out. Stay safe. 'Introduction for Parents/Carers film'** [Link](#) or scan QR code.



The NSPCC have also shared some information below on wider NSPCC resources and support for families.

Parent/Carer support Take a look at information, support, advice and activities from NSPCC for parent and carers. www.nspcc.org.uk/parents www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout .	Activities to extend learning at home Take part in games and activities at home to help children learn about speaking out and staying safe. www.nspcc.org.uk/activities
Online Safety Hub For information on a range of different online safety topics including gaming, social media, sharing images, parental controls and more. www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety	Childline – under 12's Childline have an accessible website with advice, support, games and activities. Children can change the language, enlarge text and also listen to the content. www.childline.org.uk/buddy (5-7) www.childline.org.uk/kids (7-11)
Talk PANTS with your children Talk PANTS is a simple conversation to help keep children safe. From P through to S, each letter of PANTS provides simple but important messages. Download the free resources at www.nspcc.org.uk/pants .	

Early Pick Up Plea

To help our school day run smoothly, we kindly ask that children are only collected before the end of the school day when absolutely necessary. Wherever possible, please arrange medical and other appointments outside of school hours. If an early collection is unavoidable, please inform Mrs Butcher or Mrs Raine in the school office as far in advance as possible. As our school is spread across two separate buildings, each early collection requires significant time to organise. When there are multiple collections throughout the day, this can take Mrs Butcher and Mrs Raine from the front office for extended periods, meaning she may be unavailable to answer telephone calls or assist visitors at the reception hatch. Thank you for your understanding and support in helping us manage this as efficiently as possible.

Arbor

Please ensure that if any details have changed e.g. addresses or contact numbers that these are changed via the app or in the school office. **Please also ensure you have at least 3 emergency contacts saved on Arbor. A final reminder to please update your parental consents on Arbor too if you haven't done this already. Many thanks.**

The School Day

Just a reminder, the school gate is open from 8.45am every morning. Thank you to all our families over the past couple of weeks for being on time, everyday! Your continued 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.**

NHS Guidance - Is my child too ill for school?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school when they're unwell. The NHS guidance states children can attend school with common cold symptoms like a sore throat, runny nose or cough unless they have a high temperature. With seasonal illnesses likely to increase this autumn, I'd like to signpost parents to the NHS [Is my child too ill for school?](#) guidance to support you in making informed decisions about attendance if your child/children are unwell.

Key Stage 2 Visit to St. Lawrence Church

Year 3 and 4 children have been invited to St. Lawrence Church on Thursday 1st October to learn about the Christian festival - Harvest. They will be exploring the values of thankfulness, generosity, the importance of sharing and how we can support others through small acts of kindness. Staff will walk the children down to church following the morning register and they will return in time for lunch! This event is for our pupils only.

Part Time Cleaning Vacancy

Oxhey First School is seeking a dedicated and trustworthy cleaner to join our team and help maintain a safe, clean and welcoming environment for our pupils, staff and visitors. Duties include cleaning classrooms, toilets and communal areas to a high standard. The successful candidate will be reliable, take pride in their work and understand the importance of cleanliness in a school setting. Experience is helpful but not essential, as full training will be provided. This is a part-time role, working 12 hours per week. Interviews will be held during the week beginning 5th October.

Safeguarding Statement

Children First Learning Partnership are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Children First Learning Partnership ensure that all our recruitment and selection practices reflect this commitment.

Further information can be found on MyNewTerm: <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/146874/EDV-2026-OFS-90689>

WE ARE HIRING!

PART-TIME
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- ✔ Hours: 12 hours per week
- ✔ Salary: FTE £25,614 (actual salary £7,913)
- ✔ Start date: ASAP

Apply by 9am on 2nd October:
mynewterm.com/jobs/146874/EDV-2026-OFS-90689

CONTACT US!

☎ 01782 513000

✉ office.oxh@cflptrust.co.uk



Staffordshire Childcare Survey for Parents



Have your say on childcare in Staffordshire

Scan the QR code. Have your say now!

Staffordshire County Council are conducting a survey to find out parents views on childcare. This is part of the Sufficiency Duty that Staffordshire County Council has to ensure the market supports parents. The survey is for parents and parents to be of Early Years children living in Staffordshire. They would be very grateful if you could click the link and complete the short survey.

Many thanks.

<https://letstalk.staffordshire.gov.uk/embeds/projects/24643/survey-tools/57858>



Please Note: Important Changes to Arrangements – EYFS Harvest Assembly and EYFS Shine Afternoon

As part of our Early Years Harvest celebrations and planned EYFS Shine Afternoon, we have made a small change to our arrangements.

To ensure that these events are as enjoyable and meaningful as possible for our children and families, we have decided to provide separate opportunities for our Reception and Nursery children to share their learning.

By holding these events separately, parents and carers will have a greater opportunity to see, celebrate and engage with their child's learning, while also helping to create a calmer and more comfortable experience for our youngest learners.

Reception Families

On **Friday 2nd October**, we look forward to welcoming just our Reception parents and carers into school for a special Harvest-themed assembly. This will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the children's learning and enjoy the songs they have been busy preparing. Reception parents and carers are invited to join us in the school hall from **2.30pm to 3.00pm**. A separate letter has been sent home with all Reception families, including a reply slip and further details.

Our planned **Shine Afternoon** will also go ahead on **Monday 19th October from 1.45pm to 3.15pm**. This event will now be for **Reception parents and carers only**, providing dedicated time for families to spend alongside their child, gain a deeper understanding of how they learn in school, and celebrate the fantastic progress they have made since starting school.

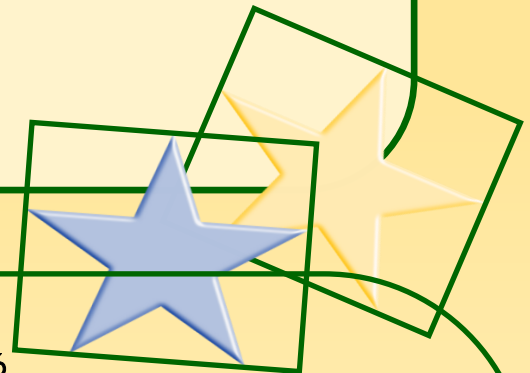
Nursery Families

Our Nursery families will have a separate opportunity to join us later in the term, allowing our youngest learners a little more time to settle into school life and share their learning with confidence in a smaller, less overwhelming setting.

On **Tuesday 17th November**, Nursery parents and carers will be invited into school to take part in some fun **Phase 1 Phonics activities** alongside their child in the classroom. This will be a fantastic opportunity for families to develop their understanding of early phonics, see how these important skills are taught in Nursery, and take away ideas to support learning at home.

The children are already excited to share some of the new songs they have been learning, and we look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate their achievements together. Further information will be shared nearer the time, but for now, please save the date!

WOW awards...



Stoke-on-Trent Foodbank - Harvest Festival September - October 2026

Once again, Oxhey will be supporting the Foodbank charity this coming Harvest Festival. Please take a few minutes to read the letter below for further information.

This year marks 14 years since our Foodbank operations started, and we have been greatly blessed by the huge amount of food donations we have received from a variety of sources, including churches, businesses, community groups and, importantly, schools. We couldn't do what we do without this. You may already know that we operate an e-voucher referral system through many front-line partners across the city that deal with individuals and families that are struggling to cope with the cost of living and other support benefit-related issues. The majority of our foodbank sessions have Money Matters there to offer money, benefit and debt advice; six Community Lounges with a wide range of professional advice available, including housing, family support, physical and mental health. Our sessions have the information to signpost our guests to organisations that can offer additional support. In the last year, 75% of those receiving food parcels were therefore able to receive effective support, with just one or two parcels tiding them over until this made the difference to their crisis/ circumstances. For the year 2025/2026, we supported on average, 1,500 people each month. Sadly, the demand is high, with many families in crises.

We are kindly asking families to consider bringing in a donation for the local Foodbank. Whether it's a tin of soup, a packet of pasta, or a box of cereal, every contribution makes a real difference. From **Monday 28th September**, children can bring their food donations in to school, pop them in their classroom and our pupil leaders will visit classrooms each morning to collect the donations. Let's come together to share kindness and give generously. Thank you, as always.



Harvest appeal

If you can, please donate an item or two from the list to help local people in need: -

- Tinned Meat/Fish
- UHT Milk
- Tinned Pudding
- Tinned Vegetables
- Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Mash
- Teabags size 40 bags
- Fruit Juice
- Coffee
- Sweet Extra i.e. chocolate
- Cereal

Thank you for your help and supporting us to help people in this city who are in crisis.

Notice Board

Health & Financial Wellbeing Event
Tuesday 29th September
10:30am—1:30pm
 The Cheadle Academy, Station Road, Cheadle, ST10 1LH

DROP IN FOR A CHAT

COURSES, TRAINING & WORK

- Help to find courses
- Support with job opportunities
- Practical advice around barriers to work, including childcare funding

MONEY & BENEFITS HELP

- Benefits Guidance
- Budgeting Support
- Signposting to Debt Advice

GREEN DOCTOR ENERGY SUPPORT

- Help & Advice to reduce utility bills
- Free energy-saving items to take home
- Support to claim government grants for home owners / private renters
- Home visits available to book

NHS BEST START IN LIFE

GREEN DOCTOR

Come join us!

INTRO TO THE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM

Coffee Afternoon

This coffee afternoon offers a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to connect with Julie Clarke, your Education Mental Health Practitioner (EMHP) and Daniel Drakewley, Whole School Approach Lead at the school.

Come and learn about the Mental Health Support Team and learn about the work we do.

Date: Monday 28th September 2020
Time: 2.30pm
Location: Osney First School

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Holt

SPARK TO YOUR SUCCESS
 PROJECTS THAT INSPIRE EVERYONE

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

Stronger together. Connected always. One home, one heart. 21

STARTING: MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 10:00-11:00AM
CONTACT: WOODHOUSE FAMILY HUB, Albert St, Biddulph, Staffordshire ST8 6DT
01782 297970

ASMS SPORTS

OCTOBER HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CLUBS

KINGSFIELD FIRST SCHOOL
 Gunn Street, Biddulph, ST8 6AY

We are excited to welcome you to our action-packed holiday club throughout the half-term, running from October 26-30. Our program of sports, games and special events will provide every child with an unforgettable experience that will live long in the memory.

4 year olds are eligible for a maximum of 4 hours per day (Half Day bookings only)

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

Full Day 08:30-15:30 £25.00

Half Day (£15.00)
08:30-12:00 **12:00-15:30**

Afternoon (from £4.00)
08:30-08:30 **15:30-17:00**

FREE PLACES
NO PAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

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 (in selected settings)

For more information:
Call: 01782 366332 Website: asmsports.co.uk

The Incredible Years

The Incredible Years® Series
 Evidence-based Parenting Programs

Evidence Based Early Intervention programme for parents and carers in small groups led by Family Hub Coaches who are trained professionals. For Families with children who present with social, emotional and developmental issues including conduct, ADHD, learning delays and internalising problems.

We aim to reduce stress, increase parental confidence and positive parent with child interaction using strategies with play, behaviour, modification, emotional wellbeing and boundaries.

For parents and carers of Children aged 3-6 years

Refreshments Provided
 For more detail call 01782 297970

SCAN THE QR TO BOOK

STARTS: TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER
TIME: 10:00AM - 12NOON
8-10 WEEK COURSE

At Staffordshire Moorlands Family Hub, Albert Street, Biddulph, ST8 6DT

WOODHOUSE MOVE

2K WALK / JOG / RUN

26TH SEPTEMBER
9AM

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)

Woodhouse Academy

Discover The Woodhouse Way
OPEN DAY & EVENING
Monday 19th October 2.30-7.30pm
We have places for September 2027

Scan the QR code to book your slot now

- 2:30-4pm (SEN/Quiet Session)
- 4:15-5:45pm
- 6:00-7:30pm

01782 973600
 Woodhouse Lane, Biddulph, ST8 7DR
www.woodhouseacademy.staffs.sch.uk

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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