

02/10/2026

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

Dear Families,

On behalf of everyone at Oxhey, I would like to thank you all for your generosity and support this week as we have received many donations for the Stoke on Trent Foodbank! Together, we have shown that even small acts of kindness can have a big impact this Harvest time. Your donations will make a real difference to families in need within our local community. Thank you so much. We were incredibly proud of our Year 3 and 4 children this week as they walked to church to take part in a Harvest assembly at St. Lawrence Church. Their behaviour was exemplary throughout, showing respect, kindness, and responsibility—truly living out our Golden Rules. It was a joy to see them participate so thoughtfully in the service, and they represented Oxhey First School beautifully. Thank you to Will at St. Lawrence for such a warm welcome. Today, our Reception children delighted us all with a joyful Harvest assembly. It was wonderful to see their confidence shining through as they performed with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. A huge thank you to our Early Years team for preparing such a lovely celebration, and to our families for joining us in school. Looking ahead to next week, a quick reminder that it is Parents' Evening on Tuesday for all classes, **except** Little Ladybirds, which is on Wednesday. Appointments should have been made via Arbor. This is a valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and celebrate their achievements so far this term. I look forward to welcoming you!

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.



Diary Dates

**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 After-
noon 1.45pm-3.15pm**

19th October

**Early Years Funny
Bones Dress Up Day**

22nd October



School closes for half term

23rd October

**Inset day—School closed for
pupils**

2nd November

Class

Attendance

Little Ladybirds 96%

Sparkly Spiders 99%

Dazzling Dragonflies 94%

Terrific Turtles 98%

Perfect Pandas 99%

Amazing Alligators 97%

Marvellous Meerkats 97%

Outstanding Owls 99%

Fabulous Foxes 100%

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**.
This week, our school attendance was **97.9%**

In the spotlight this week

Leadership Starts Here...
Oxhey Pupils, Ready to Lead with Heart and Purpose!

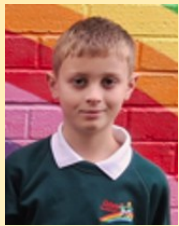


I am delighted that some of our children have been elected to take on one of our many leadership roles this year, and we encourage you to take a moment to chat with your child if they have been chosen. These roles are a wonderful opportunity for children to grow in confidence, develop responsibility, and contribute positively to our school community. Your interest and encouragement at home can make a real difference in helping them embrace their role and feel proud of their achievements.

This week I'm incredibly proud to introduce our Head Girl, Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy. These pupils will play a really important role within our school over the academic year. They will represent the voices of their fellow pupils, welcome visitors, support events, help lead aspects of school life and, most importantly, act as positive role models for everyone at Oxhey. We can't wait to see the positive difference they make this year!



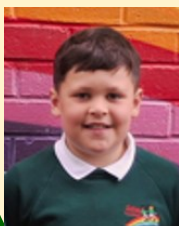
Hello, I'm really happy to have been voted in as Head Girl! For me, Head Girl means I get the chance to make sure our school is a happy place to learn and grow. It also gives me opportunity to promote the TIGER learning traits, make sure everybody is included and follows our golden rules. I am polite, respectful and hardworking! I love to learn, and I always encourage everyone to do their very best. I have represented our school at Young Voices and Inspire Dance and talked to visitors about my work. I'm excited about my new role!



Hello everyone, I'm really proud to have been voted in as Head Boy! I felt really proud in assembly when the results were shared. I am resilient, good at ignoring distractions and always want to help people when I can. I am fair, kind and good at coming up with new ideas. Last year, I took part in The Middleport Pottery project and was proud to share my artwork. I always follow our golden rules; be safe, respectful and ready. Outside of school, I enjoy having lots of fun!



Hello, I'm so happy to be Deputy Head Girl! I have been an Eco Warrior, Playground Buddy and on the School Council before but I am so excited to be the Deputy Head Girl this year at Oxhey! I am kind, caring and trustworthy and I always try to set a good example. I like helping people and I'm a good listener. I will always encourage others to follow the golden rules, to try their best and to keep going even when things feel hard. I am proud to wear my Oxhey rainbow with pride and always greet my teachers with a smile everyday because I think that helps the



Hello everyone! As Deputy Head Boy, I will show kindness, show respect to my teachers and pupils and help others. I think it's very important to listen to all pupils' views and make sure everyone is safe. I'm a very caring person and friend and always try and be a good role model by sitting smart and following our golden rules – remembering to be safe, respectful and ready and showing others how to do this too! I have already had some important responsibilities at Oxhey but now I feel ready to take on the role and complete it to the best of my ability. Parents and visitors will always be greeted with my best, big, beautiful smile and made to feel welcome at Oxhey!



Be a HERO!

Here Everyday, Ready & On

Why is Attendance important?

Everyday in school counts!

Your child's early years are the foundation for future learning. When children attend regularly, they:

- ☒ Build strong friendships
- ☒ Learn new things every day
- ☒ Develop routines and confidence
- ☒ Feel part of our school community

Even missing a day here and there can add up!

Feeling a Bit Poorly?

Children can still come to school with minor illnesses such as:

- Runny nose
- Mild cough or cold
- Tummy ache (if they're still playing and eating)

If you're unsure, just ask us! We're always happy to help .



"Sometimes just getting in the door is the hardest part- we'll take it from there!"



Be a HERO!



Help your child become a HERO by building good habits now!

We're Here to Help!

We understand that mornings can be hard — from tricky routines to worries about separation or illness.

Please talk to us!

We can support with:

- Morning routines
- Attendance concerns
- Health questions
- Settling-in support

No problem is too small — we're a team!

Let's Work Together!

Proud to be part of the
Children First
Learning Partnership
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

Key Dates for October 2026

OCTOBER

Meerkats Forest School Sessions Start	05/10/26
Autumn Term Parents Evening 3.30pm - 6.30pm (Bookings via Arbor)	06/10/26
Little Ladybirds Parents Evening (Bookings via Arbor)	07/10/26
Individual School Photos & Oxhey Siblings	09/10/26
Hello Yellow World Mental Health Day (Wear something yellow with usual school uniform)	12/10/26
Reception Phonics Shine Afternoon 1.45pm - 3.15pm	19/10/26
Year 2 NSPCC Workshop - Speak Out, Stay Safe (Pupils Only)	20/10/26
Early Years (Nursery & Reception) Funny Bones Dress Up Day	22/10/26
Year 4 Transition Science Afternoon at James Bateman 1.30pm - 3.00pm	22/10/26
PTFA Halloween Disco Nursery & Reception: 2:30pm - 3:00pm Year 1 & Year 2: 3:15pm - 4:00pm Year 3 & Year 4: 4:15pm - 5:15pm	22/10/26
Caudwell Coffee Morning in School Further information to follow	23/10/26
School Closes for Half Term	23/10/26
HALF TERM	
CFLP INSET DAY (Staff only)	02/11/26
School Opens for Pupils	03/11/26



School photos

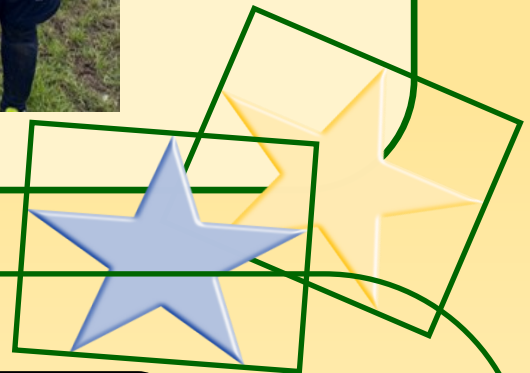
Friday 9th October

A reminder Academy are in school next Friday 9th October for Individual and Oxhey sibling photographs. **KS1 children please come to school in normal uniform and not PE kit.**

#HelloYellow

Hello Yellow Day – 12/10/26

Monday 12th October is **Hello Yellow Day**, and we're inviting all children to wear their **usual school uniform** with a **splash of yellow** – just swap one item of your school uniform for something yellow to show support! (A yellow hair accessory, yellow socks/tights, yellow cardigan/jumper/t shirt.) Please note: **we are not collecting donations**. This day is all about **raising awareness of the importance of mental health and wellbeing** in a fun and positive way through lots of different classroom activities.



October 2020

OCTOBER HALF-TERM

HOLIDAY CLUB

KINGSLEY FIRST SCHOOL
Gurn 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 KEVIN TO YOU AN EXTRA 30 MINUTES!

11AM 08:30-15:30 £25.00



Mini Sports



Special Events



Activities



Arts & Crafts



SIBLING DISCOUNT
25% off for all siblings

Half Day (£15.00)	Full Day (£25.00)	Weekend (From £40.00)
08:30-12:30	12:00-15:30	15:30-17:00

FREE PLACES

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FOR ALL FOOD

SCAN HERE



We accept Payment by:

- Bank Transfer
- Debit Card
- Gift Vouchers
- £5.00 admin fee.

OFSTED

REGULATED

OFSTED NUMBER: 1043947

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



Department
for Education



Staffordshire
County Council



HOLIDAY
Activities
for pupils



fun

this half term

Holiday Activities and Food funded for children and young people
 aged 5-16 who get targeted free school meals.

Paid places also available.

SCAN ME!





visit staffordshire.gov.uk/haf

FUNDRAISING NIGHT
in aid of
SARCOMA UK 
Together we can make a difference

 3RD OCTOBER
2026

 KNYPSERLEY
CRICKET CLUB

5:00PM - 12:00AM
Everyone welcome!

5:00PM - 7:8PM

 RAFFLES  AUCTIONS  TOMBOLOS  FACE
PAINTER *& lots
more!*

8:00PM - 12:00AM

   DJ

 SELFIE
MIRROR  SELFIE
MIRROR



Gypsy Nosh Box
FOOD TRUCK

FOOD AVAILABLE
TO PURCHASE
ON THE NIGHT

 Party the
night away!

Amazing Prizes Including...

 DYSON
AIRWRAP

 A BALL
GOLF TISSOT

 MONEY
TREES TISSOT

 A TOLL VALET FROM
BRYCJANCA

 A NIGHT STAFF
IN AN AIR BAG

 £100

*...and many
more!*

 DYSON
AIRWRAP

RAISING MONEY AND AWARENESS FOR SARCOMA UK

Together
we can make a
difference

Thank you for your support



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

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Woodhouse Lane, Biddulph, ST8 7DR

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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