

23/10/2026

Oxhey Newsletter



A message from Mrs Proffitt.....

As our first busy and successful half term draws to a close, I would like to thank all of our children, families and staff for the support, encouragement and partnership you have shown since September. It has been a wonderful start to the school year, with children embracing new challenges, settling into routines and making excellent progress.

I have also been very pleased with the positive attendance across the school this half term. Regular attendance plays a vital role in helping children thrive academically, socially and emotionally, and we greatly appreciate your ongoing commitment to ensuring children are in school every day, on time and ready to learn.

A huge thank you must go to our fantastic PTFA for organising yesterday's school disco. From the music and games to the smiles and laughter, it was a wonderful event! Events like these simply wouldn't be possible without the dedication and support of our PTFA volunteers, and we are incredibly grateful for all that they do for our school community. Thank you!

This week has been filled with exciting learning opportunities across the school. Our Reception children were so excited to welcome their grown-ups into school for their 'shine' afternoon; proudly sharing their classrooms and demonstrating the wide range of learning opportunities available both indoors and outdoors. It was wonderful to see the children so confidently showcasing their learning! Thank you to all the family members who were able to join us! We also welcomed the NSPCC into school to deliver a workshop for our Year 2 pupils, supporting our ongoing commitment to helping our children understand how to stay safe and seek support when needed. Meanwhile, our Year 4 pupils represented Oxhey brilliantly during their visit to James Bateman, where they engaged enthusiastically in a range of exciting science activities and investigations. Well done, everyone!

A reminder that school is now closed for the half-term break. Monday 2nd November is an INSET Day, and so we look forward to welcoming our children back to school on **Tuesday 3rd November**.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable break.

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.



Diary Dates

School closes for half term
23rd October

Inset day—School closed for pupils
2nd November

School re-opens to pupils
3rd November

Non-Uniform Day—Bring a bottle
6th November

Remembrance Sunday—Biddulph Parade
8th November



KS1 Spelling & Handwriting Shine Morning 9-10am
9th November

Prospective EYFS Parents' Open Night—5pm
9th November

Remembrance Day
11th November



Class Attendance

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

School Matters!



Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow

Our whole school attendance target is **96.5%**.
This week, our school attendance was **98.13%**

In the spotlight this week



TRICK
OR
TREAT

We enjoyed sharing how
we explore stories and learn
phonic skills in EGFS.





Year 2 enjoyed a special visit from the NSPCC on Tuesday, where they learned about the importance of speaking out if they are worried, upset or feel unsafe. The children discussed who their trusted adults are and were reminded that there is always someone who can help them. We talked about how it is important to share worries with a safe adult rather than keeping them to ourselves. The children were excited to meet Buddy the mascot, who helped bring these important messages to life in a fun and engaging way.

Stay Safe

Bonfire Night is traditionally an extremely busy time for the emergency services as the demand for services rises significantly. This presents an opportunity for timely conversations about safety, risks, choice and consequence. Staffordshire Fire and Rescue Service have a video on their YouTube Channel showing Stop, Drop and Roll [Stop, Drop and Roll](#) - a useful technique in case someone's clothes catch fire. Staffordshire Fire & Rescue and Staffordshire Police have asked us to share a jointly written letter with our parents and carers ahead of Bonfire Night and Halloween.

<https://oxheyfirst.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/10/Halloween-and-Bonfire-Letter.docx>

Healthy Parental Relationships Digital Resource

A new digital platform for parents where you can find advice, apps, and courses to help with parental conflict and separation. This free online resource provides practical tips, videos, signposting and support to help families improve communication, manage conflict positively, and strengthen relationships for the benefit of children.

[Healthy Parental Relationships](#)



Oxhey's Poppy Shop

As we approach Remembrance Day, our School Council will be selling various items to help raise funds for the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to reflect on the importance of remembrance while supporting a worthwhile cause.

Poppies and other remembrance items will be on sale during morning break from **Tuesday 3rd November to Friday 6th November** from the Perfect Panda classroom. As stock is limited, items will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis.

Please ensure any money is sent into school in a **sealed envelope with the correct change where possible**. Thank you for your support and generosity in helping our School Council mark this important occasion. 🌸



Children in Need – Non-Uniform on Friday 13th November

We're excited to announce that our School Council has chosen to support Children in Need this year with a special Non-Uniform Day on Friday 13th November, alongside the fun and energetic Pudsey Active '26 Challenge! Over the week, children will be encouraged to get active, challenge themselves and help raise money for a fantastic cause.

After half term, School Council members will be busy decorating and displaying Children in Need posters around school to spread the excitement, and families will be able to donate through our dedicated JustGiving page.

We look forward to seeing our school community come together for a week filled with fun, fitness and fundraising, all while helping to make a difference to the lives of children across the UK. Keep an eye out for more details after half term! 🐻❤️🌟

Nursery Families

On Tuesday 17th November, Nursery parents and carers are invited into school to take part in some fun phonics and fine motor activities alongside their child in the classroom. This will be a fantastic opportunity for families to develop their understanding of early phonics and fine motor development, see how these important skills are taught in Nursery, and take away ideas to support your child's learning and development at home. A letter with further information regarding this event will be sent home on our return to school after half term. Please save the date! We look forward to welcoming you into school to celebrate their achievements together.

Non-Uniform Day 06/11/26 Supporting the PTFA – Bring a Bottle!

As we begin preparations for our Christmas Fayre which will be held in our school hall on Friday 4th December from 3.30 – 5.30pm, we are inviting all children to take part in a **Non-Uniform Day** in support of the PTFA's popular bottle stall. In exchange for wearing non-uniform, we ask that children bring in a bottle donation. This can be **any type of bottle** - such as wine, bubble bath, shampoo, fizzy drinks, squash, sauces, ketchup! Every donation will help us create a fantastic bottle stall and raise valuable funds for the school. Thank you for your continued support and generosity! 🍷🎁🌟

KEY DATES FOR NOVEMBER 2026

INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED FOR PUPILS	02/11/26
School Opens for Pupils	03/11/26
Year 4 Transition Morning to James Bateman	04/11/26
Non-Uniform Day supporting the PTFA - Bring a Bottle!	06/11/26
Remembrance Sunday - Biddulph Town Parade 10.30am from the Town Hall	08/11/26
Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) Spelling and Handwriting Shine Morning in School - Parents and carers invited into school from 9.00am - 10.00am	09/11/26
Marvellous Meerkats Parent Engagement Forest School Session from 1.30pm	09/11/26
Prospective EYFS Parents' Open Evening 5.00pm - 6.00pm	09/11/26
Remembrance Day	11/11/26
Children in Need Non-Uniform Day	13/11/26
Anti-Bullying Week 'Break the Silence' & Odd Sock Day (Wear odd socks to school)	W.B 16/11/26
Non-Uniform day - PTFA chocolates and small gifts for Christmas Fayre	20/11/26
Year 4 Transition Morning to Woodhouse Academy	26/11/26
Reindeer Run - Gingerbread Family Charity Event	27/11/26

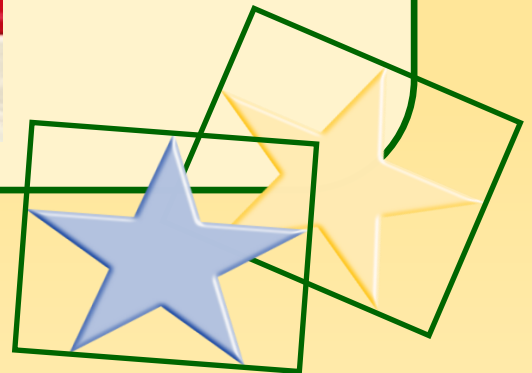
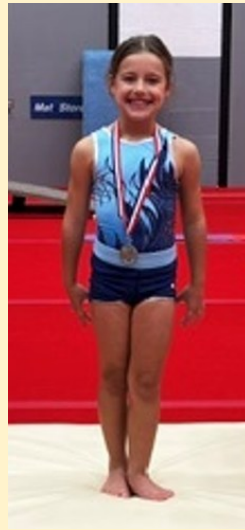
KEY DATES FOR DECEMBER

Rock Steady Concert for Parents @ 9.15am	01/12/26
KS2 Carol Concert at St. Lawrence Church (Concert for Parents 1:30 - 2:30)	03/12/26
PTFA Christmas Fayre after school 3.30 - 5.30 in the hall	04/12/26
Christmas Nativity Week	W.B 07/12/26
Dress Rehearsal - PUPILS ONLY	07/12/26
Reception Morning Performance for Reception Parents (9.15am)	08/12/26
KS1 Morning Performance for Year 1 and Year 2 Parents (9.15am)	09/12/26
Reception Afternoon Performance for Reception Parents (2.30pm)	09/12/26
KS1 Afternoon Performance for Year 1 and Year 2 Parents (2.15pm)	10/12/26
KS1 Evening Performance for Year 1 and Year 2 Parents (5.30pm)	10/12/26
Class Christmas Party Week	W.B 14/12/26
Nursery Christmas Shine (Nursery parents invited into school from 2.15pm - 3.00pm for Christmas crafts & festive sing along)	14/12/26
Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day	16/12/26
Autumn Term Reports Home	16/12/26
Finish for Christmas	18/12/26

KEY DATES FOR JANUARY

SCHOOL OPENS 04/01/27

WOW awards...



A Fresh Look for Oxhey!



Following the planned improvements completed over the summer holiday, our school is looking refreshed and transformed! You may have already noticed our fantastic new playground markings in the Quad area and Early Years outdoor provision, which are providing exciting opportunities for play, learning and physical activity. We have also completed redecoration work across the school, including the hall and Early Years classrooms, and installed beautiful new teal blinds in classrooms to further brighten and refresh our learning spaces. These enhancements reflect our ongoing commitment to providing a welcoming, inspiring and well-maintained environment and ensuring Oxhey First School remains 'a happy place to learn and grow' for every member of our school community.

Notice Board

OXHEY FIRST SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING...

MONDAY 9TH NOVEMBER
5PM- 6PM

Is your child due to start Nursery or Reception in
2027??

Come and meet the staff and view our **OUTSTANDING**
environment.

CONTACT 01782 513000
TO BOOK A PLACE

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Spooktacular Half Term

at Biddulph Youth and
Community Zone!

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER,
6:30pm – 8:30pm –

Spooky goes-on at the Youth Club
with our Halloween Escape Room!

WEDNESDAY 28TH OCTOBER,
1pm – 3pm –

Bedazzle Workshop: Create a
beautiful Mirror or Spooky Decoration.
FREE BOOKING ESSENTIAL.

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER –

Spooktacular Family Halloween Party!

Disco, Craft, Café, Fancy Dress,
Trick or Treat and our **TERRIFYING**
Scare Rooms... Dare you enter the tunnel?!

£2.50 per child for the family disco,
£1 for adults 18 and over.
Children 8 and under must be
accompanied by an adult. £15 to 8.15

Biddulph Youth and Community Zone,
Church Road, Biddulph. Tel 01782 244288.

**DARE
YOU?**



Family Hub
Staffordshire



Parenting Workshops

Practical advice, support and tips for you and your family

Join our friendly and informal **online workshops**, designed to give you the knowledge
and confidence to support your child's health, development and wellbeing.

**Wednesday
30th September
5.30 – 6.45pm**

Understanding Child's Behaviour

Explore why children behave the way they do and learn
positive tips and strategies to support them.



**Monday
12th October
10.00 – 11.30am**

Healthy Teeth

Find out how to care for your child's teeth, with practical
tips on brushing, diet and keeping little smiles healthy.



**Thursday
5th November
10.00 – 11.15am**

Starting Solids

Learn about when and how to introduce solid foods,
what to offer and top tips for a positive experience.



**Monday
16th November
4.00 – 5.15pm**

Looking After Ourselves

A supportive session on your own health and wellbeing,
with simple ideas to help you feel your best.



**Thursday
3rd December
1.00 – 2.15pm**

Fussy Eating

Get practical advice and strategies to help with fussy eating
and encourage a healthy, balanced diet.



**Thursday
17th December
10.00 – 11.15am**

Eating Well for Less

Learn how to cook healthy, tasty meals on a budget,
with tips, ideas and simple recipes.



**All sessions
are FREE!**



Scan the QR code
to book your place
Spaces are limited, so book early
to avoid disappointment.

**All sessions
are online**

For more information call 01827 475222

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