Children First Learning Partnership
INSPIRING EXCELLENCE TOGETHER

20/11/2026

# Oxhey Newsletter

Oxhey First School

## A message from Mrs Proffitt.....



What a fantastic week it has been at Oxhey First School! We began the week by marking Anti-Bullying Week with the important theme of 'Break the Silence', encouraging our children to speak up, support one another and help create a culture where everyone feels safe, valued and heard. It was wonderful to see so many odd socks on Monday, celebrating individuality and reminding us that our differences make us all very special. Our Nursery families enjoyed a fantastic SHINE session, focusing on early phonics and fine motor development. It was lovely to see children and families learning together through engaging activities that support early reading and writing skills. We were also delighted to welcome our new Nursery families into school again as they prepare for their January start. It was a pleasure to spend time getting to know them! As always, our school community has shown incredible generosity. Thanks to your amazing support, we have now raised £196 for Children in Need. Your kindness will help make a real difference to children and young people across the UK. Today, children enjoyed a non-uniform day in exchange for donations for our upcoming Christmas Fayre. Thank you for your wonderful contributions. Your support helps make these community events such a success, and we are incredibly grateful. Thank you for another week of enthusiasm, kindness and community spirit. Together, we truly make Oxhey **'A Happy Place to Learn and Grow.'**

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs Proffitt and the Oxhey Team.

## Diary Dates

**Year 4 Transition Morning to Woodhouse Academy (9:30am-12:40pm)**
**Thursday 26th November**

**Rock Steady Concert for Parents—9:15am**
**Tuesday 1st December**

**Create Music Winter Concert 2:00pm**
**Wednesday 2nd December**

**KS2 Carol Concert**
**St Lawrence's Church**
**1:30-2:30pm**
**Thursday 3rd December**

**PTFA Christmas Fayre**
**3:30-5:30pm**
**Friday 4th December**

**Christmas Nativity Week**
**W/C 7th December**

**Fabulous Foxes Forest School Engagement Session**
**1:30-3:15pm**
**Monday 7th December**

| Class | Attendance |
|---|---|
| Little Ladybirds | 96.8% |
| Sparkly Spiders | 95.6% |
| Dazzling Dragonflies | 85.5% |
| Terrific Turtles | 98.8% |
| Perfect Pandas | 98.2% |
| Amazing Alligators | 95.9% |
| Marvellous Meerkats | 80% |
| Outstanding Owls | 90.5% |
| Fabulous Foxes | 90% |




Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%.
This week, our school attendance was 90.12%

# In the spotlight this week .....

**November and December are very busy months in school with lots of exciting events, special activities, themed days, parent engagement sessions and non-uniform days to look forward to!** To help you stay up to date with everything that is happening, please take a moment to make a note of the key dates below so you are up to speed with everything that's happening!

| KEY DATES FOR NOVEMBER 2026 | |
|---|---|
| Final Play and Stay session for new January Nursery Pupils 1.45 – 2.45 | 25/11/26 |
| Year 4 Transition Morning to Woodhouse Academy (9.30am – 12.40pm) | 26/11/26 |
| **KEY DATES FOR DECEMBER 2026** | |
| Rock Steady Concert for Parents @ 9.15am | 01/12/26 |
| Create Music Winter Concert @ 2.00pm | 02/12/26 |
| KS2 Carol Concert at St. Lawrence Church (**Concert for Parents 1:30pm – 2:30pm**) | 03/12/26 |
| PTFA Christmas Fayre after school 3.300pm – 5.30pm in the hall | 04/12/26 |
| Christmas Nativity Week | W.B 07/12/26 |
| **Dress Rehearsal – PUPILS ONLY** | 07/12/26 |
| **Fabulous Foxes Parent Engagement Forest School Session (1.30pm – 3.15pm)** | 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 |
| Tiger Club Christmas Party Session – (more information to be sent home soon) | 11/12/26 |
| 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 – Further information will be sent soon) | 15/12/26 |
| Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day | 16/12/26 |
| Santa visiting in the afternoon! | 16/12/26 |
| Autumn Term Reports Home | 16/12/26 |
| Finish for Christmas | 18/12/26 |
| **KEY DATES FOR JANUARY 2027** | |
| **SCHOOL OPENS 04/01/27** | |

## Snow and Ice



As winter approaches, I'd like to remind families of our snow procedures. In the event of heavy snowfall or icy conditions, we will always prioritise the safety of pupils and staff.

If school closure becomes necessary, we will notify parents promptly via an Arbor message, email and updates on Facebook. Please ensure your contact details are up to date. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe during winter conditions.

## Wrap Up Warm!

We are certainly experiencing a cold snap at the moment! Please ensure children come to school wrapped up warmly with coats, hats and gloves so they can fully enjoy any planned outdoor learning, as well as playtimes and lunchtimes outside. Thank you.

## Parent Zone

Parent Zone is a UK organisation that helps parents and carers understand the digital world in which children and young people are growing up. Its aim is to help families make the most of technology while understanding the potential risks and challenges children may encounter online.

Main library articles | Parent Zone | At the heart of digital family life

The organisation recognises that keeping up with changing technology, social media platforms, online games and digital trends can be difficult. It therefore provides accessible, practical and evidence-informed information to help parents and carers feel more confident supporting their children. Its central message is that parents and carers do not need to be technology experts. They need the knowledge, confidence and skills to have conversations with children, establish
appropriate boundaries and help them navigate the online world safely.

In addition, Parent Zone has developed a Gaming Risk Index to help parents/carers to view
publicly available reviews for signs of financial risks in games.

## Staff Car Park

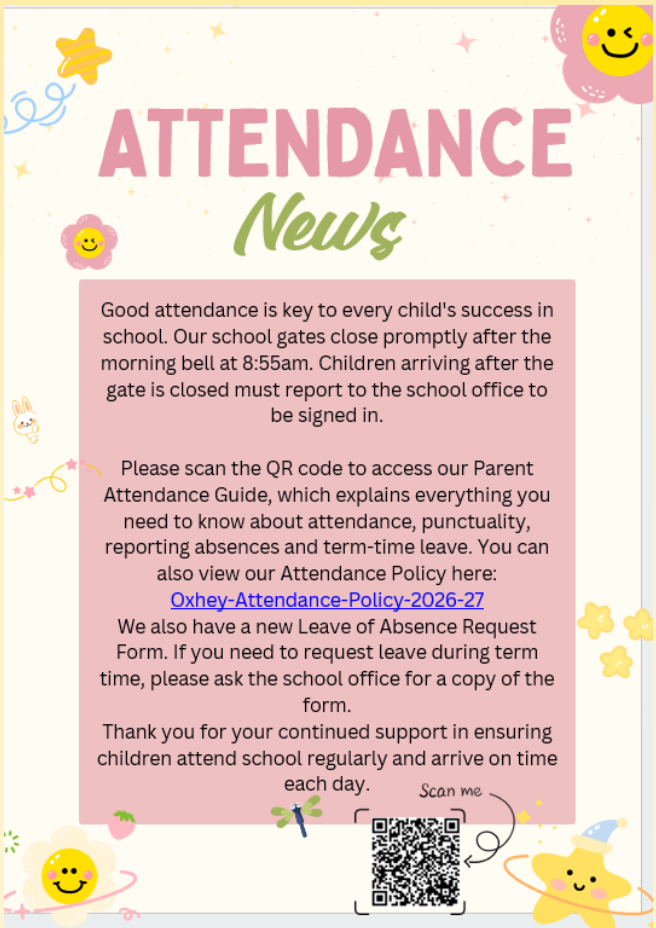
It is essential that only vehicles with a valid parking permit use the staff car park during the busy morning drop off from 8.30am. This measure is in place to ensure the health and safety of our children, families and staff. By following this rule, we can maintain a safe and organised environment for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping to keep our school community safe.

**Keeping Children Safe Online**

For parents, carers and anyone working with children, conversation remains one of the most effective online safety tools available. Online safety is not a one-off discussion. Apps evolve, new features are introduced and children and young people's online experiences change rapidly. Regular, open conversations help children and young people understand risks and feel confident seeking support when they need it.

- Know what apps and platforms your child is using and take time to understand how they work.
- Talk regularly about online friendships, privacy settings and the risks associated with sharing images or personal information.
- Create a blame-free environment where children and young people feel comfortable coming to you if something goes wrong online.
- Look out for warning signs, such as increased secrecy around devices, withdrawing from family
- activities or sudden changes in behaviour.
- Remind children and young people that if someone makes them feel uncomfortable, pressures them for images or threatens them online, it is never their fault and they should tell a safe adult.
- If a child tells you about something worrying that has happened online, the most important first steps are to listen, stay calm, reassure them they have done the right thing by speaking up, and take their concerns seriously.
- Childline: 0800 1111 (free, confidential support for children and young people)
- NSPCC Helpline: 0808 800 5000 (advice and support for adults concerned about a child)



# Oxhey Christmas Fayre

**Friday 4th December**
**3:30-5:30**

Hot drinks, tuck shop,
tombola, festive games & more

**£1 entry -**
**everyone welcome**

*We hope to see you there!*

# WOW Awards!



# Notice Board









# 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

## 5

**IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE**

**10 IN 10**

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**