Autumn 1 2026

Oxley Primary School

A celebration of learning at our wonderful school



Be Kind

Be Brilliant

Have an I can Attitude

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Friday 16th October 2026

What a wonderful first half term we've had at Oxley! It's hard to believe we're already at the October break, especially when I think about just how much we've managed to squeeze into these first few weeks! From our Year 6 adventures at PGL and a fantastic range of sporting events to BeSkilled days, Harvest celebrations and our special awareness days, there has been so much to enjoy and be proud of. One of the loveliest things has been seeing our children grow in confidence, look out for one another and embrace new opportunities, and our new House Captains and Junior Leadership Team have certainly made us proud already. A special thank you to our House Captains for being such a great help at Parents' Evenings, and to all of you for your kindness, generosity and continued support, particularly with our wonderful Harvest donations.

I hope you all have a lovely half term, enjoy some precious family time and perhaps a little rest too – we look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term at Oxley!

Mr Caldwell



School Leadership

LEADER

LEAD FORWARD

A huge congratulations to our wonderful new House Captains, who are already doing a fantastic job of leading their houses! Chosen by their fellow pupils, they have thrown themselves into their new roles with such enthusiasm and determination. They have already hosted two house assemblies, chosen the charities they would like to support this year and have been busy meeting regularly to share ideas and make exciting plans. It has been lovely to see just how seriously they are taking their responsibilities and how proud they are to represent their houses. They are showing real initiative, teamwork and a genuine desire to make a difference. We couldn't be prouder of the way they have stepped up as young leaders of our school. We have a feeling it's going to be a brilliant year, with plenty of friendly competition along the way!











A huge thank you to everyone who applied for a school job! Badges are ready, excitement is building… the BIG launch is coming after half term!





Our new Junior Leadership Team (JLT) was announced in assembly this morning, and what a lovely moment it was! The hall was filled with cheers and whoops as children celebrated their classmates being chosen to represent them.

Our JLT has an exciting and important year ahead, with a particular focus on anti-bullying, including creating a new school Anti-Bullying Charter. They will also be working closely with our House Captains, sharing ideas, listening to their peers and helping to make Oxley an even better place to learn and grow.

We are so proud of our new team and can't wait to see the difference they make. After all, who better to help shape the future of our school than the children themselves?

Oxley Shines Bright for Mental Health!

We brightened up the school in yellow on 9th October to recognise World Mental Health Day! Mental health and wellbeing matter to us all and will always remain at the heart of everything we do at Oxley.









Oxley Stands Up to Racism!











Oxley was a sea of red on Friday 16th October as we came together to show our support for Stand Up to Racism Day. Through our assemblies and discussions, we celebrated diversity, challenged discrimination and reinforced the importance of kindness, respect and equality. At Oxley, everyone belongs, everyone matters and everyone deserves to be treated fairly.

Poly Tunnel Produce

Thank you to Mrs Reeve for organising a brilliant experience!





A great big 'thank you' to Mr Bill Burton who has again been doing a splendid job tending to our polytunnel through the summer holidays and beyond! Grapes, onions, tomatoes, strawberries... the list goes on! Mr Burton is due to restart his polytunnel workshops with the children next month – and we can't wait to explore and help harvest (sample!) the last of some of the produce! Yum!

Harvest Festival Assembly

Our wonderful Dragonflies and Caterpillars took centre stage for their Harvest Assembly, filling the hall with smiles, songs and plenty of enthusiasm! Our youngest children made us incredibly proud as they shared the importance of being thankful and helping others.

A huge thank you to our families for joining us and for your generous Harvest donations, which will help support those in our local community.

A fantastic celebration of kindness, gratitude and togetherness. Well done, Dragonflies and Caterpillars!



Harvest Donations

Thank You



A huge thank you to everyone who generously donated to our Harvest Festival! Thanks to your kindness, we have been able to put together 17 care packages for families nominated by our children, as well as make a wonderful donation to Shepshed Food Bank. Your generosity really does make a difference to our local community.

Thank you!

Year 6 residential - PGL



Some of our Year 6 children had an unforgettable time at Caythorpe Court, challenging themselves, conquering fears and making memories to last a lifetime! From exciting adventures to cheering each other on, they showed incredible courage, teamwork and determination throughout their residential.

Beskilled Events

A huge thank you to all teachers who help organise these fantatsic events!

Our Year 3 Jaguars and Gorillas enjoyed a fantastic day at Long Whatton Primary School last week, taking part in the BeSkilled Sport and Music event.

Throughout the day, the children threw themselves into a variety of exciting activities, demonstrating enthusiasm, teamwork and a willingness to try something new. We were incredibly proud of the way they represented Oxley, showing their brilliant 'I can' attitudes at every opportunity.

Despite the rainy weather, spirits remained high and smiles were in abundance! A huge well done to everyone involved – you were fantastic ambassadors for our school!



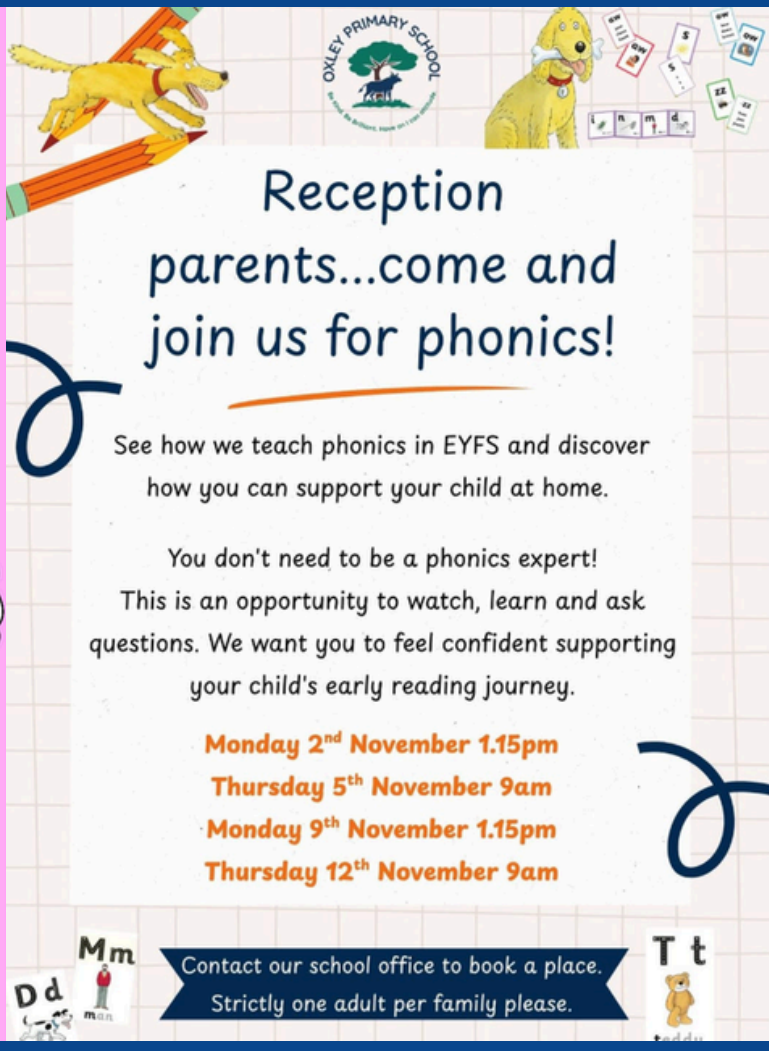




Coming up!

COMING SOON





Sporting Events

Thank you to Mrs Coe and Mrs Rees for leading these events!

Oh my word, what an action-packed half term of sport we've had at Oxley! We've kicked things off with girls' football and a Year 5/6 Girls' Football Development Day, while our Year 6 girls enjoyed a fantastic athletics event at Loughborough University, trying their hand at track and field activities. Our girls also embraced a rugby development day as part of the Loughborough Lions collaboration partnership!

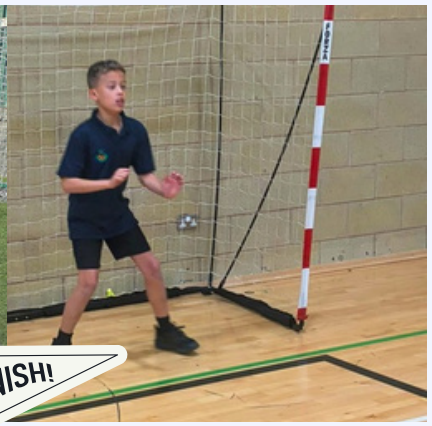
Our boys have made a flying start to their football season, with victories securing their place in the Pokémon Cup Final in November! We've also enjoyed Year 5/6 handball, Year 3/4 football (with two teams thanks to such fantastic enthusiasm!) and cross-country, where an impressive 11 children signed up to compete.

Next half term will be a little quieter as Christmas festivities take over, but there are still some exciting football fixtures to look forward to!

A huge well done to every single athlete, whether trying something new or returning to a sport they love. Seeing our children embrace challenges with such brilliant 'I can' attitudes is what Oxley sport is all about! 💚



















HALLOWEEN PARTY

FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER



EYFS & KS1
5:30 - 6:30PM
£2.50 PER TICKET
DRINK & HALLOWEEN SWEETS INCLUDED

KS2
6:45 - 8:00PM
£4 PER TICKET
J20 & HALLOWEEN SWEETS INCLUDED

OPTIONAL AGE- APPROPRIATE FANCY DRESS

A celebration of our learning

Caterpillars and Dragonflies



What a lovely start to the year we have had in Caterpillars and Dragonflies! Our topic, "Who Am I? Where Do I Belong?", has given us lots of opportunities to explore who we are, our feelings and the places that are special to us.

We have been exploring The Colour Monster, talking about different emotions and learning strategies to help us recognise and manage our big feelings. We have also enjoyed the stories Rosie's Walk and Handa's Surprise, using them to explore different settings and compare where the characters live. We looked closely at features of Shepshed, then compared these with the countryside where Rosie lives and Africa, where Handa lives. The children have created some beautiful art work based on African landscapes combining their knowledge of colour mixing and warm and cool colours to create their masterpieces!

A very special highlight was performing in our first Harvest assembly! The children did a fantastic job and should feel very proud of themselves.

We are also delighted with how well our EYFS children have settled into school life. They have been building relationships, becoming familiar with routines and showing lots of enthusiasm for their learning.

We are looking forward to another exciting term of exploring, learning and growing together!

Giraffes and Elephants

It's been a busy and exciting few weeks in Giraffes and Elephants, with lots of fantastic learning taking place!

In Maths, we've been developing our addition and subtraction skills, using practical equipment to explore numbers and find differences. Our creativity has been shining in Art, where we've explored the ancient tradition of Kolam art as part of our Spirals unit, creating our own beautiful designs on large black paper.

We've also been busy becoming phonics detectives, investigating sounds, spotting spelling patterns and learning new graphemes to strengthen our spelling skills.

In Geography, we've been exploring the features of our school and putting our map-making skills to the test. Meanwhile, in Computing, we've loved programming digital BeeBots, learning how to spot errors and make our instructions work successfully.

What a fantastic start to the year! We're incredibly proud of the enthusiasm, curiosity and hard work shown by all our Giraffes and Elephants!



















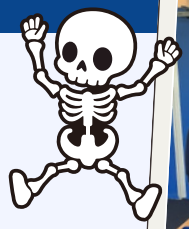
Jaguars, Gorillas and Panthers













What a fantastic start to the school year for our Jaguars, Gorillas and Panthers! It's been a busy half term packed with creativity, curiosity and exciting learning opportunities.

In English, the children have been captivated by The Lost Happy Endings, using the story to inspire wonderfully wicked witch descriptions, suspense-filled scenes and imaginative alternative endings.

Our budding scientists have been exploring skeletons, identifying the main bones in humans and different animals, and discovering how they help our bodies move, support and protect us.

PE has been a real highlight, with exciting rugby coaching sessions from Leicester Tigers! The children have developed their passing, movement and teamwork skills while learning how to score tries in tag rugby.







Things have been getting wonderfully messy in Art, where the children have explored charcoal and gestural drawing. Inspired by artist Laura McKendry, they've created expressive animal artwork before discovering the fascinating world of cave paintings and chiaroscuro – the dramatic contrast between light and dark. We're incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and effort shown by everyone. What a grrr-eat start to the Autumn term!

















Cobras, Orcas and Hawks



What a brilliant first half term we've had in Hawks, Cobras and Orcas! Our three new classes have settled in wonderfully, and we've certainly packed plenty into the last few weeks!

In English, we've been putting a surprising twist on The Three Little Pigs, investigating murder, mortgage troubles and insurance fraud through gripping newspaper reports and witness statements!

Science has been full of practical investigations exploring friction, air resistance, water resistance and aerodynamics. In Maths, we've been sharpening our place value, calculation and arithmetic skills, while Art has seen us creating imaginative 3D maps using a variety of paper techniques and typography.

A huge highlight was our Year 6 residential to PGL, where the children embraced challenges and made unforgettable memories! Meanwhile, our Year 5 children enjoyed a three-day enterprise project, collaboratively designing board games, writing instructions and creating persuasive pitches.

What a fantastic start to the year! We're incredibly proud of everyone and can't wait for another exciting half term!