

Autumn 1 2025

# Oxley Primary School

*A celebration of learning at our wonderful school*



Dear Parents and Carers,

Friday 17th October 2025

I hope this newsletter finds you well as we wrap up a brilliant first half term here at Oxley! It has been a delight to see the children fully embrace our "I can" attitude, approaching their learning with enthusiasm and curiosity. Their positive spirits have truly made our school the wonderful place it is!

This term has been filled with fantastic achievements and personal growth for our children. We finished this half term with our first parents' evening and I would like to say a big thank you to our house captains for doing such a splendid job serving refreshments and greeting our parents—their enthusiasm and coffee making skills made a real difference to the two evenings!

If you haven't had the chance yet, I kindly ask you to take a couple of minutes to complete our annual parent survey. Your support and feedback are invaluable to us and play a vital role in helping our school improve and grow for our children.

As we head into the half-term break, I would like to wish you all a restful and enjoyable time. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday, 28th October, ready to embark on new learning adventures together.

Thank you for your continued support. *Mr Caldwell*

## A SHORT QUESTIONNAIRE

Our House Captains and JLT kindly ask you to share your views.



**Be Kind**

**Be Brilliant**

**Have an  
I can  
Attitude**



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# School Leadership **WELL DONE!**

**LEAD  
FORWARD**

A huge congratulations to this year's House Captains, who have promised to lead their houses to victory. They decided to kick things off with a whole school assembly on this year's chosen charity: *The Children's Society*. After half-term, the House Captains will be putting together the yearly plan to ensure charity events are spread across the year. They have had quite a few ideas already, so watch this space! Meanwhile, they are currently looking at the job applications and will be recruiting the first week back!

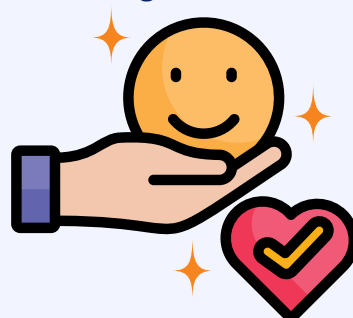


**BULLY-FREE  
ZONE**

Congratulations must also go to our JLT (Junior Leadership Team), who were selected by their fellow class friends to be their class representative and voice of change throughout the school. To start, they will support the revision of our Anti-bullying policy with Mrs Woolcock and help to lead our Anti-Bullying Week in November. They will also soon be sending out questionnaires to their classes to see where improvements can be made. One thing is for sure, they will be busy!!



Miss Evans met with Wellbeing Champions to plan and arrange Hello Yellow on World Mental Health Day. The children made posters and presented them in assembly, telling the school why it was an important day.





# School Leadership

# WELL DONE!

ECO  
FRIENDLY

We are pleased to announce that our school has been awarded the Green Flag for 2024-25 for our work on sustainability. Last year, our Eco Committee carried out a number of projects, including making bird houses, installing bike and scooter racks, and taking part in Walk to School Month. These are just some of the ways pupils, staff, and families have contributed to making our school more environmentally friendly.

Congratulations to everyone involved, and especially to the Eco Committee, for all their hard work!



## World Mental Health Day



We were radiant in yellow on 10<sup>th</sup> October as we recognised World Mental Health Day - an important day for all and something we will continue to put at the centre of all we do here at Oxley.



## JLT

Our Junior Leadership Team (JLT) has been hard at work carrying out an environmental review of our school — and they've come away feeling inspired! They were impressed to find a range of positive practices already in place. From solar panels on our buildings to energy-saving sensored lights in classrooms and corridors to habitat homes to support local biodiversity. Now, with clipboards full of notes and heads full of ideas, the JLT are busy planning the next steps. They're thinking creatively about how we can do even more to reduce our environmental impact and make our school an even greener place.

At our next meeting, we'll be turning these ideas into a practical action plan — so stay tuned to see what exciting changes might be coming next!



# Year 6 residential - PGL

**YOU ARE  
THE BEST!**

**PROUD  
OF YOU**





# Playtime Poly Tunnel Produce



Thank you to Mrs  
Reeve for organising  
a brilliant  
experience!

Wow! We are so proud of all the children who visited our (very busy!) playtime tasting station recently. Sampling the tomatoes, cucumbers, strawberries and grapes that have been grown in our poly tunnel, the children had no reservations about tucking in. 'This is the best tomato that I have ever tasted!' was even commented by one of the children!



The produce has also been happily eaten by children in our Busy Bees afterschool club.

## Harvest Festival Assembly



We were delighted to celebrate the Harvest season with a wonderful EYFS/Y1 Harvest Assembly a couple of weeks ago! Our youngest learners took to the stage with confidence, singing songs, reciting a story, and sharing what they've been learning about the importance of harvest time.

The children did a fantastic job reminding us all to be thankful for the food we have and the people who help provide it. A big thank you to all the families who joined us and for your generous donations to our Harvest hampers — your kindness will make a real difference to those in need.

Well done to all our Penguin and Koala stars for such a heartwarming performance!





# Beskilld Events



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

Our Year 1 children had a great day at our BeSkilled sports event. We took part in a range of sports activities and then spent an afternoon exploring different musical activities! We had so much fun spending time with Year 1 children from other schools!

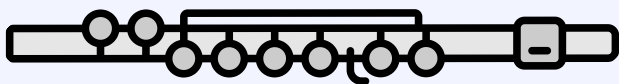


Year 3 had a fantastic time on their annual Beskilld trip at Long Whatton Primary school. The day was a fun-filled packed with games, teamwork and plenty of laughter. We began the day with a rotation of musical activities, learning the rhythms of We Will Rock You using body percussion, mastering the somewhat challenging Cup Song, and enjoying some classic camp songs out in the amazing forest school area. In the afternoon, we banded together with children from other schools across our network to take part in a sports-tastic afternoon! The children were, as ever, a credit to Oxley and all returned to school with huge smiles on their faces!

## Whole class instrumental tuition - Flutes



The children in year 4 have been delighted to start their whole class music tuition this term. We are thrilled to announce that the children will be learning the flute all year as they build on the skills they achieved whilst learning the recorder last year. They will be learning all about rhythm, pitch and volume alongside notation and musicianship. This is a great opportunity for them and one we hope will spark a love of playing an orchestral instrument. We look forward to being able to welcome you into school later in the term to see their progress.

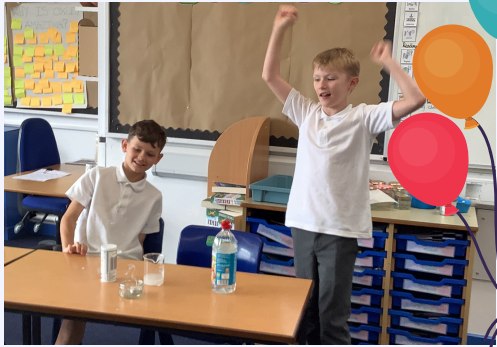




# Experiment Club



In Experiment Club, we've been on quite a journey of discovery! We've bent bones, created stunning crystals, and even found ways to stop fruit from rotting. Tracking time has become a thrilling challenge, while generating gases has been a blast! We've also cleaned coins, and you won't believe how we've managed to blow balloons up using yeast. And let's not forget the countless things we can do with eggs—if we can think it, we've tried it! Each week is a new adventure filled with fun experiments that spark curiosity and creativity in every member of our club!



## Online Safety *STAY SAFE*



**Let's keep  
kids safe online**

The online world is an important part of kids' lives nowadays. It's an exciting place for them to explore, with all sorts of fun and educational stuff to discover, but there can be some risks too.

'Keeping children safe online' will teach you how to help kids explore their favourite apps, games and sites safely. Our workshop will:

- help you understand how children experience the online world
- show you resources and tools that could help keep them safe
- empower you to guide them on their journey.



**NSPCC**

Date: Wednesday 29th October 2025  
Time: 2.15  
Location: Oxley Primary School

EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR

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**ONLINE**

**JOIN US**

**WEDNESDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**2:15 PM**  
**IN THE SCHOOL HALL**



# Sporting Events

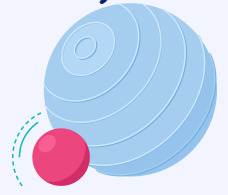


Thank you to Mrs Grainger, Mrs Rees and Mrs Coe for leading these events!

This term has been a busy one for sporting events, and we're so proud of our fabulous athletes across the school. First up was Boccia, where four children were invited to Charnwood College to try their hand at this unique sport! (See rules, below.)

## Rules

- The aim of the game is to get closer to the jack than your opponent
- The jack ball is white and is thrown first
- One side has six red balls and the other has six blue balls
- The balls are leather containing plastic granules so they don't bounce but will still roll
- The side whose ball is not closest to the jack throws until they get a ball closest or until they run out of balls
- Once all the balls have been thrown one side receives points for every ball they have closer to the jack than their opponents closest ball



We've also had an array of football fixtures with our Years 5 & 6 playing in three so far. First up, our Year 5/6 Girls, who showed brilliant teamwork in the face of some very difficult opponents.

Next, we hosted a match at home, this time with a mixed team of Year 5 & 6 boys and girls. A smashing goal put us in the lead, but sadly, they just pipped us to the post in the end!



Finally, we had another mixed team game, this time at St Bot's, and it was very close! Mrs Coe and Mrs Rees were extremely proud of the team and how brilliantly they played together!

We also attended our first cross-country event at Charnwood College, where we had lots of children sign up! Every single child pushed themselves and showed an incredible I can attitude and completed the course!



A huge thank you to four of our amazing Year 6s who represented us at the Sports Leadership Event last week too! True ambassadors of our Oxley values!





# Fund Raising



Thank you to everyone who donated a cup to our 'Prize Everytime' event (originally scheduled for the Carboot). We raised a wonderful £95 which will go towards funding different activities at school. #Oxleycommunityisthebest

## Fundraising EVENT

Thank you to Evie, our most senior member of JLT, who stayed behind to sell them after school.



## How it's done, done, done!



Our K-Pop Demon Hunters slayed the Shepshed Scaresheep Festival, taking home GOLD in the School Category!

A full team effort with a touch of K-Pop magic. We couldn't be prouder!





# HALLOWEEN DISCO



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

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

**THURSDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**  
**OPTIONAL AGE-APPROPRIATE FANCY DRESS**





# Oxley's Busy Bees

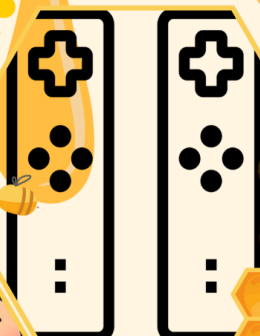


# Oxley's Busy Bees

## Outdoors



## Friday Clubs



**Cinema Club**  
31<sup>st</sup> October  
21<sup>st</sup> November  
12<sup>th</sup> December



**Games Station**  
7<sup>th</sup> November  
28<sup>th</sup> November  
19<sup>th</sup> December



**Music & Movement**  
14<sup>th</sup> November  
5<sup>th</sup> December



3.15 - 4.15pm  
(Mon - Fri) £5  
3.15 - 5.30pm  
(Mon - Thurs)  
£10.50  
3.15 - 5pm (Fri)  
£10





# Penguins



We have had a fantastic first half term in the Koalas class! It's been wonderful getting to know each other and settling into the new school year.

We've enjoyed reading 'The Gingerbread Man' and 'The Little Red Hen', getting to know the characters inside and out. Our topic 'What is it like to be me?' has sparked creativity, with self-portraits inspired by Giuseppe Arcimboldo and explorations of colours in art. In science, we've discussed healthy eating, while history has seen us compare our family pasts. Our PSHE lessons have helped us understand our emotions and the importance of kindness. What a term it has been!

The Penguins have settled in so well at Oxley, and the adults are truly impressed with how quickly they've made new friends and adapted to school life. This term, our topic has been 'What is it like to be me?' and the children have loved the stories of The Colour Monster, The Gingerbread Man, The Gingerbread Girl, and The Little Red Hen. We've explored colour mixing, labelled body parts, discovered what our bodies can do, and created self-portraits. Plus, we put on two fantastic performances for our Harvest assembly! Well done, Penguins - a brilliant start to the year!

## Koalas



This term has been non-stop for the children! In art, they got creative by making their own paintbrushes using natural materials found in the playground, which was a fantastic hands-on experience. In maths, they've been working diligently on number skills, particularly focusing on fact families. During English, they read "After the Fall" and "The Stone Giant," writing engaging diary entries and even crafting instructions to stop the stone giant! In science, they've explored what it means to stay healthy through exercise, a balanced diet, and dental hygiene. Busy, busy, busy!

## Meerkats





We absolutely loved our Art unit, "Explore and Draw"! Learning about artists like Lorna Crane and Andy Goldsworthy was a real treat, and we had a fantastic time creating nature-inspired artworks. In English, we dived into "The Stone Giant," crafting character descriptions and diaries, and are now wrapping up with some cheeky instructions on how to catch a deadly giant! Our Science lessons have been just as exciting, where we've been on the lookout for signs of autumn and collecting weather data. It's been a brilliant term!

## Owls



## Leopards



Wow! What a fantastic start to the Autumn term! Just two weeks in, and the Leopards teamed up with the Flamingos and Tigers for an adventure in the local woods to kick off their English novel study, 'Into the Forest.' The kids had a brilliant time using their senses to describe the sights, sounds, and smells around them, which will really enhance their woodland descriptions. In Science, they explored the school grounds, classifying flowering and non-flowering plants. Plus, they got creative with watercolours in Art and grooved to 20th-century music genres. Well done, Leopards!

What a brilliant start the Flamingos class has had this year! We've been working hard on place value, addition, and subtraction, using a variety of manipulatives to clarify our thinking while also mastering efficient written methods.

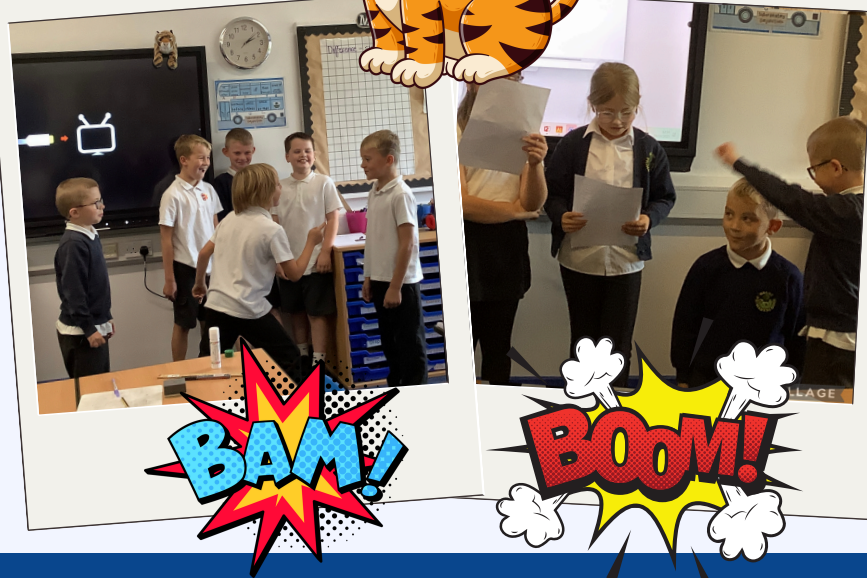
Our first book, *Into the Forest* by Anthony Browne, sparked our imaginations and inspired us to write our own fantastic 'lost chapters'! In RE, we've delved into the Trinity and explored how different Christians worship. Our science lessons have been fascinating, focusing on invertebrates, vertebrates, flowering, and non-flowering plants, plus classification skills. Exciting times ahead!

## Flamingos





# Tigers




We've been having a fantastic time in class! Our Into the Forest Novel Study was a hit, especially when we crafted spooky fairytale scenes—the creepier, the better! The children truly enjoyed our performance poetry unit, reading various poems and adding actions while experimenting with musical instruments. They've begun learning the flute and most are now confidently producing sounds! In maths, we're tackling tricky 4-digit addition and subtraction with great success. Plus, our art sessions have been fun as we create concertina books and vibrant manga comic strips!



# Quokkas, Foxes and Lions.



This term has been packed with exciting learning across all subjects! In Art, we transformed 2D drawings into 3D creations inspired by Lubaina Himid, using the grid method and honing our shading techniques. Computing lessons were a creative venture into algorithms, where we programmed with Micro:bits to create our musical sequences.

In English, discussions around Little People, Big Dreams inspired us to write biographies and explore The Explorer, improving our reading skills while crafting survival guides. 

History took us deep into the Shang Dynasty, while PSHE prompted us to think critically about rights and democracy, culminating in our own class debate.

In PE, we developed our netball skills with various passes, and in Science, we got hands-on, classifying living things and even playing detectives at the BeSkilled event. What a busy and brilliant term it's been!

