



Clubs Next Half Term

At Oxford Grove, we always have a wide range of after school provision for our children across the course of the school year. Our clubs run until 4:00pm and are always FREE.

Children will receive a letter if they are eligible to attend a club. Permissions slips must be returned to the School Office by the date stated. If too many children apply for a place at a club, then names will be drawn out of a hat. You will be notified by text message to let you know whether your child has received a place in the club.

Next half term's clubs:

- Fencing Club
- Baking Club (Reception)
- Recorder Club (Year 3)
- Wellbeing Club (Year 2)
- Drama Club (Year 3)
- Art Club (Reception)
- Language Club (Reception)
- Phonics Club (KS2)
- Super Scientists Club
- Arts Council Club
- Music Ambassador Club
- Sports Crew Club
- OG Historians Club
- Geography Committee Club
- Eco Committee Club
- Choirs



Oxford Grove Newsletter

DECEMBER 2022

Christmas Celebrations



Our Nursery and Reception shows were held last week and they were absolutely amazing!

Well done to our youngest children for all their effort in learning lines, learning songs and performing so well.

On Monday 12th December, our KS2 children will be taking part in the Big Bolton Carol Concert—see more on the next page!

Our School Council are holding a fundraising pyjama day on Monday 19th December. Please bring in £1 to come to school in your pyjamas. (No teddies please, and please ensure your child's clothes are suitable for school and warm enough.)

Our Christmas lunch is on Tuesday 20th December.

We will also be holding fun Christmas party activities for the children on the morning of Friday 23rd December. Children may come into school on this day dressed in their party clothes. Please do not send in any food.

Please can we also take this opportunity to remind you that school will close for the Christmas holidays at 1:00pm on Friday 23rd December.



Awards



We are very proud of our many awards at Oxford Grove, which provide us with a framework with which to improve even further and externally validate our provision across all aspects of school life.

This term, we have achieved more awards than ever before!



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Oxford Grove have held the Investors in Pupils Award since 2014. This award recognises schools that value all pupils and help them to improve the understanding of their role in their learning journey. A quote from our report: "The pupils have a very positive attitude towards learning and are very proud of their school. The school has an outstanding philosophy with a well-developed vision and ethos."

Oxford Grove invests a huge amount of time in Online Safety, from curriculum lessons to competitions to activities led by the Digital Leaders. National Online Safety have awarded us with their annual accreditations to recognise all of our efforts and the different ways in which we promote keeping safe online.



Oxford Grove are extremely proud to announce that we have achieved the prestigious Design and Technology award. We are one of only a handful of primary schools in the UK who hold this award, which provides an opportunity for schools to undertake a rigorous evaluation process within Design and Technology.

Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind all of our families of the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Attendance at school is vital for good progress in learning. Please ensure your child attends school every day. If they are not well enough to be in school, please contact the School Office as soon as possible.



Oxford Grove's school day starts at 8:30am for all children. Please ensure your child is on time every day so they do not miss any valuable learning time.

Assemblies

Our classes have enjoyed holding their assemblies over the last few months—thank you so much to all of the parents/carers who were able to attend.



Next term, we will be taking a break from our assemblies while we concentrate on other exciting events within school.

Our assemblies will be back again in the summer term!



Breakfast Club

A reminder for all of our families that Breakfast Club is open to EVERYONE.



It is free to attend. Your child will receive a healthy breakfast and take part in a range of fun activities with friends before starting the school day. Breakfast Club starts at 8:00am.

Please see Miss Harvey or Mr Almond if you would like your child to have a place at Breakfast Club.



Family Language Support with Miss Khan

Next half term, Miss Khan will be supporting parents/carers with reading at home.

She will be working with families to help them with how you can support your child's reading, including with using reading strategies and how phonics helps your child to learn to read.

This will include support with how to fill in our reading records.

If you would like support with reading with your child at home, please speak to Miss Khan or the School Office for more information.



Important Diary Dates

Please remember - you can check the Calendar section of our school website for important diary dates, too!



Autumn Term 2022

Monday 12th December – KS2 Bolton Big Carol Concert
 Monday 19th December – School Council PJ fundraising day—come to school in pyjamas and bring £1
 Tuesday 20th December – Christmas lunch
 Friday 23rd December – Christmas parties—come in party clothes
 Friday 23rd December – School closes for Christmas holidays — 1:00pm finish

Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 10th January – Term begins at 8:30am
 Monday 13th February – Monday 20th February – School closed for half term (1 week + 1 day)
 Friday 6th April – School closes for Easter holidays (1 week + 1 day)
 Tuesday 17th April – Summer term begins at 8:30am
 Monday 1st May – BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED
 Monday 8th May – CORONATION BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED



Twitter

If you would like to receive updates on safeguarding, school information and your child's learning on Twitter, please follow



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Bolton Big Carol Concert



Oxford Grove will be performing!

Thank you to all of our families who are coming along to take part or watch the Big Bolton Carol Concert on Monday 12th December.

We are hoping to be part of history by breaking the current Guinness World Record for the largest group of carol singers.



Good luck to everyone taking part and the Oxford Grove staff will see you there—it's going to be an amazing event!

Competition Winners

We have been holding lots of competitions in school this half term!



Well done to all of the winners of our Times Table Rock Stars England Rocks competition from Year 2 to Year 6!



Congratulations to all of our fantastic Design & Technology competition winners from Year 2 and Year 5!

Congratulations to all of our Music competition winners for their projects on their class composers and class artists!



An Amazing Autumn Term!

We have been incredibly busy this term! Take a look at what we have been up to....



Years 1 to 6 took part in poppy and poetry Remembrance Day workshops.



Year 1 enjoyed a Geography workshop all about transportation and road safety.



Year 2 learned about toys in the past in a History workshop at Bolton Museum.

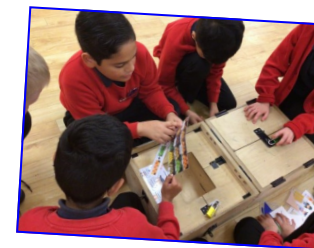
Year 3 enjoyed History and Art workshops on the Stone Age.



Year 4 visited Chester to learn more about life in Roman Britain.



Year 5 watched a drama performance of the Greek myth of Perseus and Medusa.



Year 6 took part in a maths "escape room" workshop to apply their problem-solving skills.



Classes across the school have worked with different authors on reading and storytelling.



Nursery and Reception have been welcoming their families into school weekly for story share sessions.

Family Learning



Our latest Family Learning course will be taking place next term, starting on Monday 16th January.

This will be a Stories and Reading course, based on traditional tales. This course will support you as parents/carers to help your EYFS or KS1 child with their English, including speaking and listening, and communication and language. The course is run by tutors from Bolton College. The course will run for four weeks until Monday 6th February.



The course timings are 9:00am until 12:00pm. The course is aimed at families of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. All adults from our Oxford Grove family are welcome, including parents, carers, grandparents and those with little English. If you are interested in attending our family learning course, please speak to Mrs Thompson or the School Office.



CRESCENT FOOD BANK

Crescent Food Bank is based locally in Bolton and has been supporting individuals and families for the last 18 months. To date, they have provided over 135,000 food parcels and supported over 4,000 individuals.

If you need support with food, please scan the QR code to refer yourself to Crescent Food Bank.



In addition, we would like to remind all of our families that children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are all entitled to free school meals. If your child is in Key Stage 2 and you think may be entitled to free school meals, please come and speak to the School Office who can support you to apply.

Please scan the QR code to see more information about Free School Meals on our school website.