



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SEND Provision...

Yew Tree Primary is a mainstream school, not a specialist school, which means that we recognise times we are not able to offer the provision that some of our children (i.e. those with the most complex needs) might need.

However, whilst recognising our limitations, Yew Tree successfully secured the SEND Inclusion Award (June 2024) for our work in improving outcomes for pupils with special educational needs and disabilities. Our report, which you can read [HERE](#), highlighted how the school had gone from strength to strength in our SEND & inclusion work.

However we recognise that, with a growing range of SEND in mainstream schools, we have to evolve and adapt our provision. This means that all our staff have had a range of additional training so that they can meet the needs of pupils *in* class, as much as possible, as we recognise that separate interventions have a limited capacity and can only help so much.

Please remember if your child does have identified additional needs this does not guarantee them additional adult support or access to separate interventions. Our primary focus is to support children in class using the skills at our disposal.

You can find out information about our school's SEND provision, including information about our levels of support, on our website [HERE](#).

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

If you are planning for your child to be absent, during term time, please remember to complete the [Leave of Absence](#) form (available online or at the office).

We are limited in the leave we can authorise but we always appreciate your honesty when completing requests.

FOOD WASTE

New [regulations](#) come into effect, at the end of March, which requires businesses (inc. schools) generating over 5kg of food waste per week, to separate it from general waste.

In preparing for these regulations, we have been monitoring the amount of food waste that is generated from our school. We have noticed that many children choose not to eat their lunch as they want to go and play.

Whilst we cannot force children to eat, and we know that eating something is better than nothing, all our staff shall be encouraging children to finish their whole meal. Please also help us by ensuring you select your child's meal so they get food they like (rather than food they don't!)

NB: any waste from packed lunches will be sent home in a child's packed lunch box so parents/carers can see what has been eaten.

COMIC RELIEF (RED NOSE DAY)

Don't forget that children are invited to come dressed in something red/funny, as part of our support for [Comic Relief](#), next **FRIDAY**.

In return, children are asked to bring a donation of their choice on this day. All proceeds will be donated to this worthy charity so we hope you will get involved.

MUSIC PERFORMANCES

We are really proud of our children learning instruments. It is great to be able to showcase their progress during performances throughout the year.

If your child learns guitar, ukelele or clarinet, keep an eye out for information about some performance dates for these groups.

EID ABSENCE

We are aware that some of our community shall be celebrating Eid on 31.03.25 or 01.04.25.

In line with guidance from the Local Authority, we are able to authorise **ONE DAY** of absence if your child is celebrating Eid.

However, it is important that you inform the office which day your child is celebrating and that you only take the one day we are allowed to authorise.

UNIFORM

It is disappointing that, besides previous messages, some children are still not wearing the full correct uniform.

In particular, there are a minority of children who still wear incorrect footwear. As a reminder, please ensure children wear **plain black** shoes/trainers to school each day.

SUMMER TERM CLUBS

We have previously communicated about our summer term club offer. In case you missed it, this is available on our website [HERE](#).

Don't forget that the deadline to return expressions of interest for clubs is:

FRIDAY 21st MARCH



HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES FUND (HAF)

Sandwell Council has received further funding so that they can continue to offer HAF funding this Easter.

HAF funding provides vouchers, for eligible families, so that they can access FREE childcare (with food) during school holidays.

HAF vouchers will be emailed out to eligible families on **TUESDAY 18th MARCH**.

Aspire Sports will be running provision at Yew Tree for part of the holiday. Look out for them on the HAF website [HERE](#).

PTA EASTER ACTIVITIES

Don't forget that children are invited to bring in an Easter bonnet or decorated egg on:

MONDAY 7th APRIL

All children are invited to bring their bonnet/egg in to share but should bring £1 with their designs if they would like to enter this in the PTA competition.

In addition, our PTA are selling chocolate bars again this year. These are available from Lets Localise by [CLICKING HERE](#) at a cost of £1.50. Any bars purchased can be collected, after school on 07.04.25, where children can see if they have a Golden Ticket which can be exchanged for prizes.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
17.03.25	Girls' football match (home)	07.04.25	PTA Easter competition day
20.03.25	Family Hubs bus on site – 3.30pm	07.04.25	FOCUS WEEK: We are performers...
21.03.25	Deadline for SUM club applications	07.04.25	Samba workshops – YR & Y1
21.03.25	Comic Relief (Red Nose) day	08.04.25	Steel pan workshops – Y2 & Y3
21.03.25	Deadline for SUMMER club apps	08.04.25	Dance workshops – YN, YR & Y1
24.03.25	Annual voice surveys - OPEN	08.04.25	Boys & Girls' football match (away)
30.03.25	Mother's Day	09.04.25	YR vision screening – AM
31.03.25	Girls' football match (home)	09.04.25	Dance workshops – Y2, Y3 & Y4
01.04.25	Boys' football match (home)	09.04.25	Musical performance – Y4, Y5 & Y6
04.04.25	YR 'animal man' workshops	10.04.25	Dance workshops – Y5 & Y6
04.04.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	10.04.25	Attendance Shop - OPEN