



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yew Tree Times



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Time Flies...

Time certainly flies in school and it is crazy that we have already completed half of the school year. As we start this half term, our teachers are conscious of how quickly the rest of the year will now go!

You will be aware, from discussion with staff at Parents' Evening just before half term, what the next steps are for your child. Our staff will have already started the work needed to support the children so that they really make the progress they are capable of.

We do need your support with this too though so please look at your child's mid-year report and consider how you can help. Do you need to help strengthen your child's attendance, do we need your support to see more positive behaviour from your child or would your child benefit from reading more frequently with you at home? However small you think these things may be, I assure you that they will make a difference to the outcomes for your child.

Aside from the push for the best outcomes we can hope for, there is still plenty of time in our timetable for a range of exciting and engaging activities. This also includes us getting outside more, weather permitting, for lessons. Do keep an eye on the newsletter, Dojo and the school diary to stay up-to-date with information about everything happening at school and how you can be involved.

Mr Jamie Barry



**Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.**

"Be in to win...!"

As we start the second half of the academic year, we are very much setting our eyes on the school target of

96%

Our attendance, year-to-date, is 95.1%. Please help us reach the target by ensuring your child is in on time every day.

EASTER

We are grateful that, once again, our PTA are supporting our Easter activities which take place on:

MONDAY 7th APRIL

On this day, children are invited to bring in a decorated Easter bonnet or an egg (please use an empty egg shell) to share in class. All children are invited to participate in this competition for fun.

However, if your child wishes their design to be considered in the PTA judging, they need to bring £1 with them on that day (to cover the costs of prizes for the competition).

In addition, our PTA are running the Golden Ticket event again this Easter. They will be selling chocolate bars, at a cost of £1.50, with prizes for the children who find a golden ticket inside. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for details or to purchase.

YOUNG VOICES

Well done to our Choir who performed at the Young Voices concert last night. You represented our school so well and, from the photos on [Twitter \(X\)](#), you clearly enjoyed every minute of this experience.

Thank you to the staff who gave up their evening to attend this concert with the children.

CLUBS – SUMMER TERM

This week we sent home information about our summer term club offer. In case you missed it, this is available on our website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

If you wish your child to attend any of these clubs, please ensure you return the completed form by **9.00am on 21.03.25**.

SECONDARY OFFER DAY

Y6 parents/carers will be aware that the national secondary offer day is:

MONDAY 3rd MARCH

Please don't panic if your child doesn't get their 1st choice place. Whilst we cannot provide supporting statements for appeals, details of appeals processes will be included in the offer email.

WEBSITE INFORMATION

Don't forget that our [website](#) contains lots of important information including a diary with all our key dates, copies of letters sent home and quick links for parents/carers.

In addition, we have information about the curriculum your children will learn as well as year group pages with any specific information needed.

WORLD BOOK DAY

It is not long now until we celebrate World Book Day on **THURSDAY 6th MARCH**.

Whilst entirely optional, children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character that day.

Please note that this is **not** a non-uniform day. Therefore, children should wear uniform if they do not wish to dress up.



SCHOOL MEALS

As you may recall, school meals increase to **£3 per meal** from 1st April 2025. Therefore, it is really important to [register your child for Free School Meals \(FSM\)](#) if they are eligible.

Even if your child is in the infants (so has a free meal anyway) or they don't have a school meal every day, do still register if they are eligible. Children registered for FSM receive subsidies on school trips, for music sessions and also after school clubs.

In addition, Sandwell Council will be funding supermarket vouchers for Easter for FSM children. Therefore, please register ASAP!

TERM & INSET DATES

We are grateful that so many families consider term dates when booking holidays and planning events.

In response to some queries, our term and INSET dates for next school year are available on our website [HERE](#).

These have also been added to the website calendar as well as sent home on a handy postcard, which you can keep somewhere safe at home, this week.

Please do remember to check dates carefully so that you avoid any unauthorised absence from school (as this could lead to a penalty notice or prosecution).

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
28.02.25	Deadline for YN 25/26 applications	21.03.25	Deadline for SUM club applications
03.03.24	Y4 air pollution workshops	21.03.25	Comic Relief (Red Nose) day
05.03.25	Y1 class assemblies - PM	21.03.25	Deadline for SUMMER club apps
06.03.25	World Book Day – come dressed up!	30.03.25	Mother's Day
06.03.25	Theme Lunch Day – World Book Day	31.03.25	Girls' football match (home)
06.03.25	Boys football match – 3.00pm	31.03.25	Annual voice surveys - OPEN
07.03.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	01.04.25	Boys' football match (home)
10.03.25	DECCA assembles – AM	04.04.25	YR 'animal man' workshops
10.03.25	Boys' football match (home)	04.04.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
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...