



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times

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## Residential...

At Yew Tree, we value residential experiences as we know they help develop a range of skills with our children. We have designed our offer so that children can access different residential experiences during their time with us. Each of these has been planned in order to build on the skills from the last residential as well as match the age and confidence of the children:

Y2 – one-night onsite camping experience with [Outdoors People](#) (April/May)

Y4 – two-night residential at [Frank Chapman](#), Bewdley (December)

Y6 – four-night residential at [Plas Gwynant](#), North Wales (January)

We hope you can see how the centres, the length of time away from home and the distance from home builds with each experience.

Whilst Y2 still have their residential experience to take place this year, all bookings have been confirmed for next year and relevant year groups have been sent information for 'expressions of interest'. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

We appreciate that the experiences cost a lot of money (which, obviously, increase with each experience) but please be assured that we actively secure best value and that we also subsidise these in advance. If your child secures a place, payments are spread over a year to help you too.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

**"Be in to win...!"**

Next **THURSDAY** our attendance shop opens once again. Click on the image below to see what they can buy with their stamps.



### PARENTS' EVENING

We are really looking forward to meeting parents/carers for Parents' Evening on:

**WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Please remember that **school closes promptly at 1.00pm on that day** so children should be collected, in the usual way, at that time. They will have had lunch (snack bags) before they are collected and some optional additional home learning will be published early next week.

Please arrive promptly for your appointment (unless you have sent the class teacher a Dojo message requesting a Zoom meeting). We regret that staff will not be able to make alternative appointments for anyone who simply doesn't turn up.

During the time here, you will be given a mid-year report for your child and will have the opportunity to view their work from this year.

### NON-UNIFORM DAY

Next Thursday (13.02.25), we are giving children the option to wear non-uniform to school in exchange for a **£1 donation**.

The money raised goes into our school fund to support activities like cooking, to help us buy prizes for assemblies or to support activities like our school farm.

### OFSTED

Ofsted (the organisation responsible for inspecting schools) is currently consulting on a new way in inspecting schools which, they hope, will be introduced next year.

They are particularly keen to hear from parents/carers. If you would like to find out more, or to respond, please [CLICK HERE](#).

### NURSERY ADMISSIONS 25/26

We are currently accepting applications for our Nursery cohort for September. If you have a child, who will be aged 3 by 1<sup>st</sup> September, please get an application in by the **FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**.

Places are limited, as we are only offering 26 morning places next year, so don't delay sending your application in. Applications are available from our office or via our website [HERE](#).

### HALF TERM

Don't forget that, as we have an INSET (staff training) day on 14.02.25, children break up for half term at the end of the day on:

**THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY**

Children return to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February for the start of Spring 2

### THEME LUNCH

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, our catering team have organised a special theme day lunch (shared on Dojo this week) for:

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

Please remember to order meals via School Grid by 8.50am on that day.



### SCHOOL MEALS

Parents/carers order meals for children via [School Grid](#). Meal orders must be received by 8.50am each day as food is cooked to order by our catering company, Dolce.

As well as ordering meals, it is also important to cancel meals if your child is poorly or not in school for any reason. We regret that, if food is not cancelled, parents/carers could still be charged.

In line with Dolce's [Unpaid Meals Policy](#), staff cannot provide food beyond three meals without sufficient funds.

### SCHOOL DEBTS

At Yew Tree, we operate a strict 'no debt' approach. This is because if we allow debts to build up then money, which is intended for the education of our children, is used to cover these debts.

Any charges made are in line with our [Charges & Remissions Policy](#). In addition to educational activities, parents/carers may be charged when their child has wilfully damaged school property, lost a reading book or when a child has been collected late.

If you are advised of a charge, we request your cooperation in resolving this as swiftly as possible or agreeing a payment plan.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
07.02.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	03.03.24	Y4 air pollution workshops
11.02.25	Y4 trip to Dudley Zoo	05.03.25	Y1 class assemblies - PM
12.02.25	School <b>CLOSES @ 1.00pm</b>	06.03.25	World Book Day – come dressed up!
12.02.25	Parents' Evening – 1.30pm – 6.30pm	06.03.25	Theme Lunch Day – World Book Day
13.02.25	Non-uniform day - £1 per child	06.03.25	Boys football match – 3.00pm
13.02.25	Break up for <b>HALF TERM</b>	07.03.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am
14.02.25	School <b>CLOSED</b> – INSET DAY	10.03.25	DECCA assemblies – AM
24.02.25	Start of <b>SPRING 2</b>	10.03.25	Boys' football match (home)
25.02.25	Nursery dinosaur experience day	17.03.25	Girls' football match (home)
27.02.25	Young Voices concert – PM	20.03.25	Family Hubs bus on site – 3.30pm
28.02.25	Deadline for YN 25/26 applications	21.03.25	Comic Relief (Red Nose) day