



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Spotlight on Schools...

Yesterday, we were visited by the Express & Star for their 'Spotlight on Schools' feature. They explained that this is a feature they have recently revived in order to shine a light on all the excellent work being done by schools across the Black Country.

We were very proud to have been asked to take part in this as we do genuinely believe that Yew Tree has so much to offer. The reporter explained that she had heard about the good work we do via Twitter (X) and wanted to come and find out some more in person.

We have so much to celebrate at Yew Tree and, as you will know from communication over the years, we have externally assessed quality marks in a number of areas (e.g. safeguarding, inclusion, art, computing, EYFS etc). However, beyond these awards, we see excellent practice day in and day out so it is always fantastic to share that with others.

Express & Star only focused on some aspects of our amazing practice (e.g. our school farm, attendance shop, library and use of technology) so, of course, won't tell the whole story about everything we do offer our children. Therefore, do keep an eye on our Twitter (X) feed too by clicking [HERE](#) to see regular photos of the learning and activities from our school.

Do keep an eye out for the Express & Star on **MONDAY 27th JANUARY** for our feature.
Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Thank you for the support following the message we posted on Dojo last Friday.

As we said, please remember that parents/carers have to ensure children are in school in order to learn.

FRIDAY is still a learning day so it is important to ensure children attend.

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Yew Tree is an accredited 'Healthy School'. Information about what this means is available by clicking [HERE](#).

As part of our work, we do have a [School Food Policy](#) and a [Packed Lunch Policy](#) which are available to view on our website.

As you know, infant children are not allowed to bring packed lunch as we expect them to have a school meal. However, if your child is in the Y3 – Y6 (juniors), please ensure any packed lunches brought in are in line with the policy. This means they should be balanced and not simply full of crisps or other junk food.

Please also remember that children are only allowed to drink plain water in class. If they do want squash or flavoured water for lunchtime or playtime then they need to bring this in a separate bottle.

CLARINET

We currently have spaces for children to learn the clarinet at school.

If your child is interested in this opportunity, please contact the office ASAP. The instrumental tuition costs £4 per session and this includes the loan of an individual instrument which children can take home.

SAFER TRAVEL

Safer Travel arrangements for after school clubs were paused during the winter period. However, as clocks go forwards on 30.03.25, Safer Travel will recommence then.

We shall remind you closer to the time but this means Y5 & Y6 will be allowed to walk home from clubs in the summer term.

RAGS TO RICHES

Don't forget that our next Rags to Riches collection is next week on:

WEDNESDAY 29th JANUARY

You can send in any [donations](#) from Monday. Please remember the more we collect then the more money we raise for School Council to spend. Get your friends & family to donate old items too.

REPORTING PARKING ISSUES

We recognise how frustrating it can be where individuals choose to ignore parking restrictions or park in a dangerous manner.

However, as a school we are limited in what we can do so please report concerns to the council (councillor contact details are available [HERE](#)) or directly to the police by clicking [HERE](#).

FRANK CHAPMAN RESIDENTIAL

Some of our Y4 children are looking forward to their residential experience at the Frank Chapman centre from Monday next week.

Once again, we are grateful to the staff giving up their family time in order to attend. Please do get in touch with them, via Dojo, if you have any questions before the children set off next week.



GOVERNOR NEWS

We are sad that one of our governors, Craig Dorham, has recently resigned from our Governing Body. Being a governor can be a demanding job so we recognise that sometimes family commitments and your own day job must come first.

Mr Dorham has been an invaluable part of our board and, as a previous chair, has supported our school through some of the most turbulent times in our history. We would like to thank him for his service and leadership and, of course, wish him all the best for the future.

NURSERY 25/26

If you have a child turning 3 by 1st September 2025, don't forget to send in an application if you wish for them to start in our Nursery. The deadline for Nursery applications is:

FRIDAY 28th FEBRUARY 2025

As you may recall, from previous communications, our Nursery is temporarily reducing numbers in September (due to a falling birth rate) so we are only offering 26 places in the morning sessions.

If you do not submit your application to our office by the deadline, there is a chance we may not be able to allocate your child a place.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
27.01.25	Y4 residential to Frank Chapman	12.02.25	Parents' Evening – 1.30pm – 6.30pm
29.01.25	Rags to Riches collection day	13.02.25	Non-uniform day - £1 per child
30.01.25	YR INSPIRE session – 9.00am	13.02.25	Break up for HALF TERM
03.02.25	Y2 Marvellous Monarchs workshop	14.02.25	School CLOSED – INSET DAY
03.02.25	Y4 Sparks session with Fire Brigade	24.02.25	Start of SPRING 2
05.02.25	Safer Internet Day	25.02.25	Nursery dinosaur experience day
05.02.25	Y2 class assemblies - PM	27.02.25	Young Voices concert – PM
06.02.25	YN INSPIRE session – AM & PM	28.02.25	Deadline for YN 25/26 applications
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 CLOSES @ 1.00pm	06.03.25	World Book Day