



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Attendance Matters...

Following a difficult time last half term, due to winter bugs and illnesses, we have seen some excellent attendance over the past two weeks. Thank you for your support with this because every day really does count.



As a school, we aim for 96% attendance or above because, as you can see from the image above, anything below this is the same as missing nearly two weeks of school in the year. Please do check your child's attendance on the Arbor app to see how much learning they may have missed this year.

We want children to do well at our school. However, we can only help them achieve their full potential if they are here. If children arrive late, or miss days completely, we are limited in helping them catch up, behave well and form friendships etc.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Our school gates open at 8.40am ready for the start of the school day at **8.50am.**

Please ensure children enter school by that time. Once gates are closed, children enter via the office but are then late for school.



SIGNPOST TO SERVICES

We recognise that families face many challenges in life. There are many occasions, ranging from bereavement to finance issues, that families may need support with. Please remember there is never any shame in asking for help and there is always somebody, somewhere who can help.

We work hard to support everybody in our community and our Family & Community Engagement (FACE) leader, Ms Melia, works hard to bring services to our school site that would benefit families.

However, we recognise that we are educators first and foremost so we know that we do not always have the skills, ability or time needed to offer the support first hand. Therefore, please do not be offended if we signpost you to other services for help or advice. You can also self-refer to many services on the [signposting page](#) of our website.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our staff who have attended the Y6 residential to Plas Gwynant this week. We appreciate you giving up your family time to support our children this week.

It looks like the children have had a fabulous time and created memories which will last a lifetime.

QUICK LINKS

We know that parents/carers have to access many different websites for different reasons.

We have tried to make it as easy as possible by adding all the links you might need for Yew Tree to one place.

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the quick links section of our website.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION (PE)

PE is a statutory part of the curriculum. This means that children can only be excused from this where there are medical reasons.

It is important that children have their PE kit in school each day so that they can take part in these lessons. If they do not have their kit, we may ask them to wear some of our spare kit that day so they don't miss out.

PTA NEWS

Wow – thanks to your donations, our PTA made an impressive **£3,800 profit** from Christmas activities. We are now discussing ideas about how to use this to support our school.

Please do pop along, at **2.30pm** on **Monday 20th January**, for our next PTA meeting to share your ideas and to discuss possible future events.

UNIFORM REMINDERS

It is important to us that children attend school in full and correct uniform each day. This is available on our website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Our uniform allows trainers or shoes BUT we do ask that these are plain black. This means no markings should be visible. Please do check your child's uniform before school.



PARENTS' EVENING - REMINDERS

As you know, our Spring Term Parents' Evening takes place on **Wednesday 12th February** from **1.30pm – 6.30pm**.

Please remember, as per the [letter](#) we sent home, school closes at 1.00pm on that day.

Please do ensure you arrange collection for your child at the earlier end time that day.

If you haven't booked your appointment time yet, please do confirm this ASAP as this is an invaluable opportunity to talk to your child's teacher, find out how they are getting on and look at their mid-year report.

RAGS TO RICHES

Our next Rags to Riches collection at school is on:

Wednesday 29th January

We shall be accepting donations (see [HERE](#) for full list of items which are accepted) from Monday 27th January until 9.00am on the collection day.

The more we collect, the more money we raise for School Council to decide how to spend. Please talk to family and neighbours and encourage everyone to have a good sort out in their wardrobes ahead of our collection day in a couple of weeks' time.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
17.01.25	Chit Chat group – 9.00am	07.02.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
20.01.25	PTA meeting – 2.30pm	11.02.25	Y4 trip to Dudley Zoo
22.01.25	Y3 class assemblies – PM	12.02.25	School CLOSES @ 1.00pm
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