



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Merry Christmas...

Although it has been a long and challenging half term, there has been so much wonderful learning happening and it has been lovely to end the term with all our Christmas activities. I am so proud of all our children for the way they have embraced our Christmas performances and I look forward to seeing Y1 – Y6 in their Carol Concerts today.

We have had a jam-packed week so far with lots of different Christmas activities. I am grateful to our catering team from Dolce for our delicious Christmas lunch and our PTA for their work in organising our Christmas Fayre & Market. In particular, I would like to extend my personal gratitude to Mrs Neville and Ms Turton for the way they lead our PTA despite working full time and having their own family commitments.

As I always say, we can only do so much at school without the support of parents/carers. Therefore, I would like to extend a special thank you to all of you. We honestly have the most supportive community we could wish for so thank you to each and every one of you for your support this past term.

As we break up today, I wish everyone in the Yew Tree family a very merry Christmas. However you spend this break, I hope you rest and enjoy family time together. I look forward to seeing everyone when we return on **MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025**.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Our attendance has dipped significantly this half term due to endless winter illnesses.

Please do all you can to ensure children attend every day next term.

You can check your child's individual attendance on the Arbor app at any time.

INTERVENTIONS

At Yew Tree, we run a range of intervention groups to support our children's social and emotional development as well as supporting children with special educational needs or disabilities.

Just like external services, our intervention groups have a capacity. Therefore, we similarly operate waiting lists and we triage needs when adding children to different groups.

Our intervention groups, including services like Morning Hub, are not intended to be permanent provision for any child. They deliver time-limited therapeutic services to support our children.

Please be assured that our staff are trained extensively to meet the needs of children in class. This means that a lot of needs can be met within provision that is ordinarily available across the school. Please get in touch with any questions.

NEW DEVICES

We know that many of our children will have new devices for Christmas. If this is the case in your household, please take a few minutes to read the advice letter we sent home this week.

Further e-safety advice and information, about how to keep your child safe online, is available on our website HERE.

PE KITS

As it is the end of term this week, teachers shall be sending PE kits home when the children have finished with them in school.

Please give kits a wash during the holidays and then keep them at home until we return in January. Further information about what is needed for PE uniform is available HERE.

RECEPTION 25/26 ADMISSIONS DEADLINE

If you have a child due to start in Reception in September 2025, please remember that the deadline for applications is:

WEDNESDAY 15th JANUARY 2025

It is important you apply on time, to the Local Authority, as per the details [HERE](#). Please speak to our office if you have any questions.

ARBOR

Please remember the importance of keeping your contact details, including emergency contact details, up-to-date at all times. You can do this via the Arbor app which is available [HERE](#).

In the Arbor app, you can also give consents for off site visits as well as check your child's details & attendance at any time.

SCHOOL MEALS

Don't forget that you can order your child's school meals in advance.

We would encourage families to plan ahead, with their child, to order their lunch. This is one less thing to worry about ahead of us returning in January. School meals should be ordered, and paid for if necessary, through [School Grid](#).



SPRING TERM PARENTS' EVENING

Our Spring Term Parents' Evening is planned for:

WEDNESDAY 12th FEBRUARY 2025

As with previous years, school will **CLOSE at 1.00pm** on that day so that parents/carers gets slightly longer slots with the class teachers between 1.30pm – 6.30pm.

We shall send further details, in early January, when we return. However, please mark the date in your diaries now. There will be no afternoon nursery session on that date.

CHILD DEVELOPMENT

Child development includes much more than the knowledge or skills we teach children at school. There are so many things, which we often take for granted, that are so valuable in helping children grow, develop and become independent.

We know there are so many aspects of child development that we are limited in supporting at school due to the number of children in each class. Therefore, please do all you can to support children with the following at home:

- Using cutlery appropriately at meal times
- Tying shoe-laces & zipping coats
- Getting dressed/undressed

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
19.12.24	Attendance Shop – OPEN TODAY	14.01.25	Y1 PSC meeting – 2.30pm
19.12.24	Y1 & Y2 Carol Concert – 9.15am	15.01.25	Deadline for YR (25/26) applications
19.12.24	Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert – 10.30am	15.01.25	Y4 MTC meeting – 2.30pm
19.12.24	Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert – 2.00pm	16.01.25	Y1 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
19.12.24	Break up for CHRISTMAS	16.01.25	Theme Lunch: Into the Wild
20.12.24	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils	17.01.25	Chit Chat group – 9.00am
06.01.25	Start of SPRING TERM	20.01.25	PTA meeting – 2.30pm
06.01.25	YN (Jan intake) Stay & Play sessions	22.01.25	Y3 class assemblies – PM
08.01.25	Y6 SATs meeting – 2.30pm	27.01.25	Y4 residential to Frank Chapman
10.01.25	Parents' Eve bookings – OPEN	29.01.25	Rags to Riches collection day
13.01.25	Y6 residential to Plas Gwynant	30.01.25	YR INSPIRE session – 9.00am