



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning Without Limits...

As you will be aware, our vision at Yew Tree is summed up as 'Learning Without Limits'. As you can see, by reading more about our vision [HERE](#), this is about our commitment to unlocking the potential inside every child. This commitment goes way beyond ensuring children can read, write and do math. Those skills are important but so are many other attributes.

As we approach the end of the term, I have been reflecting on the work we have done at school since September. If you look at the school diary I am sure, like me, you will be astounded at the range of enrichment activities made available for our children. As well as permanent on-site provision (farm, allotments, WBA Foundation), we have had a visiting theatre groups, virtual reality experiences, off-site trips & much more.

In addition, during recent weeks staff have been working tirelessly to teach the children (ensuring they make progress) whilst also providing a wonderful Christmas experience. Although this is hard work, it has been wonderful seeing the impact in the work our children produce and the confidence in their performances (inc. the EYFS nativity & instrumental groups) this week.

I am grateful for the work of the PTA in supporting our Christmas activities but also to the many, wonderful parent/carers volunteers who have supported us in many ways (inc. those who have accompanied our school trips) over the past term. As our vision says, 'community matters' so thank you!

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Next week, our attendance shop opens on **THURSDAY**. It has been a challenging half term for attendance but there is still a chance to visit our shop with any stamps collected.



CHRISTMAS WEEK

Next week, as it is the final week of term, it is Christmas Week. Remember, our day-by-day rundown of activities has been posted on our Twitter (X) feed [HERE](#).

We shall post reminders, as the week goes on, but do look ahead. Please do ensure children attend each day. As well as the activities listed, we also have a couple of festive surprises and visitors.

Our PTA Christmas Fayre takes place, during the school day, on **MONDAY** for those who have purchased tickets. Everyone is invited to the Market after school on that day.

Children should wear uniform each day next week apart from **WEDNESDAY** (where they can wear party clothes) and **THURSDAY** (where they can wear Christmas jumpers/tops along with their uniform trousers/skirts & shoes).

CLUBS

Don't forget that there are **NO CLUBS** next week as it is the final week of term.

Our spring term clubs start **WB: 13.01.25** as there are also no clubs in the first week back.

If your child has a place at a club to start in the spring, payments should have been made this week in order to secure this.

PLAS GWYNANT RESIDENTIAL

Ms Mclean is currently finalising arrangements for our Y6 residential to Plas Gwynant which takes place from:

MONDAY 13th JANUARY 2025

If your child is attending, please ensure you have returned the consent form and reviewed any information on the Class Dojo page.

EARLY COLLECTION

As we have communicated recently, we are having an increasing number of requests to collect children early due to appointments for siblings or parents/carers.

Please remember that we cannot authorise this unless the appointment is for the child being collected. Parents/carers can make use of [wrap around care](#) if they have nobody else to collect.

GOLD BOOK ASSEMBLIES

This morning we shall be celebrating the achievements of some of our wonderful children in our termly Gold Book assembly.

This is a wonderful achievement and recognises children who have shown something exceptional this past term. Well done to everyone nominated – you should be very proud.

TERM DATES

Don't forget that children break up on **THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER** as we have an INSET (training day) on 20.12.24.

Children will return to school, at the normal time, on **MONDAY 6th JANUARY**. Information about term dates, and other school events, is available on our website calendar [HERE](#).



ASSESSMENT MEETINGS

Across the school, children take part in national statutory assessments in a number of year groups.

If your child is involved in any statutory assessments, information has been posted to Class Dojo this week about parent/carer meetings planned for January. The meetings will share key information so please come along at the following times:

- Y6 – 08.01.25 – 2.30pm
- Y1 – 14.01.25 – 2.30pm
- Y4 – 15.01.25 – 2.30pm

PUPIL BEHAVIOUR

At Yew Tree, we have high expectation of behaviour for our children. Where they make poor choices, we take clear action to ensure this behaviour is not repeated.

In line with DfE guidance, our [policy](#) is clear that there are occasions where we have the power to sanction a child for their behaviour outside of the school premises, e.g. any outside activity (inc. online) where a child is identifiable as a member of our school.

However, we always endeavour to work in partnership with parents/carers, when dealing with poor behaviour, as we know this is much more powerful.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
13.12.24	Non-uniform day: Christmas jumpers	19.12.24	Break up for CHRISTMAS
13.12.24	Gold Book assemblies – AM	20.12.24	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
16.12.24	Virtual visit from Father Christmas	06.01.25	Start of SPRING TERM
16.12.24	PTA Christmas Fayre (in school time)	06.01.25	YN (Jan intake) Stay & Play sessions
16.12.24	PTA Christmas Market – 3.30pm	08.01.25	Y6 SATs meeting – 2.30pm
17.12.24	Christmas lunch day	10.01.25	Parents' Eve bookings – OPEN
18.12.24	Christmas party/dress up day	13.01.25	Y6 residential to Plas Gwynant
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