



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Rights Respecting School...

At Yew Tree, we have recently registered to become a [UNICEF](#) Right's Respecting School. A UNICEF Rights Respecting School is a community where children's rights are heard, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. Children, and the school community, learn about children's rights by putting them into practice every day.

Being a Rights Respecting School is not just about what children do but also, importantly, what adults do. In a Rights Respecting School, children's rights are promoted and realised and adults and children work towards this together.

The Rights Respecting School Award (RRSA) will complement the work we already do at Yew Tree to develop the whole child in line with our ethos of 'Learning Without Limits'. Our work with UNICEF will help us use the United Nations Rights of the Child (UNRC) to strengthen our provision.

Details of our journey, including information about anything mentioned in this newsletter, is available on our website [HERE](#). We shall keep this updated as we make progress with our work.

It is an exciting time for us to complete this work as it coincides with Sandwell Council's work for the Borough to become a UNICEF Child Friendly Community which you can read more about [HERE](#).

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Recently, we have spent a lot of time following up on unreported absence.

Please remember that we have a safeguarding duty.

Therefore, any unreported or unusual absence could result in a home visit being carried out.

Parents/carers must phone each day.

CHRISTMAS UPDATES

The final PTA Christmas non-uniform day is coming up on **MONDAY** (09.12.24). This time, it is in return for donations of chocolates, sweets & biscuits.

Our PTA Christmas Fayre takes place on:

MONDAY 16th DECEMBER

Children that have purchased a Christmas ticket get to visit the Christmas Fayre during the school day. If you have not yet purchased your child's ticket, you can do this [HERE](#).

Those without a ticket will still be able to attend the Christmas Market which takes place, after school, on the same date. All children must be accompanied by an adult at the Christmas Market.

Finally, don't forget that Nursery & Reception are performing their nativity at **9.30am** or **2.00pm** on **WEDNESDAY 11th DECEMBER**. Please check which time your child is involved in with the teacher.

TERM DATES

Please remember that children break up for Christmas at the usual time on **THURSDAY 19th DECEMBER** as 20.12.24 is an INSET day (school closed to pupils).

Children return to school, for the start of the spring term, at the usual time on **MONDAY 6th JANUARY**. All our term dates are available on our website [HERE](#).

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Children are invited to wear non-uniform, with a Christmas jumper/top, on:

FRIDAY 13th DECEMBER

Ordinarily, we ask for donations of £1 on these days. However, we have asked for a lot this Christmas so you **DO NOT** need to send any donations in on that day.

OMI MOBII

We have recently purchased some very exciting technology which will support our children's learning across the school.

The Omi Mobii device is an interactive projector which can be used, on the floor or at table height, using a range of different programmes linked to the curriculum. Keep an eye on Twitter for photos but also check out the demo video [HERE](#).

ELF ADVENTURES

As we are now into December, you may have seen the daily adventures of our Christmas Elf on Twitter (X). If you have missed this, don't forget to keep an eye out each day by [CLICKING HERE](#).

This is a fun way to develop your child's oracy (talking) skills as well their imagination. Therefore, do try to share the pictures with them each day.

INSTRUMENTAL PERFORMANCES

As we approach the end of term, some of our instrumentalists will be performing for parents at:

- Violins – 09.12.24 – 2.30pm
- Recorders – 10.12.24 – 9.30am
- Guitars – 10.12.24 – 2.30pm

Other instrumentalists will perform later in the year.



CHRISTMAS PARTY FOOD

If they haven't done so already, class teachers will be sending home requests for Christmas party food by **MONDAY**. Please send in any food requested on party day:

WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER

Please remember, children will already have had their lunch on that day so please only send the small amount of food requested as classes will not need a huge amount.

We are unable to accept any home cooked food. All food must be shop bought and sealed so we have allergens information.

E-VISA

If you or your child use a biometric residence permit (BRP), biometric residence card (BRC) or visa vignette sticker/ink stamp in your passport to prove your rights to enter/stay in the UK then please note the changes to e-visa which come into effect soon.

An e-visa cannot be lost or stolen and can be accessed online at any time. It is free and an individual's immigration status will not be affected by this change.

If you need any help completing the online form, please speak to our office who will try to help. Further information is available at

www.gov.uk/eVisa

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
06.12.24	Deadline for ordering Christmas lunch	16.12.24	PTA Christmas Fayre (in school time)
06.12.24	Y2 visit to Tamworth Castle	16.12.24	PTA Christmas Market – 3.30pm
09.12.24	PTA non-uniform day – sweets, biscuits	17.12.24	Christmas lunch day
09.12.24	Spring term clubs payment deadline	18.12.24	Christmas party/dress up day
09.12.24	Violin performance – 2.30pm	19.12.24	Attendance Shop – OPEN TODAY
10.12.24	Y3 recorder performance – 9.30am	19.12.24	Y1 & Y2 Carol Concert – 9.15am
10.12.24	Guitar performance – 2.30pm	19.12.24	Y3 & Y4 Carol Concert – 10.30am
11.12.24	EYFS nativity – 9.30am or 2.00pm	19.12.24	Y5 & Y6 Carol Concert – 2.00pm
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