



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Yew Tree Way...

At Yew Tree, we have high standards of behaviour at all times. This isn't simply about children doing as they are told but also about them showing manners, being respectful & kind and conducting themselves well. The behaviour we expect is mapped out in our behaviour curriculum which is available by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Our behaviour curriculum is called 'The Yew Tree Way...' as it is our expectation that children who attend our school behave in this way. You will see, from looking at this curriculum, that our curriculum is not simply about rules and regulations but also about how we develop and support our children to be well rounded individuals, For example, we would expect our children to say please and thank you, to say excuse me if they need to pass someone and to answer in full sentences etc.

Of course, we do have rules within our curriculum and there are also many routines that are in place. However, I am sure you will appreciate the need for these when we have around 650 children at our school and we have to keep things safe, calm and orderly.

Our staff recognise that parents/carers are a child's first educators. Therefore, whilst we don't expect you to memorise or teach the curriculum, we know how behaviour starts at home. Therefore, we ask that you support the school in ensuring high expectations of your child's behaviour too.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

If your child's attendance is below our **96%** target, did you know that this means they will miss over **8 days** of learning this year?

Please remember that every day really does count.

Teachers can only support children with their learning if they are in school each day!

CLASS DOJO

Class Dojo is one of our main ways of communicating. As well as staff posting messages, parents/carers can message staff directly. If you are not connected to Class Dojo, please speak to our office staff, or your child's class teacher, ASAP.

We know, from talking to some of you at the recent Chit Chat, that parents/carers don't have feeds organised into classes (which is the way we see it at school). We have shared this feedback with Class Dojo and they said this feature is in development. This means that, soon, you will be able to organise the posts by class and/or school (where you have children at different schools).

We work really hard at communicating with our families so we do hope that, among other comms, you find Class Dojo useful. Information about our communication methods and protocols is available by [CLICKING HERE](#).

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Don't forget that next Friday (**25.10.24**) is a non-uniform day.

Of course, children can continue to wear uniform if they prefer. However, if they would like to wear non-uniform then please send them in with a **£1** donation, per child, on that day. All funds raised support the school.

ATTENDANCE SHOP

Our attendance shop opens for the first time this year on **FRIDAY 25th OCTOBER**. Children will be able to exchange any stamps they have collected for prizes.

It is important that children arrive at school on time that day. If they miss the slot allocated for their class, they will not be able to visit the shop until December.

TRAINEE STAFF

We are proud to have a range of partnerships with universities and colleges to support the training of teachers and teaching assistants.

This means that, during the year, your child's class may have additional adults working with them. Our trainees work under the direction of the usual class teacher at all times and their work is supported and monitored by trained mentors.

PARENTS' EVENING

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting parents/carers during Parents' Evening next week.

Please remember to join the Zoom link (which you will be sent by today) promptly. You will be placed in a waiting room until the teacher is ready. It is helpful if you could enter your full name when joining the Zoom meeting.

PTA

It was great seeing some of you at our PTA AGM this week. Your support for our PTA is invaluable if it is to continue in the future.

Their next meeting is on **TUESDAY 4th NOVEMBER at 2.30pm**. This meeting will be to plan their Christmas Fayre & Market so please try to come along to share your ideas & thoughts.



CURRICULUM FOCUS WEEK

We are looking forward to our curriculum focus week, which starts on Monday, called:

'WE ARE AMBITIOUS!'

During the week, we shall be helping the children think about their ambitions aspirations as well as strengthening their understanding of the skills they will need to achieve these goals.

Children are invited to come dressed up, as the job they want to do when they are older, on **MONDAY 21st OCTOBER**. Children can continue to wear uniform if they prefer.

SWIMMING

We are so proud of our Y5 children. This year, they have had two weeks of intensive swimming sessions at Sandwell Aquatics Centre. This has been tiring for them but they have done so well and we have seen some amazing improvements. Well done everyone.

We have organised some intensive top up sessions for Y6 in SUM 2 which is great news. However, we need your help...

PLEASE take your child swimming as often as you can to help develop their confidence & help them swim 25m (which is the aim by the end of primary). In Sandwell, they offer FREE swimming so [CLICK HERE](#) for details.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
21.10.24	FOCUS WEEK: We are ambitious...	04.11.24	Prime VR sessions for Y4 & Y6
21.10.24	Nursery consultation deadline – 9.00am	04.11.24	RB start Forest School sessions
21.10.24	Dressing up day – jobs for grown ups	04.11.24	PTA meeting – 2.30pm
23.10.24	Y2 Tamworth trip payments DUE	05.11.24	RC start Forest School sessions
23.10.24	Y5 visit to Black Country museum	05.11.24	THEME LUNCH: Bonfire Night
23.10.24	Parents' Evening: 3.30pm- 6.30pm	06.11.24	Nursery start Forest School sessions
25.10.24	Non-uniform day - £1 per child	07.11.24	RA start Forest School sessions
25.10.24	Attendance shop OPEN TODAY	07.11.24	Family hubs bus on site – 3.30pm
25.10.24	Break up for HALF TERM	11.11.24	Remembrance Silence – 11.00am
04.11.24	Start of AUTUMN 2	11.11.24	Anti-Bullying Day
04.11.24	No 'Safer Travel' after <u>clubs</u>	13.11.24	Y4 class assemblies - PM