



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Parental Partnership...

In our school, our vision statement starts with the sentence:

“Yew Tree Primary School is a unique and special place where our community matters and children are at the centre of all that we do.”

We know that working with parents/carers, as well as the wider community, makes our school a stronger and better place. Similarly, we know our children will have a much better chance of success if we have strong parental partnership opportunities with our families.

We are grateful to see so many of you attend different events throughout the year. Please do check the key dates, at the end of this newsletter, or the website [calendar](#) so you have upcoming events in your diaries. This includes SEND coffee mornings (for a coffee with our SEND team), our [Chit Chat](#) sessions and PTA meetings.

It is also great that so many parents/carers actively support their child's learning by attending INSPIRE sessions and other school events. A summary of key dates (INSPIREs, assemblies etc) is available [HERE](#).

Finally, your contribution and support to your child's home learning is invaluable. Please do share any comments via Boom Reader (for reading) and Tapestry (if your child is in EYFS). If you need any help logging in then please speak to your child's teacher.

Mr Jamie Barry



**Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.**

“Be in to win...!”

We have had a great start to the year but, as we shared on Dojo last week, we have spotted a pattern with lower than usual attendance on a Friday.

Please ensure children attend school EVERY DAY!



ACTIVE TRAVEL

As a healthy school, we promote and support our children with active travel (i.e. walking or riding bikes/scooters) to/from school. However, we do ask parents/carers to review the [‘Safer Travel’](#) page of our website with children in order to help keep them safe.

We have storage available for children to leave bikes/scooters on site but we would remind everyone that these MUST be taken home each night and that we accept no responsibility for the loss, damage or theft of any items brought to school. We would also ask that children do not bring electric bikes/scooters to school.

Ms Adams leads our healthy schools initiatives and this includes our WOW ‘walk to school’ scheme. You can find out more about this scheme, and what it means for your child, by [CLICKING HERE](#) or reading more on our website.

CHILDREN'S BIRTHDAYS

We love to celebrate children's birthdays with them at school. However, we do not allow children to bring sweets, cakes or treats in to share.

We feel this is an unnecessary financial pressure on families. We must also manage food provision at school carefully due to allergies & dietary needs.

LOST PROPERTY

We ask that parents/carers label their child's uniform (and coat) so that we can return things if they do get lost.

If your child comes home without any items, please speak to their teacher who will check lost property ASAP. We put any left items on display for collection each half-term.

CHANCE TO SHINE

At Yew Tree, we love to celebrate our children's achievements from outside of school.

If your child has had an award or certificate recently, from different hobbies or interests, please encourage them to bring this in to share with us.

Their class teacher will arrange for them to see a senior leader for their 'chance to shine'.

STAFF NEWS

It is with mixed emotions that we share the news that Ms Farley will be leaving us, at half term, to take up a new position elsewhere. We are sad to see her go but wish her all the luck in her new role.

We are currently recruiting for a new HLTA to join the Yew Tree Family. The details are available [HERE](#) so do spread the word.

PARENTS' EVENING BOOKINGS

Don't forget to keep an eye out for the booking links, which will be emailed out at 9.00am this morning for our [Parents' Evening](#) on:

WEDNESDAY 23rd OCTOBER

Bookings are sent to the primary guardian and slots are on a first come first served basis.



ADMISSIONS

This term is a very busy time for admissions and applications are currently open for:

- Nursery – January & September start
- Reception – September start
- Y7 - September start

In addition to these applications, we do have a few spaces available in some year groups where children could start immediately.

If you are looking for school places, or know someone who is, then please get in touch with our office so they can talk you through the admissions process.

UNIFORM

It has been great seeing our children start the year looking so smart in their uniform. Please do keep up these expectations and standards as the year progresses.

In line with our [Clothing & Uniform Policy](#), please remember that children should NOT wear nail varnish, make up or extreme hair styles at school. We also ask that nails are kept short and children do not wear acrylics or other unnecessary items.

Children are only permitted to wear one pair of stud earrings (which must be removed for PE) and are not allowed to wear smart watches to school.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
25.09.24	Photo Day – individuals & siblings	09.10.24	Rags to Riches collection day
25.09.24	Y5 Black Country trip payments DUE	11.10.24	Chit Chat with Ms Melia – 9.00am
26.09.24	Y4 Frank Chapman payments DUE	15.10.24	PTA AGM – 2.30pm
27.09.24	Parents' Eve bookings OPEN – 9.00am	16.10.24	Flu immunisation day – YR – Y6
27.09.24	Diversity Day – come dressed up	17.10.24	Y4 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
27.09.24	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	21.10.24	FOCUS WEEK: We are ambitious...
01.10.24	Open Evening – 5.30pm	23.10.24	Y2 Tamworth trip payments DUE
02.10.24	Y5 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	23.10.24	Y5 visit to Black Country museum
02.10.24	Y3 trip to Outbacks to Basics	23.10.24	Parents' Evening: 3.30pm- 6.30pm
03.10.24	School meal theme day: characters	25.10.24	Non-uniform day - £1 per child
07.10.24	5C starts swimming block (2 weeks)	25.10.24	Attendance shop OPEN TODAY