



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back...

It has been lovely welcoming children, staff and families back to school this week. Of course, I extend a particularly warm welcome to any new staff or families joining us this year too. I hope you will quickly settle in to the Yew Tree family.

Whilst we were closed this summer, our site team worked relentlessly to refresh and develop certain parts of our building. I am grateful for this as our children deserve the best learning environment at all times. Our teachers also started the year engaging in some training to enhance their practice so that our outstanding environment is coupled with outstanding teaching.

We are ambitious at Yew Tree to achieve the very best for our children. In line with our vision of '[Learning Without Limits](#)' we are relentless in working to unlock the potential inside every child who attends our school. Next week, we shall share more information about our school improvement priorities for this year and how we aim to build on the success we have achieved so far.

Over the coming weeks, there will be lots of communication with information and reminders. I appreciate this can sometimes be overwhelming but do try to read the information we send home as, by working together, we really can achieve the very best for our children.

For now, I look forward to another great year with the Yew Tree family.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

This week, we have launched our new attendance campaign:

"Be in to win...!"

We hope you will support your child in attending **EVERY DAY** so that they can achieve their weekly stamp for 100% attendance. Further details are available [HERE](#).

ATTENDANCE CHANGES 24/25

This week marks a change in the procedures and systems, related to attendance at school, as a result of the new Government guidance called Working Together to Improve Attendance.

This guidance is not just for schools and local authorities. It is statutory guidance and contains expectations for all parties, including parents, as you can see [HERE](#).

At Yew Tree, we work incredibly hard to engage families so that children attend school regularly. Our policy and strategy, which is available on our [website](#), is focused on supporting first and enforcing later.

However, where children are taken out of school for unauthorised absence (e.g. term time holidays) then we do have to refer for a penalty notice. We hope you will work with us this year to avoid this.

HOME SCHOOL AGREEMENT 24/25

We are proud that Yew Tree is a school of choice and are grateful that our parents/carers have chosen this school for their child.

As part of our commitment to working together, please take a read of our [Home School Agreement](#) which automatically applied to any families within our school.

GOVERNOR VACANCIES

Sadly, we have recently said goodbye to Ricky Patel & Tom Taylor from our Governing Body. We are grateful for the work they did as part of the leadership of our school.

We now have vacancies for a parent and co-opted governor. If you are interested, the information you need is [HERE](#).

WEBSITE

Our [website](#) contains lots of information for parents/carers. Remember, this can be translated into lots of different languages via the button at the top of the home page. You can also subscribe to the school diary so you don't miss any dates.

Our teachers have recently updated the [year group pages](#) so that you know key information for your child, e.g. PE days, what they are learning etc.,

SAFEGUARDING

Like all schools, Yew Tree follows national guidance which outlines our responsibilities for [Keeping Children Safe in Education](#).

Information about safeguarding, or who you need to contact if you have a safeguarding concern, is available on our website by [CLICKING HERE](#). Do always get in touch if you have any concerns.

Y5 SWIMMING

If your child is in Y5, don't forget that they have swimming lessons this term at Sandwell Aquatics Centre as per the details [HERE](#).

Swimming is a statutory part of the curriculum, and an important life skill, so please ensure your child brings their kit each day that it is needed. These lessons cannot be repeated if they are missed!



COMMUNICATION

As a large and busy school, we work hard to communicate efficiently. Please do take a moment to review our [Communication Protocols](#) if you haven't already.

We would strongly encourage families to connect to Class Dojo, if you are not already, as this is the most efficient way for you to contact staff.

If you have any concerns, at any point, we would always encourage families to speak with class teachers first. However, our [wider staff](#) are available when you might need.

HOMEWORK

Our children are set a limited amount of homework as we recognise the importance of family time and play for children.

In line with our [Home Learning Policy](#), the main focus of homework for our children is **READING!**

We ask parents/carers to do all they can to read with their child (ensure children read independently depending on age) as this will make a massive difference to their learning.

Parents/carers can share information about their child's reading via Tapestry (EYFS) or Boom Reader (Y1 – Y6)

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
09.09.24	EYFS staggered entries begin	23.09.24	Y6 Plas Gwynant payments DUE
09.09.24	5A starts swimming block (2 weeks)	25.09.24	Photo Day – individuals & siblings
09.09.24	Clubs & music groups start this week	25.09.24	Y5 Black Country trip payments DUE
09.09.24	Parent governor nominations DUE	26.09.24	Y4 Frank Chapman payments DUE
11.09.24	Y2 hearing re-tests with school nurse	27.09.24	Diversity Day – come dressed up
16.09.24	YR start full time from today	27.09.24	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
19.09.24	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	01.10.24	PTA AGM – 2.30pm
20.09.24	Harvest Day – please send donations	01.10.24	Open Evening – 5.30pm
23.09.24	YN start full sessions from today	02.10.24	Y5 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
23.09.24	5B starts swimming block (2 weeks)	02.10.24	Y3 trip to Outbacks to Basics
23.09.24	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm	03.10.24	School Meal theme day: Characters