



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Charges, Remissions & Debt...

All schools are required to have a Charges, Remissions & Debt Recovery Policy. This outlines how/when we might charge parents/carers, how we provide remissions to reduce or waiver costs and how we recover any debt owed to us. Our policy has been updated recently and is available to view on the policies page of our website [HERE](#).

As you will see in the policy, we outline circumstances where we will make charges as well as circumstances where we might ask for voluntary contributions. Where we make charges, e.g. residential or peripatetic music tuition, these are always cost neutral. This means we do NOT make a profit!

At Yew Tree, we plan our budget to subsidise activities like school trips as much as possible. We apply these subsidies up front which means we make the costs as low as possible before we make a charge/ask for a contribution. However, your contributions are invaluable and, without these, we may not be able to run trips and experiences each year.

This year, beyond the subsidies we put up front, we have had to find around an extra £1,000 to cover costs when families haven't paid. As our budget is very challenging next year, we would urge parents/carers to please support school activities when there are charges. Remember, we do try to spread these out and we also allow payments in instalments up to the deadline day to help.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

As this has been such a short half term, we have been really pleased to see the effort made by everyone to be in school every day.

Up until last Friday, the attendance for the term was **95%**. We look forward to seeing what impact this week has had so thank you all for your effort!

RHE CONSULTATION

As you will be aware, from previous communication, schools are required to teach Relationship & Health Education (RHE) within the curriculum. At Yew Tree, this is taught within a subject called PSHE. The overview of what we teach is available (at the bottom of the page) on our website [HERE](#).

As the Government have recently updated their guidance, ahead of September 2026, we are required to consult parents/carers about our updated curriculum. Don't forget that our consultation meeting takes place on:

WEDNESDAY 15th APRIL at 2.30pm

If you cannot attend, we shall publish the information you need, including the consultation link, following the meeting. Our consultation closes at **9.00am** on **29.04.26**.

TERM DATES

As you know, we break up for our Easter break today. Children return to school, for the start of the summer term, on:

MONDAY 13th APRIL

Parents/carers can view term dates on our website calendar or on the attendance page of our website [HERE](#).

SIGNPOSTING

During the Easter break, our staff will be unable to reply to Dojo messages as usual. We shall keep an eye on our 'enquiries' email address periodically for any emergencies.

However, if you do require support during that time, don't forget to take a look at the signposting area of our website [HERE](#).

YEAR 6 LEAVERS' HOODIES

Some parents/carers will be only too aware that next term is the final term for our Y6 children.

Please keep an eye out for information, on the first day back, about the opportunity to purchase Leavers' Hoodies. It is entirely optional to buy these but parents/carers will be able to purchase them, via an online shop, up until:

FRIDAY 15th MAY

YR CLASS ASSEMBLIES

If your child is in Reception (YR) then we look forward to you joining us at their upcoming class assemblies on:

WEDNESDAY 29th APRIL

at

RA – 1.30pm, RB – 2.00pm or RC – 2.30pm

PRIMARY PLACES

If your child is due to start Reception (YR) in September, keep an eye out for offer emails from your home local authority on:

THURSDAY 16th APRIL

Once we have been sent a final list of offers, we will write to families with details of induction meetings.



MOBILE PHONE POLICY

In line with guidance from the Department for Education (DfE), Yew Tree does NOT allow children to bring phones to school.

The only exception would be for children in Y5 or Y6 with Safer Travel consent. In this case, phones must be handed in at the beginning of the day. If children are found to have phones on them/are using any phones on site, these could be confiscated.

Please remember, children are also NOT allowed to wear smart watches at school and we ask parents/carers not to use phones on site (unless permission is given).

NEW WEBSITE

Ove the last few weeks, our website has been having some work done in the background to move it to a new platform. This is because of updated cybersecurity guidance which applies to schools. Our new website will go live on **MONDAY 6th APRIL**.

Whilst the website will look slightly different, all the same information will be available at the usual address:

www.yewtreeprimary.co.uk

Do take a look and make use of this when you need information or dates etc.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
27.03.26	Non uniform day - £1 per child	24.04.26	Chit Chat session – 9.00am
27.03.26	Gold Book assemblies – AM	27.04.26	Hatching ducklings in school
27.03.26	Frank Chapman 26/27 payment - DUE	27.04.26	Prime VR sessions – Y4 & Y5
27.03.26	Break up for EASTER	29.04.26	RHE consultation closes – 9.00am
13.04.26	Start of SUMMER 1	29.04.26	YR class assemblies – PM
13.04.26	Y6 leavers' hoodies – SHOP OPEN	30.04.26	Frank Chapman 26/27 – payment due
14.04.26	Y1 trip to Black Country Museum	30.04.26	Y2 camping experience
15.04.26	Parent/carer RHE meeting – 2.30pm	04.05.26	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED
16.04.26	YR places allocated for 26/27	11.05.26	Y6 SATs week
16.04.26	Y6 Reflexions session – exam stress	11.05.26	PTA meeting – 2.30pm
17.04.26	Plas Gwynant 26/27 - 2 nd payment due	15.05.26	Y6 leavers' hoodies – SHOP CLOSSES