



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Attendance Matters...

We are really proud of the positive attitudes that we see, in so many of our children, when coming to school. We also really appreciate the high value that so many families place on regular attendance at school. These things combined make such a difference in children succeeding and doing well.

We recognise that, for a small minority of children, there will be occasions where their attendance is lower than we would expect for genuine reasons (e.g. due to illness or operations etc). In these circumstances, we are grateful where parents/carers work with us to support the children in attending as regularly as possible.

However, sadly, there are occasions when the attendance of some children is a concern, i.e. those who are persistently absent (90% or below) for reasons which are not acceptable (e.g. children waking up tired, children taking holidays/leave of absence in term time or families prioritising other activities or appointments etc). We know that this absence will significantly impact on a child's learning or development so we do all we can to work with the relevant parents/carers to address this.

I would like to stress the importance of working with us if we have identified an attendance concern for your child. Whilst it is our job to take action, where concerns arise, these are *your* children so we hope that you will take the necessary steps also to reduce barriers to children attending regularly.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Don't forget that you can check your child's individual attendance, at any point, via the Arbor website or app (click the image below).



Click [HERE](#) to see what the % means in terms of days of lost learning for your child.

MOBILE PHONES

In line with guidance from the Department for Education, Yew Tree Primary School is a 'phone free school'. Our approach to managing the use of mobile phones is outlined in our policy [HERE](#).

As a school, we are very clear in our expectation that children should NOT bring a phone to school. The only exception to this is for Y5 & Y6 children, who have Safer Travel consent, and these are handed in to staff at the start of the day.

We would also like to remind parents/carers, and any adults visiting us, that mobile phones should also not be used by them on site unless specific permission has been given. Therefore, please ensure you end calls before entering our site and you keep your mobile phones in your pockets until you leave the site.

Thank you for your cooperation & support.

PTA MEETING

Don't forget that our next PTA meeting takes place on:

MONDAY 11th MAY at 2.30pm

We hope that as many of you as possible will come along, for a coffee and a chat with our PTA, and share any ideas you have about the forthcoming Summer Fayre.

RECEPTION ADMISSIONS

This week, families will have heard which school their child has been allocated for September.

We look forward to welcoming and meeting our new children, and their families soon, so do keep an eye out for details of induction meetings that will be sent home in the next few weeks.

PARENTS' CODE OF CONDUCT

At Yew Tree, we value the strong and positive relationships we have with families and our community.

As these relationships are built on trust and respect, it is important to us that all parents/carers (and visitors attending on their behalf) recognise their responsibilities outlined in the Code of Conduct which is available on our website [HERE](#).

Y2 CAMPING

It is not long to go now until our Y2 overnight camping experience which takes place on:

THURSDAY 30th APRIL

We shall post final reminders about this experience to Class Dojo next week. However, do get in touch if you have any questions.

VR EXPERIENCES

If your child is in Y4 or Y5, please ensure you have read the information posted on Class Dojo this week about the virtual reality (VR) experiences planned for your child on **27.04.26**.

It is really important you speak to your child's teacher if you have any comments or questions in relation to the VR experiences.



RHE CONSULTATION

This week, we held our consultation meeting about the revised Relationships & Health Education (RHE) curriculum which will be introduced from September.

As we explained in the meeting, this will replace the current RHE curriculum which has been updated due to new DfE guidance.

If you were not able to make the meeting, any information shared is available on our website [HERE](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page). You can also share your views [HERE](#) anytime before **9.00am** on **29.04.26**.

YEAR 6 INFORMATION

If your child is in Y6, you will have received lots of information this week. This includes reminders about the upcoming SATs, transition and end of year events, reminders about Drayton Manor and information about purchasing leavers' hoodies.

If you want your child to go to Drayton Manor (see details [HERE](#)) it is really important that payments are made, in full, by **9.00am** on **22.05.26**. We have to confirm tickets then so will not be able to add children after this.

Similarly, if you wish to order a leavers top (see details [HERE](#)) you must complete orders online by **9.00am** on **15.05.26**.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
17.04.26	Plas Gwynant 26/27 - 2 nd payment due	15.05.26	Y6 leavers' hoodies – SHOP CLOSSES
24.04.26	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	18.05.26	Acorns silver coin collection week
27.04.26	Hatching ducklings in school	20.05.26	Brass performance – 2.30pm
27.04.26	Prime VR sessions – Y4 & Y5	21.05.26	Theme Lunch: Summertime Fiesta
29.04.26	RHE consultation closes – 9.00am	21.05.26	Off-site evacuation drill - PM
29.04.26	YR class assemblies – PM	22.05.26	Attendance Shop – OPEN
30.04.26	Frank Chapman 26/27 – payment due	22.05.26	Non-uniform day - £1
30.04.26	Y2 camping experience	22.05.26	Rags to Riches collection day
04.05.26	Bank Holiday – SCHOOL CLOSED	22.05.26	Y6 Drayton Manor – payments due
11.05.26	Y6 SATs week	22.05.26	Break up for HALF TERM
11.05.26	PTA meeting – 2.30pm	01.06.26	Start of SUMMER 2