



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Summer Term Update...

I hope everyone, like me, enjoyed the extra day at home last weekend for bank holiday. A four-day week has certainly passed very quickly and, I am sure you will agree, it is frightening how quickly this academic year is passing by. We only have a couple more weeks until half term!

As we approach the final part of the academic year, there is a hive of activity taking place. Aside from all the usual teaching and learning, there is lots of work going on to prepare for 26/27. At the moment, unless there are any last minute changes, we are planning to communicate details of staffing and classes for next year just before half term so that we can prepare for transition as soon as we return at the start of Summer 2.

In the meantime, there remains lots of important (as well as fun) activities taking place in this academic year. In particular, our children will be completing various end of year assessments in the coming month which means it is vital children attend, on time every day. These include statutory assessments in some year groups with Y6 completing their SATs tests next week and Y1 and Y4 completing the phonics and times tables checks respectively after half-term.

Do keep an eye on our website calendar [HERE](#) so you are aware of any other end of year dates such as Sports' Day etc. We shall send you reminders via Class Dojo but the diary/website is a useful tool too.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Well done Yew Tree...

We are making some good progress towards our 96% attendance target.

Our attendance, year-to-date, is **95.2%**.

Attendance at this level is positive for the school as well as for children attending regularly.

KS2 (Y6) SATS

If your child is in Y6, you will be very aware that next week is their SATs week. In the lead up to, and during this week, please remember the importance of children resting well and going to bed at a reasonable time. Please also ensure they have had a good breakfast each day before attending school.

It is vital that Y6 children attend school, on time, each day next week. As we have to administer SATs papers in strict conditions, and at certain times, children will not be allowed contact with others in their year group if they do not attend at the usual time. Instead, they will have to be kept separate from their peers until all tests have been administered.

We are aware that SATs don't measure everything about a child and they are simply a milestone. However, we wish every one of our Y6 the best of luck for next week.

SECONDARY TRANSITION

As part of our support for transition to secondary schools, we have organised the following meetings for Y5 & Y6 on **THURSDAY 11th JUNE:**

Y6 – 1.30pm
Y5 – 2.30pm

Parents/carers are invited to join the children.

Y6 REMINDERS

If your child is in Y6, please remember the following deadlines for payments if you wish to purchase Leavers' Hoodies or for them to attend Drayton Manor. Unfortunately, these **deadlines cannot be extended:**

- Leavers Hoodies' deadline – **15.05.26**
- Drayton Manor deadline – **22.05.26**

CLASS PHOTOS

You may have noticed on the diary that we have our photographer on site for the morning on:

WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE

They will be taking photos of classes/groups. As these will be available for families to purchase, it is important you inform us in advance if you do NOT wish your child to be included in the group photos.

ACORNS COIN COLLECTION

It is not long to go now until our Acorns Coin Collection which takes place:

WB: MONDAY 18th MAY

We are asking children to bring in as many silver coins as they can that week (up until 9.00am on 22.05.26) to raise money for Acorns Hospice

RAGS TO RICHES

Unfortunately, for reasons beyond our control, our next Rags to Riches collection (which was due to take place on 22.05.26) has been cancelled.

If possible, please do keep hold of any items you were planning to donate until our next scheduled collection (which is due in the autumn term).



EMERGENCY DRILLS

Throughout the year, we are required to carry out a range of emergency drills. This includes fire drills, lockdowns, invacuations (moving inside from an outside position) and evacuations (leaving the building to a space outside). These are fairly routine in school and are purely a preventative measure.

For your information, we shall be practising our off-site evacuation on 21.05.26 during the afternoon. As part of this, we shall briefly evacuate to the common area opposite school. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us at school.

BIKEABILITY

We are looking forward to welcoming Bikeability instructors to our school for the week from:

MONDAY 1st JUNE

If your child managed to secure a place on this training, you should have been notified by now about what day they will complete this on during that week. On the relevant day, please ensure your child attends in their normal uniform. However, it is vital they bring the following:

- A roadworthy bike with two working brakes
- A cycling helmet

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
11.05.26	Y6 SATs week	01.06.26	Start of SUMMER 2
11.05.26	PTA meeting – 2.30pm	01.06.26	Y4 MTC week
15.05.26	Y6 leavers' hoodies – SHOP CLOSSES	01.06.26	Y5/Y6 Bikeability week
18.05.26	Acorns silver coin collection week	01.06.26	6A swimming week
20.05.26	Brass performance – 2.30pm	01.06.26	Y2 Camping 26/27 – deposits DUE
21.05.26	Theme Lunch: Summertime Fiesta	04.06.26	Y6 safeguarding awareness day
21.05.26	Off-site evacuation drill - PM	08.06.26	Y1 PSC week
22.05.26	Attendance Shop – OPEN	08.06.26	6B swimming week
22.05.26	Non-uniform day - £1	10.06.26	Photo Day – class/group photos
22.05.26	Y6 Drayton Manor – payments due	11.06.26	Theme Lunch: World Cup
22.05.26	Break up for HALF TERM	11.06.26	Y6 secondary transition talk – 1.30pm