



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Congratulations...

I wanted to use my message, this week, to say a massive congratulations to our Y6 children (and staff). I have been incredibly proud of the effort, determination and focus that they have shown during the statutory assessments (SATs) they have had to undertake this week.

At this stage, we do not know the thresholds for passing these tests (as they change year on year). However, what we do know is that our children worked as hard as we could hope. Whatever their outcomes, we hope our children reflect on the letter we will be sending home today and remember that the test results they will get in July are only *part* of their achievements. It is only the entirety of what makes them special.

As SATs have passed, it is important that our children take a moment to breath, reflect and celebrate. However, we need to keep that focus and determination going into the final weeks they have left at Yew Tree. There is much learning to complete still before they move to secondary school.

Beyond half-term, our Y6 children have transition days at their secondary school to look forward to as well as activities at Yew Tree, such as intensive swimming sessions, which we hope they will enjoy. We also look forward to our Y6 children becoming partners with our Reception children as part of our 'Partners' Project' transition work. This is a great piece of work, organised by Ms Ditchfield, which helps our children leave a lasting legacy!

Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

We have seen some fantastic attendance in recent weeks so we know children have been collecting lots of stamps for their passports.

Our [Attendance Shop](#) opens on **FRIDAY 22nd MAY** so we look forward to seeing what the children purchase using the stamps they have collected.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

At the moment, if children have been eligible and registered for means tested FSM, they have been entitled to this claim until the end of their time at primary school. We well as the free meal, families have also had discounts on trips, music lessons etc if their child has had FSM.

From September, the Government are changing the rules related to FSM. This means that all pupils from households in receipt of Universal Credit will be eligible to claim for a free meal. However, only those from households with an annual household income of no more than £7,400 will be eligible for additional funding (Pupil Premium) in school.

Furthermore, families will need to have their eligibility checked annually to retain the FSM benefits. Do look out for further details which will come home before July and do get in touch with any questions.

THEME LUNCH

Our kitchen are looking forward to our next theme lunch, Summertime Fiesta, which takes place on:

THURSDAY 21st MAY

As always, please remember to order your child's meal on [School Grid](#) by 9.00am on the day they require a meal.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

As we usually do, we invite children to wear non-uniform on the final day of the half-term:

FRIDAY 22nd MAY

On this day, children can wear their own clothes in return for a £1 donation. All money collected is used in our School Fund to support activities with the children.

ACORNS COIN COLLECTION

Our School Council are looking forward to seeing how much money we raise in next week's local charity fundraising event.

Please support, us in raising money for Acorns Hospice, by sending your child in with as many **SILVER** coins as you can spare anytime from **MONDAY 18th MAY** until 9.00am on **FRIDAY 22nd MAY**.

Y6 REMINDERS

Don't forget that the 'Y6 Leavers' Hoodies Shop' **CLOSES TODAY**. Please click [HERE](#) if you for details of how to order as orders cannot be accepted after the shop has closed.

Also, the deadline to order Drayton Manor tickets is next **FRIDAY (22.05.26)**. Click [HERE](#) for further details about the end of year trip.

Y6 SWIMMING

We are currently finalising arrangements for our Y6 intensive swimming blocks which take place after half term. If your child is in Y6, and you have not yet returned your consent, please ensure we have this by **MONDAY 18th MAY** at the latest.

Further details about the swimming arrangements are available on our website [HERE](#).



ECO NEWS

At Yew Tree, we are very proud of the work we do to support children's understanding of the environment and ways look after our planet.

Under the leadership of Ms Edis, our Eco-Council have done a wonderful job once again this year and we have achieved our Green Flag award with a merit. This is the fifth year in a row that we have achieved this award so it is a fantastic achievement.

If you would like to find out more about our award, or work in this area, click [HERE](#).

MEDICAL NEEDS

If your child has any medical needs, or requires regular medication, please do remember to ensure we have all relevant details and information from doctors.

In line with our Medical Needs Policy, available [HERE](#), our staff are trained to support children with a variety of conditions to ensure they can access school regularly.

We are pleased that, once again, we have been awarded Asthma Friendly School Status for our work to support children with asthma.

We are also currently working with Kitt Medical to install emergency epi-pens to site (in line with new legislation coming in soon).

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
15.05.26	Y6 leavers' hoodies – SHOP CLOSES	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
01.06.26	Start of SUMMER 2	11.06.26	Y5 secondary transition talk – 2.30pm
01.06.26	Y4 MTC week	15.06.26	Y4 first aid training day – Power Medics