



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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26/27 Transition...

Although it is much earlier than usual, this week we have published information about staffing and classes for 26/27. In case you missed it, the letter we sent home is available [HERE](#).

We have published this plan now as we prefer our children to know this information as early as possible. This supports our transition arrangements and gives children the best possible chance of success as they move from one class to the next. On the first Friday after half-term, teachers will be publishing a transition book on Class Dojo so that you can share this with your child and see photos of staff, classes etc. Don't forget, you can also show your child their new class using our school's virtual tour [HERE](#).

Whilst it is not something we automatically do annually, you will see that certain year groups have been mixed ahead of next year. We understand this can be unsettling for children. However, where classes have become unbalanced due to SEND or behaviour needs, we believe it is necessary to ensure the best quality of education for everyone.

In addition to the transition arrangements for all year groups, we would also like to invite YR (Reception) parents/carers to a special meeting, on **MONDAY 29th JUNE at 2.30pm**, to hear about the change from the EYFS curriculum to the National Curriculum and what this means for their child. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance **TARGET is 96%**.

"Be in to win...!"

Recently, we have seen an increase in the number of leave of absence requests for holidays during term time.

Whilst we appreciate the honesty of parents/carers, please remember that holidays do not constitute exceptional circumstances so will not be authorised.

SCHOOL READINESS

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new children to Nursery and Reception in September. By now, families should have received information about our induction evenings for our 26/27 intake:

Nursery – **15.06.26** – 5.30pm

Reception – **17.06.26** – 5.30pm

In advance of the new academic year, we would encourage parents/carers to take a look at the DfE 'School Readiness' guidance available [HERE](#). This gives families an idea of how you can support your child to ensure they are ready for school.

In addition to this, if your child is due to start Nursery, our Best Start Family Hubs Spoke is also running a series of school readiness sessions over the coming weeks. Details are available on Class Dojo or our website page [HERE](#).

Y2 CAMP 26/27

If your child is currently in Y1, and has been offered a place on the Y2 camping experience next year, please remember that deposits are due to be paid by:

MONDAY 1st JUNE

Please note that places are NOT secured unless a deposit is received.

THEME LUNCH

As some of our children (and staff) are getting excited about the forthcoming World Cup, our kitchen team have organised a special World Cup theme lunch on:

THURSDAY 11th JUNE

Don't forget to order your child's meal via School Grid by 9.00am on the day.

Y6 SWIMMING

If your child is in Y6, please remember they will enjoy a 'swimming week' after half-term on:

6A – WB: 01.06.26

6B – WB: 08.06.26

6C – WB: 15.06.26

Children need swimming kits **EVERY DAY** during their swimming week.

ACORNS COIN COLLECTION

Thank you to everybody who has supported our local charity event this week by sending children in with as many silver coins as possible.

Ms Law and our School Council have been counting the money and shall confirm the exact amount raised on Class Dojo. We are grateful you were able to support this worthy charity.

RELATIONSHIPS & HEALTH EDUCATION (RHE)

Following updated statutory guidance, from the Department for Education, we have recently updated our RHE curriculum ahead of September.

Thank you for your engagement in the recent consultation process. The outcomes of this are on our website [HERE](#) along with the curriculum information which we shall be using from next year.



ASSESSMENTS

Although Y6 have completed their SATs tests recently, when we return after the half-term break, it is our busiest time of year for assessing children. It is vital that children attend, on time, every day so that they are not disadvantaged in any end of year assessments.

Our Y4 children will also be involved in their times table checks and Y1 in their phonics checks when we return too.

We shall publish details of all assessment outcomes with end of year reports in July.

CLUBS UPDATES

If you have a child in YR – Y5, they should have come home with a letter this week about opportunities to join clubs in the autumn term.

In case you missed it, the letter is available on our website [HERE](#). If your child is interested in joining choir, please also read an additional letter [HERE](#) about the Young Voices concert (as the choir is restricted to those who can attend the concert).

It is important that all applications are returned by **9.00am** on **15.06.26** as clubs will only go ahead where there is enough interest. Club offers will be made by 29.06.26.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
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
01.06.26	Y5/Y6 Bikeability week	15.06.26	Deadline for AUT club applications
01.06.26	6A swimming week	15.06.26	YN 26/27 induction meeting – 5.30pm
01.06.26	Y2 Camping 26/27 – deposits DUE	16.06.26	Y5 & Y6 road safety assemblies
04.06.26	Y6 safeguarding awareness day	16.06.26	YN Fathers' Day session – 10.40am
08.06.26	Y1 PSC week	16.06.26	RA Fathers' Day session – 2.20pm