



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Free School Meals (FSM)...

This week, you should have received a letter outlining changes to FSM arrangements from September 2026. In case you missed it, this is also available on our website [HERE](#). In summary, the key changes mean that:

- FSM eligibility is being expanded so that any child, from households in receipt of Universal Credit, are eligible
- Eligibility must be re-checked annually

If your child is already receiving FSM, you DO NOT need to do anything. The local authority will complete re-checks in July and will inform parents/carers and the school if your child is not eligible for FSM. This means you will need to pay for meals in September.

However, if your child is/will be eligible, but you are not yet registered with the local authority, please complete an application with your home local authority before the end of term. If you are a Sandwell resident, the online applications are available [HERE](#).

Please remember that the FSM scheme is different to the Universal Infant Meal scheme (which means all children in YR/Y1/Y2 receive a free meal automatically). Therefore, you should still register with the local authority to ensure your child can claim discounts on school trips etc when eligible. If you have any questions, please get in touch with our office staff.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

As you will be aware, we are now in our final half-term of the academic year.

This means, after this week, we only have **30 school days** until the summer holiday.

Please help us make the most of the summer term by ensuring your child is on time each day.

COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

This week, we have republished our [Communication Overview](#) which outlines the different ways we communicate with families.

As part of our review of communication, we have decided not to routinely publish images with 'full frontal' images of children's faces on our website or Twitter (X) platform. We shall use side profiles/images from the back of heads where we feel this is appropriate.

This is following reflection of the latest guidance from the National Crime Agency (due to the increased risks of AI/bots using children's photos inappropriately).

In addition, we would encourage parents/carers to watch the video [HERE](#) which explains about the digital footprint we create when we publish children's photos online.

CLASS PHOTOS

This is a final reminder that Aperture will be on site, taking class photographs, on:

WEDNESDAY 10th JUNE

Please ensure your child arrives promptly, ready to smile, for photos that day. You must let the office know in advance if you **DO NOT** wish your child to be included in the photo.

READING MISSION

As part of the National Year of Reading, our children are set monthly reading challenges.

During June, we are asking them to read a non-fiction text and tell a friend a fact from the book they have read.

Please do support them with this challenge at home too.

SCHOOL GAMES MARK

Recently, we were delighted to hear that we have achieved the **GOLD** School Games Mark award once again.

This is a fantastic achievement and recognises our commitment to developing competitive sport within our school. Well done to Mr Latham for leading PE & Sport so well but, of course, to any other adults who support school games activities and events.

NATIONAL THANK A TEACHER DAY

National 'Thank a Teacher' day is coming up on:

WEDNESDAY 17th JUNE

As we approach the end of the academic year, this is a great opportunity to say thank you to all staff (not just teachers) who have made a difference to your child. You can send your messages [HERE](#).

SAFER TRAVEL

At Yew Tree, we operate a [Safer Travel scheme](#). This means children in Y5 or Y6 may walk to/from school alone where we have signed consent.

As we obtain this consent annually, we have recently written to Y4 & Y5 families to collect this ready for September. Please return your forms ASAP so we have this on file.



2026/27 PLANNING

You will see, from the information sent home, planning for next year is in full swing. In summary, key information sent home recently includes:

Y3 music sessions – click [HERE](#) for information Y3 recorder sessions

Instrumental lessons – click [HERE](#) for details. Applications are due by **26.06.26**

Clubs – click [HERE](#) for details. Applications are due by **15.06.26**

Our key dates for families are also available [HERE](#) as well as on our website calendar.

KITT MEDICAL

In preparation for the introduction of Benedict's Law (a set of mandatory protections to improve allergy safety in schools), we have recently installed a '[Kitt Medical](#)' emergency anaphylaxis kit.

This provides us with emergency adrenaline medication which can be used in the event of an individual experiencing a suspected anaphylactic reaction.

Once Benedict's Law is finalised, we shall update our Medical Needs & Medication Policy. However, in the meantime, if your child already has an epi-pen in school, keep an eye out for a consent letter coming home.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
08.06.26	Y1 PSC week	16.06.26	RA Fathers' Day session – 2.20pm
08.06.26	6B swimming week	17.06.26	Y3 first aid training day – Power Medics
10.06.26	Photo Day – class/group photos	19.06.26	Peer Mediators 26/27 – training day 1
11.06.26	Theme Lunch: World Cup	19.06.26	Chit Chat with School Nurse – 9.00am
11.06.26	Y6 secondary transition talk – 1.30pm	21.06.26	Fathers' Day
11.06.26	Y5 secondary transition talk – 2.30pm	22.06.26	PTA non-uniform day – Summer Fayre
15.06.26	Y4 first aid training day – Power Medics	26.06.26	Peer Mediators 26/27 – training day 2
15.06.26	Deadline for AUT club applications	26.06.26	Deadline for AUT music applications
15.06.26	YN 26/27 induction meeting – 5.30pm	29.06.26	FOCUS WEEK: Fabulously Fit
16.06.26	Y5 & Y6 road safety assemblies	29.06.26	26/27 welcome videos posted on Dojo
16.06.26	YN Fathers' Day session – 10.40am	29.06.26	PTA non-uniform day – Summer Fayre