



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Social Media...

As you may have seen in the news this week [click [HERE](#) for details], the Government have announced their intention to bring in legislation which will, effectively, ban children from accessing a range of social media platforms. Whilst the fuller detail is yet to be announced, this is likely to include platforms such as Tik Tok, Snapchat, Facebook, Instagram and YouTube.

I recognise that, of course, there will be many different opinions about this step. Personally, having spoken to my 11 year old nephew, I know there is upset and frustration but, professionally, I do also recognise the reasons the Government are taking these steps. At school, the most frequent e-safety issues we have to deal with are related to online activity outside of school.

Whilst technology has huge benefits, and is a part of the world we live in, I also think it is important we consider how isolating it can become for children to be glued to screens/devices in the way many are. At school, we have been reflecting on this recently and have already taken steps within our curriculum to reduce screen time in lessons.

Beyond school, ahead of the ban which is anticipated to come into effect from spring 2027, I would urge parents/carers to reflect on their child's use of devices. It may be prudent to take steps now to prepare children for changes, e.g. give screen time limits and/or remove their access to certain apps.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Thank you to our parents/carers for their support with attendance this year.

It is fantastic to see the value placed by so many on ensuring children attend school every day. Please also do your best to ensure they are here on time (i.e. by **8.50am**) each day to ensure a smooth start.

TRIPS 26/27

As we have communicated recently, we have now confirmed all trip bookings for the next academic year. In case you missed this, click [HERE](#) for further details.

Whilst we understand cost is a significant factor for families, it is important to note that school trips are the price they are due to the workshops included and, of course, the cost of transport. We **DO NOT** make a profit on trips.

We have published the details of trips as early as possible to support families in making payments.

This means payments can be made, in any **instalments of £1** or more, from now until the deadline for payments.

As we have subsidised the costs as much as possible in advance, we regret that the trips cannot go ahead without payments from home.

FATHERS' DAY

We would like to wish a happy Fathers' Day to our dads, grandads and carers for this weekend.

We hope you have a wonderful day and realise just how truly special you are to our children. As a small token of their love, keep an eye out for a special card making its way home today.

PTA NON-UNIFORM DAY

Ahead of our PTA Summer Fayre, due to be held on **07.07.26 from 3.30pm**, we have our first of three non-uniform days on:

MONDAY 22nd JUNE

In return for non-uniform on this date, we are asking for donations of toiletries. Please send these in with your child on Monday.

ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION

Our Art Leader, Ms Johal, is excitedly pulling together examples of our children's incredible art work ready for our annual art exhibition on:

MONDAY 6th JULY from 2.30pm – 4.00pm

As this coincides with our 'drop in' parents' evening, we hope families will take 10mins to drop into the exhibition in our main hall.

SAFER TRAVEL 26/27

Don't forget that, if you have a child in Y5 or Y6 in September, you must return your [Safer Travel forms](#) by the end of term if you wish them to walk home without an adult.

Please remember these forms are needed to release children without an adult even in cases where you might meet them on the road.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TUITION

If you would like your child to learn a musical instrument next year, there is just one week left to return [applications](#) as these are due by:

FRIDAY 26th JUNE at 9.00am

Additionally, if your child will be in Y3 next year, don't forget to order their recorder [HERE](#).



HAF VOUCHERS

With the summer holiday fast approaching, we wanted to remind families of the Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) scheme.

The HAF scheme provides free holiday activities & food for eligible children (i.e. those in receipt of benefits based free school meals & all children with an EHCP).

If your child is eligible, you DO NOT need to do anything. However, vouchers will be emailed home on 24.06.26. Families can then book on to any of the HAF schemes running which you can find [HERE](#).

BRENDA DEARDEN AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

At the end of each year, Mr Barry would ordinarily choose one infant child and one junior child to receive a pupil of the year award. This is awarded to an individual for an exceptional standard of work, incredible effort or persistent demonstration of our core values throughout the year.

This year, in memory of our lately governor, we are renaming these awards as the Brenda Dearden Award for Excellence. Brenda was passionate about education and, in particular, Yew Tree. She had an eye for detail and pursued excellence in all she did. Therefore, these awards will be a lasting tribute to her.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
19.06.26	Peer Mediators 26/27 – training day 1	30.06.26	Y1 – Y6 Sports' Day – details HERE
19.06.26	Chit Chat with School Nurse – 9.00am	30.06.26	No hot meals – picnic lunch
21.06.26	Fathers' Day	30.06.26	Y5 boys' football trial
22.06.26	PTA non-uniform day – toiletries	01.07.26	Y6 secondary transition – DAY 1
26.06.26	Peer Mediators 26/27 – training day 2	02.07.26	Y6 secondary transition – DAY 2
26.06.26	Deadline for AUT music applications	02.07.26	EYFS Sports' Day – details HERE
29.06.26	FOCUS WEEK: Fabulously Fit	03.07.26	Non-uniform day - £1 per child
29.06.26	26/27 welcome videos posted on Dojo	03.07.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
29.06.26	PTA non-uniform day – bottles	03.07.26	Gold Book assemblies – AM
29.06.26	YR transition meeting – 2.30pm	03.07.26	Peer Mediators 26/27 – training day 3
29.06.26	Y4 boys' football trial – 3.30pm	03.07.26	End of Year Reports – DUE HOME