



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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End of Year Message...

I can hardly believe that I am writing the final message of the academic year. Whilst there are occasions in any given term where it feels like it will never end, I can honestly say this year has also flown by!

2025/26 has been another successful year for Yew Tree and we have achieved so much. We shall share more details about attainment outcomes in the new academic year, when we have fully analysed them, but I would like to say well done to all of our pupils that have undertaken statutory assessments this year. Your hard work has been admirable.

Beyond academic outcomes, we have achieved a whole lot more including our Platinum+ award for safeguarding, our Green Flag Eco-Schools award, our Nourish award for staff wellbeing (for 7th year in a row), the Music Mark award once again and so much more. We also had Ofsted in who shared so many impressive aspects of the work in their report.

As we draw to end of the year, I would like to say goodbye and good luck to any staff, pupils and families who are leaving us today. I always refer to our community as the 'Yew Tree Family'. Like any family, we may annoy one another at times. However, when it matters, we are there for each other so I shall miss each and every one of you. I hope everyone in the Yew Tree family has a wonderful summer and well-deserved rest.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

This week, Ms Reed has opened our Attendance Shop for the final time this academic year.

It has been wonderful seeing how appreciative the children are of the treats they have been able to purchase. Thank you all for working so hard and valuing attendance this year.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

We know that purchasing uniform can be a costly experience for families (especially if you have children in multiple year groups).

Please remember that, if you have a child starting Reception or in any year group at secondary school, you may be eligible for a uniform voucher from Sandwell Council. Take a look [HERE](#) to check eligibility. **Applications open on 21.07.26.**

Please can we stress the importance of checking our Uniform Policy (available [HERE](#)) carefully when purchasing uniform for September. This is important to ensure you purchase the correct items.

You are reminded that children must wear **plain black** shoes or trainers (no visible markings or soles) and that it is not compulsory to wear any branded items. These are entirely optional which means our uniform is available from our suppliers as well as most supermarkets.

SANDWELL SEND BULLETIN

Recently, we shared the latest version of the Sandwell SEND Bulletin for Parents/Carers.

We do encourage families to read these bulletins as there are many local and national changes to SEND provision currently.

You can sign up, to receive these directly, by adding your details [HERE](#).

Y5 SWIMMING

Don't forget, if your child will be starting Y5 in September, that they have intensive swimming sessions in the first half term.

Please do check the dates your child is swimming in the letter [HERE](#). It is vital we have consents by the beginning of term (if you have not returned these already).

TERM DATES

As you know, we break up today for our summer holiday. Y1 – Y6 children return to school on:

WEDNESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Our EYFS children have staggered intake dates so do check your induction packs carefully. Don't forget that you can find all our term dates, including INSET (training) days, [HERE](#).

CONGRATULATIONS

Once again, throughout the year, we have enjoyed many instrumental performances from our children as well as enjoyed celebrations from the successes of our sports' teams.

We would like to congratulate all of our children, involved in these activities, for their ambition to achieve and their courage to perform. Well done.

CLUBS

If your child has a place in an after-school club next term, please remember these start in the week beginning:

MONDAY 7th SEPTEMBER

Full details about club arrangements, including beginning and end dates, is available [HERE](#).



SUMMER HOLIDAY SUPPORT

During the summer holiday, our staff will not be available to respond to messages and emails in the way we usually do.

We shall keep an eye on our office email (enquiries@yewtree.sandwell.sch.uk) for any emergency communication. However, families are also reminded that they can access a range of services all year round including the ones on the Signposting page of our website which is available [HERE](#).

We recognise the summer can be a long and difficult time so do reach out when you need.

PICK UP/DROP OFF

When children return in September, some of them will be entering school through different gates as they will have moved up to another year group.

Of course, we shall have staff around to guide you but please remember that you should use the gates below at drop off and pick up. If you have children in multiple year groups, you enter via the gate for your youngest child:

- **YN, YR & Y1** – Bramley Rd
- **Y2 & Y3** – Birchfield Way
- **Y4, Y5 & Y6** – Planetree Rd

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
17.07.26	Clarinet performance – 9.00am	11.09.26	Y3 Edgmond Hall trip – payment DUE
17.07.26	End of year/goodbye assembly – AM	14.09.26	EYFS start usual/full-time sessions
17.07.26	Break up for SUMMER	18.09.26	Harvest collection day
01.09.26	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils	18.09.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am
02.09.26	Start of AUT 1 (for Y1 – Y6 pupils)	21.09.26	5B swimming block starts (2 weeks)
02.09.26	FOCUS WEEK: Ready to Learn	23.09.26	Rags to Riches collection day
02.09.26	EYFS home visits start	23.09.26	Photo day – individual & siblings
04.09.26	YR Stay & Play sessions	25.09.26	European Day of Languages
07.09.26	EYFS staggered intake begins	28.09.26	Family Hub Spoke – first aid session
07.09.26	5A swimming block starts (2 weeks)	02.10.26	Diversity day
07.09.26	AUT clubs & music sessions START	05.10.26	Cycle to School Week