



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome Back...

It has been lovely to welcome back so many of you this week. Of course, I extend a special welcome to any new children, families or staff who are joining the Yew Tree family this year and I look forward to meeting many of you in the coming days and weeks.

Schools are busy and complex places so I recognise there is a LOT of information to digest. This is especially true at the start of the academic year. Our Communication Protocols, which are available [HERE](#), summarise how we communicate at Yew Tree. One of the main ways we keep everyone up-to-date with what is happening is via our weekly newsletter which is published EVERY FRIDAY. We are a 'paper free' school which means we only send letters home, in paper format, if replies are required. Therefore, do ensure we always have your up-to-date email address to have relevant letters sent to you.

We shall share lots of reminders in the coming weeks. However, if you have any queries or questions, do check out our [website](#) or speak to your child's class teacher or our admin team in the office (see contact details at the end of this newsletter).

At Yew Tree, partnership is really important to us. As we start a new year, do take a moment to review our joint commitments to one another in our [Home School Agreement](#) which applies to all families on our roll.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Attendance at school is vital if children are to achieve well.

The Department for Education (DfE) has summarised the responsibilities for all stakeholders (schools & home) in ensuring children attend regularly. Please click [HERE](#) to take a look at this document.

TRIPS REMINDER

Before we broke up for the summer, we published information about any of the educational visits (trips) planned for this academic year. In case you missed this, it is available on our website [HERE](#).

As we have explained before, we DO NOT make a profit on trips. Therefore, the charge we make to families simply allows us to cover the costs. This includes transport, entrance to the venue AND any activities planned whilst there (i.e. we have special programmes planned and are not simply accessing the venue as a member of the public).

We recognise the pressure these trips place on families. However, unfortunately, we cannot run these trips without your payments. Families can pay in any instalments of £1 or more at any time but please do ensure you have made the full payment by the deadline. **We regret that, without enough payments, trips may be cancelled!**

HARVEST

This year, once again, we are supporting Black Country Food Bank with our Harvest collection which takes place on:

FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER

Please do send your child in with any tins, packets or bottles (non-perishable) food items on this day to support this worthy charity.

PHONE FREE SCHOOL

Please remember that Yew Tree is a PHONE FREE school.

This means that any adults attending site must NOT use their phone beyond the school gates. Please place these in your bags or pockets as soon as you enter. This includes the use of any AI enabled devices.

KEY DATES 25/26

Don't forget that our website has a calendar, which you can subscribe to, with all key dates for parents/carers. This is available [HERE](#).

In addition, as we know how busy you are, we have summarised all key dates for parents/carers in a letter available [HERE](#). This letter has the dates of all class assemblies, INSPIRE sessions, information meetings and parents' evenings etc.

Y5 SWIMMING

If your child is in Y5, you will be aware that they have their [swimming lessons](#) this term. It is really important that children bring their swimming kit, each day, apart from Wednesday, on:

5A: WB: 07.09.26 & WB: 14.09.26

5B: WB: 21.09.26 & WB: 28.09.26

5C: WB: 05.10.26 & WB: 12.10.26

PHOTO DAY

Please be aware that our school photographers, Aperture, will be on site for individual photos on:

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

Further details will follow but there will be the opportunity for sibling photos **BEFORE** school that day if families wish to bring children.



DATA PROTECTION

In line with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), we are required to remind families about our data privacy notices and policies. These have been updated for the new academic year and are available on our website [HERE](#).

Please be aware that we do have CCTV operating at the school so our CCTV policy is also available on our website to view.

It is important that we always hold the most up-to-date and accurate data. Therefore, do update any relevant details on Arbor.

CELEBRATIONS

At Yew Tree, we love to celebrate our children's learning and activity at school. Do keep an eye on our Twitter (X) feed [HERE](#) to see the different things we get up to.

Twitter (X) is different to Class Dojo and is used more for celebrations of what we are up to rather than messages or reminders. Please note, we will NOT post pictures of children's faces on here even where we have consent.

In addition, we love to hear about awards or achievements from children's outside interests and clubs. If they would like to celebrate anything, they can bring this to school for a 'Chance to Shine' moment.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
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
11.09.26	Y3 Edgmond Hall trip – payment DUE	05.10.26	5C swimming block starts (2 weeks)
14.09.26	EYFS start usual/full-time sessions	05.10.26	PTA AGM – 2.30pm
18.09.26	Harvest collection day	06.10.26	Girls' football match – AWAY – 3.30pm
18.09.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	07.10.26	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm or 5.30pm
21.09.26	5B swimming block starts (2 weeks)	09.10.26	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
23.09.26	Rags to Riches collection day	14.10.26	Y2 Columbus & Armstrong workshop
23.09.26	Photo day – individual & siblings	16.10.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am