



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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The Yew Tree Way...

At Yew Tree, as Ofsted highlighted in their last visit, "leaders have established high expectations for pupils' behaviour and conduct". There are no 'ifs', 'buts' or 'maybes'... we expect all children to behave well and show our core values in all that they do.

We don't leave the development of positive behaviour to chance and we actively teach children '[The Yew Tree Way](#)'. This is our behaviour curriculum and clearly maps what we expect of every child at our school. Please do take a look so you are aware of our expectations and can support these at home. As you will see, this goes beyond simple compliance and extends to teach children about manners and respect.

Our wider approach to behaviour is detailed on our website [HERE](#). This page includes our behaviour blueprint and information about our three school rules (be ready, be respectful, be safe) and aspects such as STAR which you may hear your child talk about.

As with our wider curriculum, our approach to behaviour is linked to our five core values of responsibility, respect, courage, ambition and pride. Children earn Dojo points (linked to Zone Boards in class) for showing the core values and, each half term, we award values badges to those who have reached our points target. In addition, your child may bring home green cards for showing core values at lunchtimes. As always, please do speak to your child's teacher if you have any questions about this.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

It is important that you report your child's absence each day if they are not able to come to school.

Please call **01922 626926 – OPTION 1**

NHS Guidance is available [HERE](#) if you are unsure whether children need to stay off school when ill.

VISION & SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

At Yew Tree, everything we do is linked to our vision of 'Learning Without Limits'. Our vision, which is available [HERE](#), is our commitment to unlocking the potential inside all of our children.

Each year, to help strengthen and develop how we drive our vision, we publish a School Improvement Plan. The plan for 26/27, which is available on our website [HERE](#), is focused on three key areas:

- Developing & refining our inclusion strategy
- Refining our understanding and approach to teaching & learning
- Developing oracy across the school

As part of our work to develop oracy, we are working with an Organisation called Voice 21. We shall share information throughout the year but do click [HERE](#) to find out more about this exciting piece of work.

LATE COLLECTION

As you will be aware, school finishes at 3.20pm each day. It is important that children are collected promptly at this time to avoid causing any distress to children.

We regret that, if children are not collected by 3.30pm, parents/carers could incur charges of **£10 per child** for each 30mins of supervision (or parts thereof)

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES (EDL)

We are looking forward to celebrating European Day of Languages on **FRIDAY 25th SEPTEMBER**.

Children will wear normal uniform on this day but will enjoy an activity, in class, to celebrate languages and cultures from around the World. Keep an eye on Twitter for photos!

CODE OF CONDUCT

Within the Yew Tree family, relationships are important to us. Whilst we recognise there are times when there may be disagreements or differences of opinion, it is important that everyone remains polite and respectful at all times.

We would remind all parents/carers, and any adults visiting our site, of our [Code of Conduct](#) which details our expectations of behaviour & conduct.

PTA NEWS

Our PTA plays an invaluable role in supporting community activities and raising money for the school. They are hoping to see lots of parents/carers join them for their first meeting (AGM) of the year on:

MONDAY 5th OCTOBER at 2.15pm

PARENTS' EVENING

Our Autumn Term Parents' Evening takes place on:

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER
from 3.30pm – 6.30pm

Further details are available [HERE](#). Don't forget to make your appointment request, using the link in the letter, by 9.00am on 25.09.26.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Regular attendance at school is vitally important so that children don't miss out on key learning & achieve as well as they can.

If you are planning to take your child out of school, during term time, it is important you communicate this with the office and complete a Leave of Absence (LOA) form where necessary. These are available on our website or from the office.

Unauthorised LOA, which typically includes holidays, could lead to a penalty notice (fine) or a prosecution as detailed in [HERE](#).

HOME LEARNING (HOMEWORK)

At Yew Tree, we recognise the value of home learning (homework) but also the importance of play, social development and family time.

Therefore, we try to have a proportionate approach to home learning by prioritising reading as the core activity we ask families to do at home. This is detailed in the Home Learning Ladder in our policy [HERE](#).

Reading with your child/to your child is probably the single most important thing you can do to support their learning. Please do try to find time to support this at home. Don't forget you can share information about their reading at home on [Boom Reader](#).

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
11.09.26	Y3 Edmond Hall trip – payment DUE	02.10.26	Parents' Eve appts sent home
14.09.26	EYFS start usual/full-time sessions	05.10.26	Cycle to School Week
18.09.26	Harvest collection day	05.10.26	5C swimming block starts (2 weeks)
18.09.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	05.10.26	PTA AGM – 2.15pm
21.09.26	5B swimming block starts (2 weeks)	06.10.26	Girls' football match – AWAY – 3.30pm
23.09.26	Photo day – individual & siblings	07.10.26	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm or 5.30pm
25.09.26	European Day of Languages	09.10.26	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
25.09.26	Deadline for parents' eve requests	14.10.26	Y2 Columbus & Armstrong workshop
28.09.26	Family Hub Spoke – first aid session	16.10.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
30.09.26	Rags to Riches collection day	21.10.26	Parents' Evening (online)
02.10.26	Diversity day	23.10.26	Non-uniform day - £1 per child