



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Healthy Schools...

You may have seen in the news this week that the Department for Education (DfE) have announced changes to the School Food Standards. As you can read [HERE](#), the DfE have shared the outcomes of a consultation to update these standards from September 2027.

We shall be sharing more information about any changes ahead of the implementation date. However, at first glance, there doesn't look to be significant changes for our school. Our catering team, Dolce, have confirmed they had already made menu changes for this year in line with most of the new standards. Similarly, as we have been a 'Healthy School' for some time, most of our policies and procedures are compliant too.

Our 'Healthy Schools' website page, which is available [HERE](#), contains information about School Food & Packed Lunch policies. Additionally, our 'School Meals' website page, which is available [HERE](#), contains details of any menus for school meals and the Tuck Shop list (for our junior children).

As part of our current policy, please remember the following arrangements:

- Children are only allowed to drink plain water in class. They can bring a separate bottle (with squash) if they would like this for play or lunch.
- Children are not allowed to bring birthday sweets/cakes to school.
- Infant children don't need playtime snacks (as they have free fruit). Junior children use the Tuck Shop or can bring a healthy snack.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

We have had a great start to the year for attendance with a whole school average of 95.7%.

It is important we continue this commitment to attending. You can check your child's attendance on Arbor via the app or clicking the image:



ALLERGY SAFETY

As communicated previously, we have now published our [Allergy Safety Policy](#) following the introduction of statutory allergies guidance for schools as part of Benedict's Law.

We would encourage families to have a read of this, especially if your child has an allergy, to ensure you are clear about our procedures which will support your child(ren).

Please remember that, whilst we have a detailed policy and robust procedures, we rely on your support too. It is important you update School Grid with any allergies for your child (if they take meals at school) as well as notifying the school office.

We also remind parents/carers that children must NOT bring products containing nuts to school and, if your child requires medication, this is passed to our office so we can ensure appropriate care plans.

PHOTO DAY

Don't forget that children are having individual school photos taken on:

WEDNESDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER

If you would like them to have sibling photos, you should attend with your children between 8.00am – 8.30am on that day. We regret we cannot accommodate photos after that time.

PARKING REMINDER

The roads around school can be busy at drop off & pick up. Nevertheless, it is vital families park safely (observing all road restrictions) and courteously (not blocking drives).

If there are any issues, we encourage families to report this directly to the police or the council as necessary.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Our Governing Body met on 08.09.26 and duly elected Kyshia Obi as our Chair, and Gill Turner as our Vice-Chair, for this academic year.

Following the resignation of a valued governor, Jasmit Hanspal, Zaynab Mulla has been duly elected as a new parent governor.

Please click [HERE](#) for information about governors.

STAFFING NEWS

Following the resignations of Ms Foster, Ms Nabi and Ms Nettleford, we shall shortly be welcoming Ms Birch, Ms Wilde & Ms Smith to our team of lunchtime supervisors.

In addition, Ms Ebanks & Ms Qadir have joined our teaching support team in EYFS this week. They shall be working with our YN & YR children.

PTA FIREWORK NIGHT

Don't forget that the shop is now open to purchase tickets for our PTA Firework Night which takes place on:

TUESDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

at 6.00pm (gates open at 4.45pm)

Tickets are available, via the PTA Shop [HERE](#), until **FRIDAY 3rd OCTOBER**.



WRAP AROUND SURVEY

We are currently considering the potential development of wrap around provision (breakfast, after school and holiday clubs) on our school site.

If we go ahead, as this is not definite at this stage, we would look to develop our provision alongside any existing wrap around services in the area.

To help us gauge interest and demand, please remember to complete this [SURVEY](#) before **9.00am** on **MONDAY**. We shall then review these before deciding next steps.

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

Information about our Clothing & Uniform Policy is on our website [HERE](#). Please do remember to ensure children wear correct items to school each day (including **PLAIN BLACK** footwear).

In addition to their daily uniform, please remember that children must have a PE kit in school each day as PE is a statutory part of the curriculum. If children do not have their kit, we could ask them to wear our spare kit.

Finally, please remember that children should not wear make-up or nail varnish, hair styles should not be extreme and of a natural colour and jewellery is strictly limited.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
18.09.26	Harvest collection day	02.10.26	Diversity day
18.09.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	02.10.26	Parents' Eve appts sent home
21.09.26	5B swimming block starts (2 weeks)	05.10.26	Cycle to School Week
21.09.26	Wrap around survey deadline – 9.00am	05.10.26	5C swimming block starts (2 weeks)
23.09.26	Photo day – individual & siblings	05.10.26	PTA AGM – 2.15pm
25.09.26	European Day of Languages	07.10.26	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm or 5.30pm
25.09.26	Deadline for parents' eve requests	08.10.26	Boys' football match – AWAY – 3.30pm
28.09.26	Family Hub Spoke – first aid session	09.10.26	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
28.09.26	Boys' football match – HOME – 3.30pm	13.10.26	Flu vaccinations – YR – Y6
30.09.26	Rags to Riches collection day	14.10.26	Y2 Columbus & Armstrong workshop
01.10.26	Theme Lunch Day - Space	16.10.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am