



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School Spaces & Admissions...

Although we have only just started this academic year, all schools are very busy currently as 'admissions season' is upon us and schools are hosting open days/evenings to help parents/carers make choices about school places for next year (2027/28). For your information, the closing date for applications for September 2027 places are:

- Nursery – **26.02.27** – apply directly via our office
- Reception – **15.01.27** – apply via the local authority
- Y7 – **31.10.26** – apply via the local authority

If your child is currently in Y6, information about open days/evenings will be posted on Class Dojo if we are made aware of these. However, you can also check out school websites directly. We would encourage families to visit schools so you can utilise all of your choices, even if you are sure where you want your child to go, just in case you do not get your first choice.

We are holding our open day on **WEDNESDAY 7th OCTOBER** at **1.30pm** or **5.30pm** so do spread the word if you know anyone looking for spaces for next year (or, in fact, this year as we do have a small number of spaces available in most year groups currently).

In the meantime, please do share the link for our virtual tour (available [HERE](#)) and our promotional video (available [HERE](#)) on all your social media platforms & encourage people to get in touch for spaces.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Please remember the importance of contacting us each day if your child is absent.

If we don't hear from you, especially for a prolonged period of time, we could be required to carry out home visits and/or make a safeguarding referral for a safe and well check.

LATENESS & APPOINTMENTS

Please remember that our school gates open at 8.40am each day and close **PROMPTLY** at 8.50am as this is the start of the school day.

If children arrive after this time (i.e. they have to enter via the office), they are marked as **LATE** in the registers. In line with DfE guidance, if children arrive after 9.20am (which is when registers have to close) they receive a 'U' code which is classed as an absence for that session (as registers have closed for the morning).

Please do help ensure your children attend on time to ensure they have the best start to the day.

In addition, please try to ensure any appointments for children are outside of school hours where possible. Do also remember we cannot authorise absences for children to attend appointments for siblings and/or parents.

LOST PROPERTY

We seem to be collecting a huge amount of lost property already this year.

Please do ensure your child's uniform/coats etc are named (so we can return items to children). If your child is missing any item, please pop to the office, or mention it to your child's teacher, so they can check lost property for you.

CLASS DOJO

As you will see in our Communication Protocol, available [HERE](#), Class Dojo is the main way we communicate with families. As well as posting information and reminders, this platform allows staff and parents to directly message one another. Therefore, please speak to the office if you need help connecting.

QUICK LINKS

We understand there are lots of different websites & platforms which parents/carers need to access as part of daily school life.

Don't forget that our website has a quick links section, available [HERE](#), with all the links in one place for you. If you need any help or supporting accessing any of these, please do get in touch with your child's class teacher or our office staff.

PUPIL LEADERSHIP

At Yew Tree, one of our core values is 'responsibility' so we make every effort to ensure children have the opportunity to show that.

This includes taking on a range of pupil leadership roles within classrooms and across the school. To find out more about our pupil leadership roles for 2026/27, click [HERE](#).

RAGS TO RICHES

Don't forget that our next Rags to Riches collection takes place next week on:

WEDNESDAY 30th SEPTEMBER

Do send in any clothes, shoes and accessories you no longer need on that day. This will raise money for our School Council to spend.



ILLNESS & FLU VACCINATIONS

We recognise, at this time of year, that children will pick up bugs and illnesses. This is especially the case with winter coming and, of course, for children who haven't been at school before.

In most cases, if children feel well enough, they can still attend school. If you are not sure if your child is too ill for school, check out the NHS guidance [HERE](#).

As we enter 'flu season', please keep an eye out for information about the [children's flu vaccination programme](#) which takes place at school on **13.10.26**.

DIVERSITY DAY

As October is Black History Month, we are taking that opportunity to educate and celebrate the diversity which exist within our school and community.

In addition to assemblies that week, focusing on Black History, children will also enjoy Diversity Day (on **02.10.26**) in school learning about different aspects of the Equality Act.

As we teach our children about equality, through all aspects of our curriculum, our children will be very used to this work.

However, do keep an eye on Dojo for information about the specific focus for each year group and get in touch with questions.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
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
02.10.26	Diversity day	16.10.26	Zoom links for Parents' Eve published
02.10.26	Parents' Eve appts sent home	19.10.26	EYFS Forest School sessions start
05.10.26	Cycle to School Week	21.10.26	Parents' Evening (online) – 3.30pm+
05.10.26	5C swimming block starts (2 weeks)	23.10.26	Non-uniform day - £1 per child
05.10.26	PTA AGM – 2.15pm	23.10.26	Y3 Edgmond Hall trip