



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Every Child Matters (ECM)...

Within our staffing at Yew Tree, we have created a group called the 'Every Child Matters' team whose job roles support them in ensuring children:

- enjoy & achieve
- stay safe
- are healthy
- achieve economic wellbeing (i.e. ambitious & prepared for next steps)
- make a positive contribution

This team works with teachers and staff, across the school, to consider any support which children and families might need to achieve the aims listed above. By supporting inclusion, safeguarding, pastoral and attendance staff to work together, it means we can prioritise need and try to ensure the right support at the right time for individual pupils.

Information about our ECM team is available [HERE](#). Please do remember though that, like all services, they do have to triage need for services. It is important to also remember that, even when a need is identified, it does not necessarily mean additional help is needed beyond our Tier 1 universal services. This is because we have worked really hard to develop an inclusive culture at Yew Tree with lots of services and support already embedded into everyday practice (i.e. children are supported with a range of needs in class).

If you have any questions about our ECM team, please do get in touch.

Jamie Barry



**Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.**

"Be in to win...!"

We have had a great start to attendance this year so thank you to everyone for their efforts.

However, unfortunately, we do still have a high number of children arriving late. Please remember school starts strictly at **8.50am each day** (with gates open from 8.40am).

THE OASIS

This year, as part of our ongoing commitment to embedding excellence in inclusion, we have created a new room at school called 'The Oasis'.

The Oasis is a dedicated safe space designed to help children manage heightened emotions, sensory overload and stress. It is a calm and controlled space to help rest emotional and physical baselines so that children can return to learning as soon as possible.

The Oasis is not a general space for learning or interventions. Similarly, it is not an isolation room or a room to sanction children. Its use is strictly controlled for a specific purpose and any use of this is logged and monitored.

If you would like to find out more about how we use The Oasis, read P14/15 of our Behaviour & Relationships Policy [HERE](#).

FARM, ALLOTMENTS & FOREST SCHOOL

We are incredibly lucky to have such wonderful learning spaces at Yew Tree including our own farm, allotments and Forest School.

Our website contains information about the use of these areas. Click [HERE](#) to find out about the farm & allotments and [HERE](#) to find out about Forest School.

TESCO FRUIT & VEG SCHEME

We are delighted that, following a nomination to the scheme, we have been awarded £9,000 to use in the Tesco Fruit & Veg scheme this year.

We are using this to create fruit stations in school, support food technology (cookery) and other curriculum activities.

PTA

Don't forget that today is your final chance to purchase tickets for our PTA Firework Night on **03.11.26**. Tickets can be purchased [HERE](#).

All parents/carers are automatically members of our PTA. However, we hope as many of you as possible will come along to the AGM, at **2.15pm** on **MONDAY**, to talk about how you can support and get involved in their work this coming year.

CYCLE TO SCHOOL WEEK

Next week is national '[Cycle to School](#)' week. It would be great to see as many of our children cycle or scooter their route to school.

Please do remember that we are not responsible for bikes left in our storage areas (Birchfield Way or Planetree Rd) and that all bikes/scooters must be taken home each night.

GOVERNOR NEWS

As you are aware, we recently welcomed Zaynab Mulla to our Governing Body as the new parent governor. We are sure she will make a valued contribution to our Board.

Information about our governors, their responsibilities and any contact details are available on our website [HERE](#).



CONCERNS & QUERIES

Our website contains lots of information which will provide answers to the most common queries we get sent:

www.yewtreeprimary.co.uk

If families do still have questions or concerns, they are advised to contact class teachers directly or speak to the most relevant leader. You can view our leadership responsibilities [HERE](#).

Please be aware, you may be directed towards the correct member of staff if you have not followed the correct channels.

TRIP PAYMENTS

We publish information about our trips ahead of each academic year. In case you missed it, the trips overview is available [HERE](#).

Don't forget that, as we have already subsidised the trips as much as we can, the costs we ask parents/carers for really are needed. We do not make a profit on trips!

To be clear, if we do not collect enough payments from families, trips simply cannot go ahead.

Check out individual trip letters, available on our website [HERE](#), to find out payment deadlines if your child has a trip. You can pay in £1 instalments up to the deadline.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
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
07.10.26	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm or 5.30pm	23.10.26	Y5 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
08.10.26	Boys' football match – AWAY – 3.30pm	23.10.26	Break up for HALF TERM
09.10.26	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	31.10.26	Deadline for secondary applications
13.10.26	Flu vaccinations – YR – Y6	02.11.26	Start of AUTUMN 2
14.10.26	Y2 Columbus & Armstrong workshop	02.11.26	PTA meeting – 2.30pm
16.10.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	03.11.26	Y2 PANTS sessions – 9.00am