YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RHE Curriculum…

All schools are required to teaching 'Relationship & Health Education' (RHE) within their curriculum. RHE is taught in our PSHE lessons and covers many areas such as families, friendships, online safety, health & fitness, first aid, developing bodies etc.

As RHE is a mandatory subject, which we are legally required to teach, parents/carers do not have the right to withdraw from these sessions. However, we consult with families any time there are key changes. You can read more about our RHE curriculum, and our consultation from April 2026, at the bottom of the PSHE page on our website HERE.

Where appropriate, we utilise the expertise of visiting staff to support the delivery of our RHE curriculum. For example, Y4 recently had a visit from West Midlands Fire to support their fire safety awareness and Y3 & Y4 work with an organisation called Power Medics for their first aid lessons.

After half term, Sandwell School Nursing team will be visiting to work with children in YR (oral hygiene & germs), Y2 (NSPCC PANTS), Y3 & Y4 (healthy eating), Y5 (puberty & changing bodies) & Y6 (emotional health).If your child is in Y5, please remember you are invited to a meeting on **03.11.26** at **2.30pm** so you can find out more about the puberty sessions.

As always, if you have any questions about the curriculum, please speak to your child's class teacher who will be glad to talk this through with you.

Jamie Barry

Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

We were delighted to hear that our attendance for 2025/26 was in the top 25% of similar schools nationally.

This is a fantastic achievement and could indicate why our Y6 SATs results last year were the best they have ever been. Remember, attendance really does matter!

CLOTHING & UNIFORM

We are really grateful for the support of so many parents/carers in ensuring children attend school in the correct uniform each day.

Information about our Clothing & Uniform Policy is available HERE so please do take a moment to review this. It contains information about clothing/uniform (inc. PE kit), hairstyles and jewellery. As always, if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

Please ensure that children wear **plain black** shoes/trainers at all times and please ensure any jewellery, if worn, is in line with the policy and can be removed independently for PE.

Our PTA do stock some pre-loved uniform. This will be available at key PTA events during the year but you can message, via our office, if you need to access this at any other point (for a small cost).

PTA FIREWORK NIGHT

In a recent newsletter, we communicated the wrong deadline for purchasing PTA Firework Night tickets. The correct deadline is:

FRIDAY 23rd OCTOBER

This will be the final date to buy tickets for our event, which takes place on 03.11.26, so don't miss out and get them HERE!

SEND COFFEE MORNING

Don't forget that our next SEND Coffee morning takes place on:

FRIDAY 16th OCTOBER at **9.00am**

This is an informal opportunity to meet our inclusion team and get to know other parents/carers of children with SEND.

CLUBS & INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

We are proud to be able to offer our children access to a wide range of clubs (inc. gardening, boxing, art etc) and instrumental tuition sessions (inc. violin, guitar, trumpet & clarinet).

We do have a small number of spaces left within this provision. Therefore, do click the hyper links above for details and do get in touch with our office if your child is interested in taking up a space.

SAFER TRAVEL

Don't forget the clocks go **BACK ONE HOUR**, on:

SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER

As this means nights will be darker, please note that ALL CHILDREN will have to be picked up from after school clubs (even if they have Safer Travel) from the start of next half term.

PARENTS' EVENING

We are looking forward to meeting parents/carers at our forthcoming Parents' Evening on:

WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER

Please remember these appointments are online (using Zoom) so links will be sent to you, if they haven't already, by 16.10.26.

WRAP AROUND UPDATE

Thank you for the survey responses to our consultation regarding wrap around care.

We have now reviewed these with Junior Adventure Group, the company who would support this provision, and believe there is scope in pursuing this idea further.

Therefore, we are now reviewing a business case and shall take this to our governing Board in the next month or so. We aim to update you of next steps by Christmas and any provision, if it goes ahead, will start in the summer term.

ROAD SAFETY

At Yew Tree, we work closely with Sandwell's road safety team to support our curriculum offer. We recognise this is an important part of ensuring children are safe.

However, we also recognise the role that parents/carers play in educating their children about road safety. Therefore, we would urge families to review the road safety materials on our website HERE and share these with your children too.

In addition to educating children, I would like to further remind parents/carers of the importance of parking safely during drop off and pick up.



DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
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 – AM
16.10.26	Zoom links for Parents' Eve published	03.11.26	YR 'Hands & Teeth' sessions – AM
19.10.26	EYFS Forest School sessions start	03.11.26	Y6 emotional health sessions – PM
21.10.26	Parents' Evening (online) – 3.30pm+	03.11.26	Y5 parents' meeting (puberty) – 2.30pm
23.10.26	Non-uniform day - £1 per child	03.11.26	PTA Firework event – 4.45pm
23.10.26	Y3 Edgmond Hall trip	04.11.26	YR & Y6 height & weight checks
23.10.26	Y5 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	04.11.26	Y3 class assemblies – PM
23.10.26	Break up for **HALF TERM**	05.11.26	Theme Lunch: Bonfire Night

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