



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Attendance Matters...

This week, I posted a reminder on Class Dojo about the importance of attendance at school. The image I shared exemplifies what your child's attendance % means in terms of actual days of lost learning. For example, a child with 94% attendance will lose approximately 11 days of learning across the year.

When you remember that children only attend school for 38 weeks in a year (when you remove INSET days), that is a significant amount of lost learning. Similarly, if your child is late to school, those minutes equally add up very quickly and make it harder for your child to settle into class and do their best (when they will have missed key introductions which creates gaps in knowledge).

Research shows that children who attend school regularly do better academically and, indeed, in later life. We saw that with our Y6 children first hand last year. Their attendance was consistently some of the best in the school and, consequently, we saw the best academic outcomes in Y6 SATs that we have ever seen in the history of Yew Tree.

Our teachers are amazing but they are not magicians. As good as they are, they simply will not be able to help your child achieve and thrive if they are not at school. Please do work with us, to ensure your child achieves their best, by sending them regularly and not allowing bad habits, of non-attendance, be created.

Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Do you know what your child's attendance % means?

Click the image below to find out more...



SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

Our vision of 'Learning Without Limits' is clear that our community matters. We know that, to achieve the best for our children, we need to work closely with families and community members.

As a Best Start Family Hub Spoke, we provide a range of services and sessions as part of our outreach work with families. You can find out more about this work via our website [HERE](#).

In addition to this, we have also got access to the Brenda Dearden Community Chest (one-off supermarket vouchers), Black Country Food Bank (we are an accredited referral for families who need support) and also a supply of bus passes.

If you believe these services could support you, please contact our ECM team via the office. As access is limited, they will triage and allocate resources accordingly.

HALF TERM

As you know, we break up for half-term today and children return to school on:

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

During the break, if you need access to any support services, please remember to check out the signposting page of the website [HERE](#).

CLOCK CHANGES

As you will be aware, as it is the end of British Summer Time, the clocks go back 1 hour on **SUNDAY 25th OCTOBER** at 2.00am.

As we have previously explained, as the nights will be darker earlier, any child attending clubs next half term will have to be picked up regardless of Safer Travel consent.

SPRING TERM CLUBS

We have recently sent home letters with details of any clubs for the Spring term. In case you missed this, or it is buried at the bottom of your child's bag, a copy has been posted to our website [HERE](#).

The deadline for returning your application slip is:

MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER at 9.00am

CLASS DOJO

Each day, children earn Dojo points based on where they end up on the Zone Board in class (e.g. Bronze = 1, Silver = 2, Gold = 5). Each half term, children can achieve their Values badge if they collect enough cumulative points.

You can check your child's points by selecting their profile in the top left-hand corner of Class Dojo.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers, to the first of our class assemblies for this year, after half-term for Y3 (**04.11.26**) and Y5 (**11.11.26**) at the following times:

Class A – 1.30pm

Class B – 2.00pm

Class C – 2.30pm



SANDWELL SCHOOL NURSING TEAM

As we have previously communicated, after half term, Sandwell School Nursing team will be visiting school to support our Personal, Social & Health Education (PSHE) lessons.

The sessions will focus on:

- YR – hands & teeth
- Y2 – NPSCC PANTS
- Y3 & Y4 – healthy eating
- Y5 – puberty
- Y6 – emotional health

Y5 parents/carers are invited to meet, on **03.11.26 at 2.30pm**, about the Y5 sessions.

PTA NEWS

We are really grateful for the work of our PTA. As well as bringing the community together, they raise invaluable funds for our school.

You can find out about the money they raised, and how it has supported school, on their website page [HERE](#).

They have recently donated £3,000 to school which we are going to use towards the installation of some air conditioning units in our main hall. This will help provide a 'cool space' during periods of excessive heat.

We hope lots of you will join us for the PTA firework event on **03.11.26** (last chance to buy tickets [HERE](#) today) and their next meeting on **02.11.26 at 2.30pm**.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
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
31.10.26	Deadline for secondary applications	05.11.26	Y3 & Y4 healthy eating sessions – AM
02.11.26	Start of AUTUMN 2	05.11.26	Y5 puberty sessions – PM
02.11.26	PTA meeting – 2.30pm	06.11.26	Y2 camping balances – DUE today
03.11.26	Y2 PANTS sessions – AM	06.11.26	Chit Chat session for parents – 9.00am
03.11.26	YR 'Hands & Teeth' sessions – AM	11.11.26	Remembrance Silence – 11.00am
03.11.26	Y6 emotional health sessions – PM	11.11.26	Y5 class assemblies – PM
03.11.26	Y5 parents' meeting (puberty) – 2.30pm	12.11.26	YR vision screening checks