YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Christmas 2026…

This week, we have published our Christmas Countdown so parents/carers have advance notice of dates/times for Christmas activities & performances. In case you missed this, the letter is available on our website HERE.

We work really hard to provide our children with a magical Christmas experience. However, unfortunately, this is just not possible without financial contributions from families. Therefore, we ask for £5 per child to help cover the costs. We appreciate this is a lot, which is why we are giving as much notice as possible, but this will give the children:

- A visit from Father Christmas to every class in the school
- Christmas raffle prizes and party game prizes
- A Panto experience (from a professional company) for every child
- Access to the PTA Christmas Fayre with activities, stalls, games & prizes

Our panto performance is only a couple of weeks away now, on Friday 20th November, so do click HERE to make your Christmas payments ASAP.

We shall post reminders as we get closer to Christmas. However, do remember that you should order your child's Christmas lunch by **Wednesday 2nd December** at the latest. Finally, do keep an eye out for details of the PTA non-uniform days which are held in the run up to the Christmas Fayre (23rd November, 30th November & 7th December).

Jamie Barry

Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Our Attendance Shop opens, for the first time this year, at the end of this term. Click the image below to find out how this works.



UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL (RRS)

Yew Tree is an accredited 'Unicef Rights Respecting School'. You can find out more about what this means on our website HERE.

We have currently achieved the Bronze award so Ms Horsley (our Unicef leader) is now working towards achieving our Silver award.

As a UNICEF Rights Respecting School, we actively teach children about their rights and we work hard to put these into practice in everyday life.

On Monday 16th November, our children will enjoy a curriculum focus week exploring our UNICEF RRS work. Across the week, each year group will explore different articles from the UN Convention on the Rights of a Child. You can find out more about the articles HERE and it would be great for parents/carers to talk to children about these during our focus week.

THANK YOU

Once again, it was fantastic to see our community come together for another PTA Firework Night. As well as raising valuable funds for the school, this is also a great community event.

Thank you to Mrs Neville, Ms Turton & Ms Elkin-Ranger, in particular, for their work in organising this event.

YEAR GROUP INFORMATION

Don't forget that our website has year group pages with specific information relevant to your child's class.

The pages, which are available HERE, contain details of what your child is currently learning along with details of PE days, key staff and other relevant information.

LOCKDOWN DRILL

As part of their safety planning all schools, including Yew Tree, are required to practice different emergency drills during the year.

During the year, as well as practising fire drills, we also practice lockdown drills and off-site evacuations. For your information, and so you are not concerned if your child tells you about this, our next lock down drill is on **13.11.26**.

REMEMBRANCE

On Wednesday 11th November, at 11.00am, our whole school shall fall silent as part of the national remembrance memorial.

As well as commemorating this occasion with a - minute silence, our children will also be taught about the significance of the poppy. You can find out more about this HERE.

SPRING TERM CLUBS

Our deadline for spring term clubs has now passed and our admin team are currently organising the club groups.

If your child has been allocated a place in a club, you will be notified by **16.11.26** at the latest. However, places are only secured once payment is received (these are due by **30.11.26**).

CHIT CHAT

Each half term, our Family & Community Engagement [FACE] lead, Ms Melia, hosts a Chit Chat session for families.

The next Chit Chat session takes place this morning (06.11.26) at 9.00am.

Please do come along as the last session had nobody attend and, as the saying goes, "if you don't use it then you lose it".

Our Chit Chat sessions are an informal opportunity to come in to school for a coffee and a chat about all things Yew Tree.

STAFFING NEWS

As we have previously confirmed, Ms Law will be leaving our teaching team at Christmas to take up a new position as an early years' lecturer in further education.

We can now confirm that, following a rigorous selection process, we have appointed Ms Hayley Blewitt to our teaching team from January 2027.

Ms Blewitt joins us with lots of experience working in EYFS & KS1 classes. She has a wide range of knowledge and skills which, we know, will be an asset to our team.

Ms Blewitt is looking forward to meeting 1C during her visits this term.



DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
06.11.26	Y2 camping balances – DUE today	20.11.26	Children in Need charity day
06.11.26	Chit Chat session for parents – 9.00am	23.11.26	PTA non-uniform day 1: details to follow
11.11.26	Remembrance Silence – 11.00am	25.11.26	Y4 Frank Chapman residential starts
11.11.26	Y5 class assemblies – PM	25.11.26	Creative Arts Day – Christmas
12.11.26	YR vision screening checks	27.11.26	Flu vaccinations 'catch up' - YR – Y6
13.11.26	Y4 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	27.11.26	Mixed team football tournament – AM
13.11.26	Lock down drill – 11.00am	27.11.26	Y3 INSIRE session – 9.00am
16.11.26	FOCUS WEEK: UNICEF RRS	30.11.26	PTA non-uniform day 2: details to follow
16.11.26	Anti-Bullying Day	30.11.26	Spring club payments – DUE
18.11.26	Y3 visit to Edgmond Hall	02.12.26	Deadline to order Christmas lunch
20.11.26	PANTO DAY – Beauty & the Beast	04.12.26	Y6 Plas Gwynant – final payments DUE

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