



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Voice 21...

At Yew Tree, we recognise the importance of oracy as we understand the difference it will make to children if they are effective speakers and listeners. We know that teaching oracy to children has many benefits including:

- Increasing pupil engagement in learning
- Improving academic outcomes
- Fostering wellbeing & confidence
- Supporting transitions and enhancing employability
- Equipping pupils to thrive in democratic & civic life
- Promoting social equity

We already teach our children oracy through a range of subjects. However, as we recognise the incredible value of this work, we are going to be focusing strongly on this next academic year (more details will follow closer to September). To support our work, we are delighted to have been accepted as a partner with an organisation called Voice 21.

Voice 21 is a UK charity and they work with schools to transform oracy education in their settings. Recently, Ms Sherwood, Ms Walker-Laver and I had the privilege of hearing from schools that work with Voice 21 so we are very excited about our future partnership with this charity.

Do keep an eye out for further details in the coming months but, for now, click [HERE](#) to find out more about what it means to be a Voice 21 school.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

*"Be in to win...!"*

This is a very short half term with only 25 school days (less than that now if you discount this week).

**25 Days to go**

Please ensure you make every day count this half term by ensuring children attend on time each day.

### SEND COFFEE MORNING

As always, we look forward to welcoming parents/carers of SEND children to our next coffee morning which takes place on:

**FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH at 9.00am**

Please do come along for a coffee, catch up and chat with other parents/carers about all things related to SEND.

During this meeting, Ms Walker-Laver (Inclusion Leader) will be sharing some information about the Government's recent SEND reform announcement.

In case you missed this, or can't make the coffee morning, click [HERE](#) for details of what these changes mean. However, please do not worry or panic about any changes. This is a 'White Paper' and consultation so, as any changes come into effect, we will let you know.

### NURSERY ADMISSIONS

Today is the deadline for Nursery applications for 26/27 (we will accept applications after today but they may go on to a waiting list if places are full).

We aim to offer places by the end of this half term. Therefore, do look out for offer letters coming out no later than **FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MARCH.**

### LOST PROPERTY

We often end up with HUGE amounts of lost property. Please do ensure that your child's uniform, coats & belongings are labelled as we can return items when we know who it belongs to.

Parents/carers can pop to the office if they are ever looking for mislaid items.

### DECCA ASSEMBLIES

For your information, [DECCA](#) will be delivering assemblies to Y1 - Y6 children on **10.03.26**.

These assemblies support our PSHE curriculum and will be focused on the following:

- Y1 & Y2 – raise awareness of medicine
- Y3 & Y4 – raise awareness of tobacco
- Y5 & Y6 – raise awareness of vapes

### NATIONAL SECONDARY OFFER DAY

If your child is in Y6, you will be aware that the national offer day for secondary places is on **MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> MARCH 2026**.

Unfortunately, if parents/carers choose to appeal the offer, staff cannot write support letters. Any appeals have to be based on school admissions codes and we have to remain impartial.

### FIRE SAFETY

We are currently reviewing our fire risk assessment. Due to the risk of fire from lithium batteries, we request that **electric bikes or scooters are NOT brought on to site at any time.**

If any electric bikes or scooters are left in bike sheds/storage, they will be removed from our site team for safety reasons.



### EASTER ACTIVITIES

We would like to give you advance notice that our Easter celebration day is on:

#### MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH

Whilst entirely optional, on this day, children can bring a decorated Easter bonnet or egg (ensuring the eggshell is empty) for our PTA competition where they can win a range of chocolate prizes.

In addition, our PTA will be organising the Wonka bar sale again. Do keep an eye out for further details in the coming weeks but note the date and start getting creative!

### WORLD BOOK DAY & READING

Don't forget that World Book Day takes place next week on:

#### THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH

Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day. This is not compulsory but, we must stress, this is not a general non-uniform day so we do ask that children are able to talk about the book character they represent.

In addition to World Book Day, as part of the National Year of Reading, we have organised an online book shop [HERE](#). Do place your orders by **18.03.26**.

| DATE     | EVENT                                 | DATE     | EVENT                                    |
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| 27.02.26 | Deadline to apply for Nursery places  | 09.03.26 | Annual surveys OPEN (close: <b>FRI</b> ) |
| 27.02.26 | YR INSPIRE session – 9.00am           | 10.03.26 | DECCA assemblies – Y1 – Y6               |
| 02.03.26 | National Secondary Offer Day          | 10.03.26 | RA Mothers' day session – 2.20pm         |
| 03.03.26 | Y1 trip payment deadline – 9.00am     | 10.03.26 | Boys' football match – HOME              |
| 04.03.26 | Y1 class assemblies - PM              | 11.03.26 | Lockdown (invacuation) drill - AM        |
| 04.03.26 | Play Leader training – session 2      | 11.03.26 | RB Mothers' day session – 2.20pm         |
| 05.03.26 | World Book Day (inc. theme lunch)     | 12.03.26 | YN Mothers' day session – 10.40am        |
| 05.03.26 | Girls' football match – AWAY – 3.00pm | 12.03.26 | RC Mothers' day session – 2.20pm         |
| 06.03.26 | Deadline to order Mothers' Day gifts  | 12.03.26 | Girls' football match – HOME             |
| 06.03.26 | SEND coffee morning – 9.00am          | 13.03.26 | Annual surveys CLOSE – 9.00am            |
| 06.03.26 | YN INSPIRE session – 9.00am           | 13.03.26 | Plas Gwynant 26/27 deposits - DUE        |