



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times

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## Parent Partnership...

It was so lovely welcoming so many parents/carers into school this week for our spring term Parents' Evening. Your engagement with teachers is so vital in ensuring your child achieves during their time at our school. I hope you found these appointments useful in discussing the progress your child has made so far this year and understanding what their next steps are.

If you could not make it for any reason, our teachers will not necessarily be able to arrange an alternative appointment. However, they will have sent home a copy of the mid-year reports which we gave to those who attended. These reports simply contain factual information about your child's progress, effort/attitude and behaviour so far this academic year.

We never take for granted your trust in us to educate your child. Our staff will work tirelessly to ensure that every child achieves their very best. However, as my message last week emphasised, we simply cannot do this without you. You are a child's first educator so please do continue to ensure they attend school regularly, behave well while here and that you support them in being ready and independent at school.

Beyond Parents' Evening, we run different events throughout the year where you can support your child at school. This includes INSPIRE sessions, class assemblies and performance opportunities. Please do continue to attend these and never under-estimate what a difference this makes to your child.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



Our attendance **TARGET is 96%.**

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

As today is the last day of term, our shop will be open.

Click on the image below to find out what children can buy with their stamps.



## PTA SHOP - MOTHERS' DAY

As you may be aware, Mothers' Day is coming up on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Following the success of 'donuts for dads' in previous years, our PTA are now offering an online shop so that families can purchase a special gift for the mums, carers, nans or other special ladies in our families.

If you do wish to purchase a gift, please do so by **FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> MARCH** using the link [HERE](#) or by scanning the QR code below.



## TERM DATES

Please remember that children break up for half-term today as tomorrow is an INSET (training) day for staff.

We look forward to children returning, at the usual times, on:

**MONDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY**

## STAFFING NEWS

We are pleased to confirm that Ms Byron, who has taught at our school several times over the past few years, has been appointed to cover Ms Lawton's maternity leave.

Ms Lawton leaves us temporarily just after Easter and Ms Byron will look after 5C until the end of the academic year.

### SIGNPOSTING

During half-term, staff will be taking a well-deserved break so will not be available to reply to Dojo messages or emails.

However, if you do need any support during this time, don't forget to check out the range of services available to families via the signposting page of our website [HERE](#). We shall also keep an eye on our 'enquiries' email address periodically.

### WORLD BOOK DAY

In order to give advance notice, please note that children are invited to dress as their favourite book character, for World Book Day, on

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2026**

On that day, our catering team are also preparing a special theme lunch so don't forget to order.

### YR INSPIRE

Our Reception (YR) staff are looking forward to hosting their INSPIRE workshop on:

**FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY at 9.00am**

In order to help them organise this event, please remember to confirm your attendance using the booking link posted on Class Dojo.



### FAMILY HUBS SPOKE UPDATE

We are delighted with how well our work, as a Sandwell Family Hub Spoke, has started. It is great to see so many of the sessions, especially the Stay & Play sessions, well attended.

Please remember, our Family Hub Spoke sessions are not simply for parents/carers at Yew Tree. Therefore, do let friends and neighbours know and encourage them to attend to.

To find out more about the Spoke sessions we offer, or to book these, click [HERE](#).

### NURSERY INTAKE – SEPTEMBER 2026

If your child will be aged 3, by 1<sup>st</sup> September, don't forget to apply for a place in our Nursery. The deadline for applications is:



You can apply by collecting an application form from our office or by downloading a copy ([HERE](#)) and returning it to our admin team.

This year, due to a low birth rate, we have not opened our afternoon nursery group. Therefore, please don't delay in putting your application form in as we may only open a morning nursery if numbers are low.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
12.02.26	Attendance Shop – OPEN	03.03.26	Y1 trip payment deadline – 9.00am
12.02.26	Non-uniform day - £1 per child	04.03.26	Y1 class assemblies - PM
12.02.26	Break up for <b>HALF TERM</b>	04.03.26	Play Leader training – session 2
13.02.26	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed to pupils	05.03.26	World Book Day (inc. theme lunch)
23.02.26	Start of <b>SPRING 2</b>	05.03.26	Girls' football match – AWAY – 3.00pm
25.02.26	Play Leader training – session 1	06.03.26	Deadline to order Mothers' Day gifts
25.02.26	Brass group performance – 2.30pm	06.03.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
26.02.26	Y5 trip to Lower Drayton Farm	06.03.26	YN INSPIRE session – 9.00am
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