



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Ofsted Reflections...

As you will be aware, this week Ofsted visited us for a full inspection. As it is just over four years since our last inspection, we were expecting a visit. However, that doesn't make it any less nerve wracking or stressful so I want to congratulate my leaders and staff for their incredible work the past couple of days.

It is not possible for the outcomes of an inspection to be driven solely from the efforts during the two-day visit. They reflect the consistent hard work, focus and determination from the past four years. I hope that when you read the report, you will recognise this and will be able to see how the report has tried to capture all that makes our school special.

Beyond the staff, I would like to say well done to our children. As we knew they would, they welcomed the inspectors so well and really showed how brilliant Yew Tree is. Thank you also to our parents/carers for your wonderful messages of support and encouragement. As always, it was a pleasure seeing how everyone in the Yew Tree family pull together.

At this stage, we cannot give you any indication of the report outcomes as it has to go through a quality assurance process. I will update you ASAP when the report is ready to be published. Do remember, however, the inspection framework is brand new and the way grades are reported is different. Please click [HERE](#) to watch a short video explaining this.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

We are really excited that our Attendance Shop is opening again on:

THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY

Children will be able to exchange the stamps from their passports for a range of goodies. Click [HERE](#) to find out more about our 'Be in to Win' scheme.

RELATIONSHIPS & HEALTH EDUCATION

The Department for Education (DfE) have updated their statutory guidance for Relationships & Health Education (RHE) ahead of September 2026.

This means that, from next academic year, what we teach children in RHE (which is taught through PSHE) will change. We have recently updated our PSHE & RHE Policy, in line with the new guidance, and have added that to our website along with the DfE statutory guidance and a document summarising any key changes between current content and new content.

Please do take a look at these on the PSHE page of our website [HERE](#).

When we have finalised curriculum materials for September, we shall communicate details of any consultation activities. However, please get in touch if you have any questions in the meantime.

RAGS TO RICHES

Don't forget that our next **Rags to Riches** collection takes place on:

THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY

The more we collect, the more money we raise for School Council to spend. You can send donations in from Monday until 9.00am on the collection day.

YOUNG VOICES

Following an earlier postponement, due to snow, our Choir finally made it to perform at Young Voices this week. They represented the school so well and it was a pleasure to see them experience this.

Thank you so much to the staff and parents/carers who supported this event.

PTA NEWS

We are very grateful to our PTA and, of course, to parents/carers for their support.

As a result of their fundraising efforts, they have recently donated £3,000 to school which we shall be using to support a project which gives external access to our sports' field. This will make it easier for community events, sports' days etc. We shall keep you posted with any progress.

WBA FOUNDATION

Unfortunately, for reasons which were unanticipated, West Brom Albion Foundation are no longer able to fulfil their commitment to our school until July (as anticipated).

This means that there will be **NO MULTI-SPORTS** clubs next half term onwards. We are trying to secure alternatives for the summer term.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Our next non-uniform day takes place on:

THURSDAY 12th FEBRUARY

On this day, children are welcome to wear non-uniform in return for a £1 donation per child. All money raised goes into our School Fund to support wider activities and events at the school.



SAFER INTERNET DAY

At Yew Tree, we regularly teach our children about online safety. We also provided guidance and support to parents/carers, which is available [HERE](#), to help them keep children safe online.

Each year, we also support Safer Internet Day within our PSHE & computing curriculum. This year, the focus is around responsible use of AI.

Our children will be involved in this work during WB: 09.02.26 and, if you want to find out more, speak to their teacher or click the link [HERE](#).

HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

As you will be aware, in line with current regulations, holidays or unauthorised absence in term time is not allowed.

As a school, we have a responsibility to discourage this as well as to take action where thresholds are met for unauthorised absence. This involves making referrals for penalty notices or prosecution.

This is always a last resort and the school does NOT benefit financially from these referrals. We would urge parents/carers to consider the consequences carefully, before booking holidays, as fines increase or lead to prosecution in some cases.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
30.01.26	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	12.02.26	Non-uniform day - £1 per child
04.02.26	Girls' football team – finals - AM	12.02.26	Break up for HALF TERM
04.02.26	Y2 class assemblies - PM	13.02.26	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
05.02.26	Rags to Riches collection day	23.02.26	Start of SPRING 2
09.02.26	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK	25.02.26	Brass group performance – 2.30pm
09.02.26	Y4 trip to Coombe Abbey	26.02.26	Y5 trip to Lower Drayton Farm
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day	27.02.26	Deadline to apply for Nursery places
10.02.26	Deadline for Y2 trip payments	27.02.26	YR INSPIRE session – 9.00am
11.02.26	School CLOSING at 1.00pm	02.03.26	National Secondary Offer Day
11.02.26	Parents' Evening – 1.30pm – 6.30pm	03.03.26	Y1 trip payment deadline – 9.00am
12.02.26	Attendance Shop – OPEN	04.03.26	Y1 class assemblies - PM