



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Educational Visits (Trips)...

We recognise that the cost of educational visits (trips) is significant. However, when we have previously consulted with parents/carers, the vast majority want these to continue as they agree that they do add value to the children's education.

As a school, we do all we can to minimise the cost of any visit and we have searched carefully to find the best trips but balancing that against price. However, please remember that the cost is not simply entrance to a venue but also transport (which is a huge cost) and activities during the visit. I can assure everyone we **DO NOT** make a profit on any trips.

In order to support families, we limit any paid trips to one per year (and only for Y1 – Y6) and we book these in advance of each academic year so that families can pay in instalments (of £1 increments) to spread the cost. This was communicated in June/July, as you can see [HERE](#), to give as much notice as possible of the trips coming up.

We do recognise that some families really struggle to pay but we are concerned that some are only telling us they won't pay as they don't have to. We legally cannot exclude children from educational visits for non-payments so, if we do not collect enough payments from families, it really does jeopardise the opportunity for children to attend these trips altogether. Therefore, please do make payments where you can for trips.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance **TARGET** is **96%**.

"Be in to win...!"

Don't forget that the school day starts at 8.50am. If children arrive later than that, they are late.



If children arrive beyond 9.20am (30mins after school starts) we have to register this as an absence.

WEBSITE

Our website is available at:

www.yewtreeprimary.co.uk

We really encourage families to look at this as it contains lots of useful information including:

- Information about our curriculum, assessment and SEND provision
- A calendar, which you can subscribe to, with all relevant dates
- Copies of any letters emailed home
- Year group pages with information about PE days, staffing and other useful information
- Quick links to all the sites parents/carers may need to access
- Details of clubs & wrap around providers
- Signposting to other services which may be useful for families

EMERGENCY CONTACTS

It is really important that parents/carers ensure that contact details (inc. those for emergency contacts) are always up-to-date on Arbor. You can access the app or visit the Arbor website [HERE](#).

This means that we can always get hold of somebody in an emergency and also that you do not miss out on vital communication.

SEND COFFEE MORNING

Our next SEND coffee morning takes place on:

FRIDAY 30th JANUARY at 9.00am

These coffee mornings are an opportunity for parents/carers, of children with SEND, to come together for a chat with one another as well as to meet our inclusion team.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Well done to Y3 for some wonderful class assemblies this week. We were very proud of you.

Y2 are now looking forward to welcoming their parents/carers to their assemblies on **WEDNESDAY 4th FEBRUARY** at:

2A – 1.30pm, **2B** – 2.00pm, **2C** – 2.30pm

You do not need to book to attend class assemblies.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

This week, our girls' team represented Yew Tree in the finals of their football tournament. We are so proud of their efforts to get to this point as they have shown dedication and teamwork in every match they have played.

Although they did not win the final, their performance has been incredible throughout.

SUMMER CLUBS

As you will be aware, we are currently trying to expand our range of extra-curricular provision by working with a company called Edubox.

This means we could offer musical theatre, dance and art clubs in addition to our current offer. Therefore, please register your interest [HERE](#) by **MONDAY 26th JANUARY**.



POSITIVE HANDLING

Within all schools, there are occasions where staff may need to use positive handling, reasonable force or restrictive interventions in order to keep children safe and maintain an orderly environment.

If positive handling is used, it is always in a last resort and is supported by staff training, policies and procedures.

We have recently updated our [Positive Handling Policy](#), in line with the latest advice from the Department for Education. Please do get in touch with any questions or comments.

PARENTS' EVENING

We are looking forward to meeting parents/carers on:

WEDNESDAY 11th FEBRUARY

If you have not yet made an appointment, please do so ASAP as we regret that staff will not be able to accommodate appointments on different days simply where you have forgotten to book.

During Parents' Evening, you will have the opportunity to look at your child's books as well as being given a summary of their progress in a short mid-year report. Our catering company, Dolce, will also be present for some of the afternoon with tasters.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
23.01.26	Y1 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	09.02.26	NO CLUBS THIS WEEK
23.01.26	Family Hub Stay & Play sessions start	09.02.26	Y4 trip to Coombe Abbey
27.01.26	Y4 trip to Dudley Zoo	10.02.26	Safer Internet Day
27.01.26	YN story parent session – 9.00am	10.02.26	Deadline for Y2 trip payments
27.01.26	RA reading parent session – 2.20pm	11.02.26	School CLOSING at 1.00pm
28.01.26	RB reading parent session – 2.20pm	11.02.26	Parents' Evening – 1.30pm – 6.30pm
29.01.26	RC reading parent session – 2.20pm	12.02.26	Attendance Shop – OPEN
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