



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yew Tree Times

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Merry Christmas...

Over the past week, we have enjoyed some wonderful Christmas performances from our children. Our EYFS impressed us with their nativity performance last Friday and our Y1 – Y6 children equally so in their Christmas concerts yesterday. Well done to everyone involved – you were stars! We hope you enjoyed seeing your children shine in the way they did.

I would also like to express my thanks and gratitude to the staff. Christmas is a very busy time in school as there are lots of extra events which take place in addition to the normal teaching workload. Our staff have balanced these demands well and I am grateful for their relentless dedication to our children.

I must also say a special thank you to our PTA members, especially Mrs Neville & Ms Turton, who go above and beyond to help create a magical Christmas week which will create a lifetime of memories for our children. This thank you extends to visitors who have supported the week, e.g. Father Christmas and Wot's Next music group for some wonderful performances.

As this is the final newsletter before we break up, I would like to say thank you to our parents/carers for your donations & support too. I wish everybody in the Yew Tree family a very Merry Christmas. However you are choosing to spend the holiday, I hope you all enjoy some quality time with your families and manage to rest and recharge ahead of next term. We look forward to seeing children return to school on **MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2026**.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Lots of our children have enjoyed their visit to the Attendance Shop this week.



Well done to everyone who secured enough stamps to make a purchase this time.

UNICEF UPDATE

We are proud to be a UNICEF Rights Respecting School (RRS). You can find out more about what this means by taking a look at our dedicated website page [HERE](#).

Since starting our UNICEF RRS journey, back in June 2025, Ms Hughes has led our staff and children in embedding this work across our school.

Our work now includes:

- Class charters used in classes to help children understand about rights and responsibilities
- UNICEF themed assemblies covering the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child
- Newsround & global news discussions so children understand about the world they live in

Keep an eye out for further developments in the coming months.

GOLD BOOK

This morning, we are hosting our autumn term Gold Book assemblies. These are very special as they recognise children who have really gone above and beyond in some way!

Congratulations to everyone who has been nominated for an award this term. We are very proud of you all.

PRIME VR

If your child is in Y3 or Y6, please remember that they will be immersing themselves in their topics through virtual reality (VR) when we return in January.

Please remember to read the H&S guidance posted on Dojo and to speak to your child's teacher if they have epilepsy or any condition which could be affected by VR.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Recently, using donations from staff, some of our School Council visited Braeburn House to share our Christmas community hampers.

The residents of Braeburn House were very grateful for these donations but were also VERY complimentary about the behaviour and attitudes of the children who attended on our behalf. Well done to everyone involved.

STATUTORY ASSESSMENT MEETINGS

Don't forget, when we return, that we are hosting the following meetings about statutory assessments for children this year:

- Y6 SATS – 07.01.26 – 2.30pm
- Y4 MTC – 08.01.26 – 2.30pm
- Y1 PSC – 14.01.26 – 2.30pm

CLUBS

Please remember that our clubs for the spring term start in the first week back with the exception of Y5/Y6 multi-sports (which starts in the **second week back**).

Places are only secured where payments, if required, were made. Please liaise with the office if you have any questions about this.



ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

If your child is due to start Reception in September 2026, please remember that the deadline to apply for places is:

THURSDAY 15th JANUARY

It is really important you make your applications in time to secure your child's place. Don't forget that, even if your child attends our Nursery, you **MUST** still apply as children do not automatically transfer.

Don't forget to share this [video](#) and tell people that we have places available in some other year groups too.

PARKING

We know the roads around school can get really busy at drop off and pick up. However, please can we remind everyone of the importance of parking safely, legally and in a respectful manner.

It saddens and worries me that, despite numerous reminders, we still have individuals choosing to park on road markings (which restrict parking), on pavements & grass verges or even just stopping in the road and blocking traffic.

Parents/carers have use of a car park at the back of school so please do make use of this if you can't find space to park on the road.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
19.12.25	Non-Uniform Day (Christmas jumpers)	12.01.26	Parents' Evening booking links – OPEN
19.12.25	Gold Book assemblies – AM	14.01.26	Y1 PSC meeting – 2.30pm
19.12.25	Break up for CHRISTMAS	15.01.26	Deadline to apply for YR (26/27) places
05.01.26	Start of SPRING 1	15.01.26	Y1 Great Fire of London workshops
05.01.26	Prime VR experiences – Y6 & Y3	16.01.26	Chat Chat session – 9.00am
07.01.26	Y6 SATs meeting – 2.30pm	19.01.26	PTA meeting – 2.30pm
08.01.26	Young Voices concert day	20.01.26	Y4 SPARKS sessions – PM
08.01.26	Y4 MTC meeting – 2.30pm	21.01.26	Girls' football team – finals – PM
09.01.26	Y2 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	21.01.26	Y3 class assemblies - PM
12.01.26	Y6 Plas Gwynant residential week	22.01.26	Deadline for Y5 trip payments
12.01.26	Deadline for Y4 trip payments	23.01.26	Y1 INSPIRE session – 9.00am