



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times

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## Christmas Week...

Although we have published much of this information already, as next week is 'Christmas Week', I thought it would be useful to summarise key activities:

**MON** – Father Christmas Zoom call, PTA Christmas Fayre & Market

**TUES** – Y3 recorder assembly & Christmas lunch day

**WED** – Wot's Next shows & Christmas party day (with a surprise visitor)

**THURS** – Y1 – Y6 Christmas concerts & Attendance Shop opens

**FRI** – Christmas jumper day & Gold Book assemblies

Our [Christmas Countdown](#) letter has more specific information but do take a look at the pinned post on our Twitter page (by clicking [HERE](#)) which takes you through Christmas Week, day by day, with as much detail as possible.

We regret that we could not provide such a wide range of activities without your financial support. Therefore, we are really grateful to those who have purchased Christmas tickets. Please remember that **children can only access the Christmas Fayre on Monday if they have a ticket** so, if you haven't done so already, click [HERE](#) to do this before Monday.

Finally, thank you to our PTA for their support in organising lots of our Christmas Week activities – we couldn't do this without you!

*Mr Jamie Barry*



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

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

Although it is the final week of term next week, and there are lots of exciting Christmas activities, learning still also continues as usual.

Therefore, please ensure you prioritise attendance right until the end of term.

Every day really does count!

## JUST 5 MINUTES...

We understand that there are occasions where children may be late. However, this is a concern if it happens regularly as it really impacts learning.

Often, we hear comments like, *"it is just 5 minutes!"* when a child is late. However, please remember how quickly this time adds up. Just **5mins** late each day is **25mins in a week** which would total over **16hrs in a year**. This is the equivalent of nearly **3 days of learning missed!**

PUNCTUALITY MATTERS!		
MINUTES LATE PER DAY DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR		APPROXIMATE NUMBER OF DAYS TEACHING LOST IN A YEAR
5 mins	EQUALS	3 days
10 mins		6 days
15 mins		9 days
20 mins		12 days
30 mins		18 days

We want children to achieve their best but we really can't support them if they are not here!

## YOUNG VOICES

Our Choir are looking forward to their Young Voices concert experience on:

**THURSDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026**

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for details of any final arrangements if your child is in the choir. Any tickets ordered have been transferred, via AXS, for you to download.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are very proud of our girls' football team and, of course, their coaches (Mr Latham and Ms Neville) who have secured another win in their latest tournament.

They are now through to the next round of the tournament, organised by West Brom Albion, after winning every match!

#UpTheTrees

### GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

At the end of next week, Ms Hudd leaves us to start her new career and Ms Griffiths leaves us to start her retirement.

We wanted to take the opportunity to thank them both for their dedicated service to our school and our community. We shall miss them lots but wish them lots of love and luck for their future adventures.

### UNIFORM

Please remember that, unless it is an advertised non-uniform day, that children wear uniform at all times. This includes **PLAIN BLACK** shoes/trainers as per our Clothing & Uniform Policy which is available [HERE](#).

If your child doesn't have the correct uniform we trust your support to resolve this ASAP.

### CLUBS

Please remember that there are **NO CLUBS** next week as it is the last week of term.

If your child has been allocated a place at one of our spring term clubs, please remember that payments are needed to secure the place by:

**MONDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**



### RECYCLING & FOOD WASTE

As a 'Green Flag' Eco School, we take our responsibility to look after the environment very seriously indeed.

Recently, we have introduced some new recycling stations around school as well as some new food waste bins on the playground. It is great to see our children and staff making such effective use of these.

If you are on our playground, please do take care to use the **BLACK** bins for general waste and **GREEN** bins for food waste. Further information about our Eco-Schools work is available [HERE](#).

### MODE SHIFT STARS & ACTIVE TRAVEL

We were pleased to recently receive our Modeshift STARS accreditation for our efforts to increase levels of walking, cycling and other forms of sustainable travel. Well done to Ms Beardsmore and everyone involved.

We actively encourage children, and their families, to walk/cycle to school as we know how good this is for the planet as well as for individual health.

Even if you have to drive to school, please remember to walk for some of the journey by parking in the car park (at the back of the school) and walking the final part. Further information about Active Travel is [HERE](#).

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
12.12.25	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am	18.12.25	Attendance Shop - OPEN
15.12.25	Father Christmas Zoom call – 9.30am	19.12.25	Non-Uniform Day (Christmas jumpers)
15.12.25	PTA Christmas Fayre & Market	19.12.25	Gold Book assemblies – AM
15.12.25	Deadline for SPRING club payments	19.12.25	Break up for <b>CHRISTMAS</b>
16.12.25	Y3 recorder assembly – 9.15am	05.01.26	Start of <b>SPRING 1</b>
16.12.25	Christmas lunch day	05.01.26	Prime VR experiences – Y6 & Y3
17.12.25	Party day/dressing up day	07.01.26	Y6 SATs meeting – 2.30pm
17.12.25	Wot's Next Music performances – AM	08.01.26	Young Voices concert day
18.12.25	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert – 9.15am	08.01.26	Y4 MTC meeting – 2.30pm
18.12.25	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert – 10.30am	09.01.26	Y2 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
18.12.25	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Concert – 2.00pm	12.01.26	Y6 Plas Gwynant residential week