



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Assessments...

Whilst we are in the middle of Christmas activities, it is easy to forget that the usual learning is happening in classes. However, please do remember the importance of children attending on time every day as staff continue to work really hard with the children to ensure they are making progress across all aspects of the curriculum.

Shortly after we return in January, staff will be undertaking a range of assessments with the children so that we have an up-to-date understanding of what children have learnt so far this year. We will share the details of these assessments with you at the spring term parents' evening (details about this will follow early in 2026).

Children in all year groups take part in various assessments throughout the year. However, some year groups undertake statutory assessments (which are set by the Government). To help you understand more about these assessments, and how you can support your child, we have arranged the following meetings for January 2026:

- **Y6 SATS** – 07.01.26 – 2.30pm
- **Y4 Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)** – 08.01.26 – 2.30pm
- **Y1 Phonics Screening Check (PSC)** – 14.01.26 – 2.30pm

We hope the relevant parents/carers can come along to join us for these important sessions.

Mr Jamie Barry



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

"Be in to win...!"

Our Attendance Shop next opens for the children on:

THURSDAY 18th DECEMBER

On this date, children can visit the shop to exchange their attendance stamps for goodies.

To find out more about the 'Be In to Win' scheme, click [HERE](#).

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE & MARKET

Thank you for your support with our PTA non-uniform days over the last couple of weeks. Our next, and final, non-uniform day is on **MONDAY** where children can bring in sweets, chocolates & biscuits for our forthcoming Christmas Fayre.

Our PTA Christmas Fayre then takes place, during the school day, the following week on:

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER

Please remember that children will only attend the Fayre where they have purchased Christmas tickets (which covers the panto, the Fayre and all other Christmas activities). It is not too late to purchase tickets using the link [HERE](#).

Our PTA Christmas Market takes place after school on that day and all are welcome, from **3.30pm – 4.30pm**, on our main playground.

STAFFING NEWS

As you know, we are excited that Mr Lockley will be joining our team of Teaching Assistants on the week after next. We are sure Y4 children will make him very welcome.

In addition, Ms Hawthorne will also be joining our team of Teaching Assistants in January providing some additional support to children in our Nursery.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Don't forget, our Christmas lunch is being served on:

TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER

If your child is in the juniors, so isn't required to have a meal routinely, **we cannot provide them with a meal on this date unless you have ordered today!**

KEY DATES

If you can see beyond the tinsel and trimmings, don't forget to note down [key dates](#) for January.

These include:

Y2 INSPIRE session –

09.01.26 – 9.00am

Y3 class assemblies –

21.01.26 –

1.30pm (3A), 2.00pm (3B) or 2.30pm (3C)

WOT'S NEXT MUSIC PERFORMANCE

As an extra special treat, during Christmas Week, we have organised music performances by a fabulous group called Wot's Next.

These performances will be a great chance for our children to get in the party spirit and have a sing along on **WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER**. Look out for pictures/videos on Twitter.

Y3 RECORDER PERFORMANCE

Our Y3 children have been working really hard in their weekly recorder sessions with Mr Shepherd this year.

They cannot wait to show parents/carers their progress in a special Y3 performance on: **TUESDAY 16th DECEMBER** at 9.15am You do not need to book and can just come along.



CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCES

We are looking forward to our Christmas performances at the following times:

- **YN & YR** – 12.12.25 – 9.30am
- **Y1 – Y2** – 18.12.25 – 9.15am
- **Y3 & Y4** – 18.12.25 – 10.30am
- **Y5 & Y6** – 18.12.25 – 2.00pm

If your child is in Y1 – Y6, as we can only admit one adult per child, it is vital you bring the ticket we have sent home. **We regret we cannot admit adults without this.** Any adults attending performances are asked to stay for the duration of the performance.

CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY

In the final week of term, our children will enjoy a Christmas party, on:

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER

Children are invited to wear party clothes to school on that day (flat shoes only). Our staff will be sending home information about any food donations requested by next Friday (12.12.25) at the latest.

Please remember, we don't need large amounts of food so please only send what is requested. Furthermore, please be aware that we can only accept packaged food so that we are aware of allergen information.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
05.12.25	Deadline for hamper/toy donations	17.12.25	Party day/dressing up day
05.12.25	Deadline for Y6 residential payments	17.12.25	Wot's Next Music performances – AM
05.12.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	18.12.25	Y1 & Y2 Christmas Concert – 9.15am
05.12.25	Deadline to order Christmas lunch	18.12.25	Y3 & Y4 Christmas Concert – 10.30am
08.12.25	PTA non-uniform day – sweets/chocs	18.12.25	Y5 & Y6 Christmas Concert – 2.00pm
12.12.25	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am	18.12.25	Attendance Shop - OPEN
15.12.25	Father Christmas Zoom call – 9.00am	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 CHRISTMAS
16.12.25	Y3 recorder assembly – 9.15am	05.01.26	Start of SPRING 1
16.12.25	Christmas lunch day	05.01.26	Prime VR experiences – Y6 & Y3