



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Yew Tree Times

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Christmas Updates...

We are now well into the festive season at school and our decorations are now up (do take a look at our [Twitter](#) feed to see some pictures). Children are getting ready for their Christmas performances and, as we move closer to the end of term, we shall post updates about our [Christmas Countdown](#).

As you know, we recently had a wonderful panto experience for the children to start our countdown. We are so grateful to everybody who made payment to help cover the cost of this. Remember, the £5 Christmas ticket covers the panto AND all other Christmas activities so, if you haven't paid, you can still do so by clicking the link [HERE](#).

We understand that money is tight but we really cannot run activities like this without your support. Unfortunately, **children will only be able to attend the PTA Christmas Fayre if they have purchased a Christmas ticket**. However, the Christmas market (which takes place on 15.12.25 at 3.30pm) is open for all to attend with parents/carers.

Please remember that if you wish to order a Christmas lunch for your child, you must place your orders on School Grid by next **FRIDAY** (05.12.25). Similarly, if you do wish to send donations for our family hampers & toy collection, please send these in next Friday too.

Finally, do keep an eye out next week for information about tickets ahead of the children's Christmas performances.

Mr Jamie Barry



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

"Be in to win...!"

Please remember, our school gates open at **8.40am** ready for the start of the school day at **8.50am**.



Please ensure children are on time as lateness does impact on their learning.

HAF & FSM VOUCHERS

Please note the following important information regarding HAF & FSM vouchers:

Holiday Activities & Food (HAF) –

These will be emailed to eligible families on **MONDAY 1st DECEMBER**. They provide FREE activities (with food provision) during the upcoming school holiday. Full details of the HAF scheme (inc. information about booking) is available [HERE](#).

Free School Meals (FSM) Vouchers -

The supermarket vouchers are funded by Sandwell Council and have now been emailed to eligible families. These are designed to support families during the upcoming school holiday. Please remember to claim the voucher online by **FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER**. You do not have to spend these immediately but it is important you have them downloaded ready to access.

THANK YOU

This week, lots of our Y4 children have enjoyed their residential experience at Sandwell's Frank Chapman Centre. There are lots of photos on our Twitter feed so take a look to see what fun they have had.

Thank you to Ms Fry, Ms Feist, Ms Lowe & Ms Parmar for giving up family time to support our children making these memories.

FAMILY HUBS SPOKE UPDATE

As a Sandwell Family Hub Spoke, we are delighted to have received funding to install a Buggy Bay.

This is being installed near our Bramley Rd entrance so that it can be used by families attending sessions in the Rainbow Room. To find out more about our Spoke provision, or to book on a session, click [HERE](#).

LUNCH ORDERS

Please can we stress the importance of pre-booking your child's lunch in advance. As food is cooked to order, children do get upset if they get to the counter and they cannot have the choice of options.

This is especially important for our Christmas lunch (which takes place on 16.12.25). Please ensure you make your orders for this by **FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER**.

CHRISTMAS JUMPERS

As you will have seen in our Christmas Countdown, our next non-uniform day is **FRIDAY 19th DECEMBER** (the last day of term).

However, on this day, instead of general non-uniform, we are asking children to wear Christmas jumpers/tops. Also, as it is Christmas, we **DO NOT** require any £1 donations for this.

SPRING CLUBS

We have now notified parents/carers of club offers for the spring term. We had a fantastic response and all clubs are oversubscribed.

Therefore, it is really important payments are made (where required) by **15th DECEMBER** or places not be secured and will be offered to the next child on the waiting list.



WEBSITE

Please remember that our website contains lots of useful information for families. This includes a school calendar, copies of letters, information about learning and quick links to sites you might need.

It also has a search feature on the home page to help you find what you are looking for as well as a translation button if another language is easier.

Our website can be accessed at:

www.yewtreeprimary.co.uk

HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Yew Tree is an accredited 'Healthy School'. You can find out more about what this means for us by looking at the Healthy Schools page on our website [HERE](#).

On this page, it also includes information about the School Food Policy and the Packed Lunch Policy.

As a reminder, of key parts, our infant children are not allowed to bring snacks (as they have free fruit) and junior children can only bring a healthy snack (or use the tuck shop). Also, children are only allowed to drink plain water in class but are allowed to bring a low-sugar cordial drink for play or lunch.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
28.11.25	Y3 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	15.12.25	PTA Christmas Fayre & Market
01.12.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day – filled mugs	15.12.25	Deadline for SPRING club payments
02.12.25	Peer Mediator meeting – PM	16.12.25	Y3 recorder assembly – 9.00am
03.12.25	WBA football tournament – girls	16.12.25	Christmas lunch day
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)