



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times



**14.11.25**

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## Yew Tree Family...

I would like to say a HUGE thank you to our PTA and team of volunteers for the fantastic success of our recent community firework night. It was such a wonderful evening and, as well as making money for the school, it was lovely seeing everyone together having fun.

I appreciate the time that many of you took to speak with me, or send me a message, passing on your appreciation and thanks too. One of the things that struck me most were how many people who commented about how proud they are to be part of Yew Tree and how lovely it was to be together as a community.

Since I took the job at this school, nearly 7 years ago, I have used every opportunity I can to ensure our families and community know how important they are. Our vision of 'Learning Without Limits' even states, "Yew Tree is a special place where our community matters..." so it was lovely to see this at our Firework event and know it also means the same to you all.

I often refer to our community as the Yew Tree family. I am realistic enough to know that, like in any family, sometimes we disagree or don't see eye to eye. However, when it matters, we are there for each other.

Thank you, as always, for placing the trust in us you do and for being such an important part of our school. Thank you too for the positivity and the way, like staff at the school, you take every opportunity to celebrate how fantastic our school is.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

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

Attendance is a national challenge and, at Yew Tree, something we work really hard to drive.

In light of this hard work, it was great to receive an award recently for being in the top 25% of similar schools for attendance in 24/25.

Well done to Ms Reed for driving this work in our school!

## UNICEF RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL

Last summer, under the leadership of Ms Hughes, we were delighted to have achieved the Bronze Unicef Rights Respecting School (RRS) award.

This means that we have committed to building a community where children's rights are heard, taught, practised, respected, protected and promoted. As this fits perfectly with our vision of 'Learning Without Limits' it seemed absolutely the right thing to do.

In practice, our children enjoy regular Unicef RRS assemblies as well as sessions in class to help them understand their rights as well as an understanding of their place in the world we live in.

Do take a look at our website page [HERE](#) to understand more about our Unicef RRS work and the Rights of the Child.

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Our Christmas lunch takes place on:  
**TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

As this is a busier day than usual for our kitchen staff, we are asking for any Christmas meal orders to be placed on School Grid by **9.00am** on **FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**. We will not be able to provide a meal if it has not been ordered by the deadline.

## Y3 INSPIRE SESSION

Our next INSPIRE session takes place, for Y3, at 9.00am on:

**FRIDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

INSPIRE sessions are a wonderful opportunity to see your child taught a key concept as well as work with them on something which will support their progress.

## ROBIN HOOD PANTO EXPERIENCE

Our [Christmas Countdown](#) really starts in a couple of weeks with our Robin Hood Panto on:

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

Please remember that our Christmas experience is only possible with your support. Therefore, to purchase your child's Christmas/panto ticket, please [CLICK HERE](#) before 21.11.25.

## DATA PROTECTION

As a school, we have to hold and process certain information about the children on roll and their families. Any information is managed in line with GDPR and data protection regulations.

For your information, our GDPR policies, procedures and privacy notices are available on our website [HERE](#).

## CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Well done to Y4 for their class assemblies this week. Our Y5 children and staff are now looking forward to their class assemblies on **WEDNESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER** at the following times:

5A – 1.30pm

5B – 2.00pm

5C – 2.30pm



## CLOTHING & UNIFORM

In line with the latest guidance and advice from the Department for Education, our Clothing & Uniform Policy has recently been updated. This is available on our website by [CLICKING HERE](#).

The policy has been updated to offer additional clarity around specific uniform items as well as clarify steps related to non-compliance.

Please do check the policy carefully to understand information about jewellery and hairstyles as well as clothing & uniform.

## CLUBS

We are really proud of the extra-curricular offer we have in place. It is great that our clubs offer a range of activities and are so popular with our children.

Ms Lawton, who leads on this area of our work, has recently finalised information for our Spring Term clubs. In case you missed the letter sent home, you can see a copy of this on our website [HERE](#).

If your child is interested in attending a club in January, please remember to return your application form by 9.00am on:

**FRIDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> NOVEMBER**

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
14.11.25	Children in Need Day	28.11.25	Y3 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
14.11.25	Chit Chat with School Nurse – 9.00am	01.12.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day – details TBC
14.11.25	Lock down drill – AM	02.12.25	Peer Mediator meeting – PM
19.11.25	Y5 class assemblies – PM	03.12.25	WBA football tournament – girls
20.11.25	School Council meeting – PM	05.12.25	Deadline for Y6 residential payments
21.11.25	Panto Day – Robin Hood	05.12.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
21.11.25	Deadline for SPRING club applications	05.12.25	Deadline to order Christmas lunch
24.11.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day – details TBC	08.12.25	PTA non-uniform day – details TBC
26.11.25	Y4 residential to Frank Chapman	12.12.25	EYFS Nativity – 9.30am
26.11.25	Creative Arts Day - Christmas	15.12.25	Father Christmas Zoom call
26.11.25	Unicef Ambassador meeting - PM	15.12.25	PTA Christmas Fayre & Market