



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times

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## Christmas 2025...

Although we have only returned this week, we know how busy the lead up to Christmas is. Therefore, this week, we published our Christmas Countdown for 2025. In case you missed it, this is available [HERE](#) but do read below for some key information...

The countdown gives you all the key dates for children/families in the lead up to the festive season. We shall, of course, also give reminders of events and activities but we wanted to give you as much notice as possible in case you need to book time off work to attend performances.

We regret that we ask parents/carers to contribute to the cost of our Christmas programme. However, the school budget simply doesn't cover the costs of all that we have planned. Please do support this request because, without enough contributions, we may not be able to run activities like this in the future. You can make the payment, of **£5 per child**, [HERE](#). This covers:

- a visit from Father Christmas with a gift for each class
- raffle prizes/party game prizes
- access to the PTA Christmas Fayre with activities, stall & games
- a professional panto experience

Finally, you can log on to School Grid, at any time, to select your child's Christmas meal but we shall also remind you closer to cut off date for orders.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

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

We had a difficult start to the year with attendance due to an early wave of winter viruses & bugs.

Whilst some of these still linger, please remember that children can still attend (if they feel well enough) with certain illnesses. Click [HERE](#) for NHS guidance.

## EXCELLENCE IN SAFEGUARDING



We were delighted to confirm recently that, following a rigorous assessment process, Yew Tree has secured the **Platinum+** Excellence in Safeguarding Award.

This is an excellent achievement and testament to the high-quality safeguarding, welfare and pastoral work which takes place at our school. As our final report states, "*Safeguarding remains exemplary, robust and embedded in everyday practice.*"

Well done to Ms Roberts for leading our work in this area. However, well done to Ms Reed, Ms Melia and staff/governors involved too.

## FILMING

Don't forget that, on **MONDAY**, we shall be welcoming a videographer to the school for the day. He will be filming lots of different activities but children will only be included where we hold GDPR consent.

We shall publish the video once it is finished and this will be used, on our website and social media, to promote the school.

## CHILDREN IN NEED

Please remember that, as a charity day for the autumn, we shall be supporting BBC Children in Need on:

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Children are invited to come in Pudsey themed clothing or spotty clothes in return for a donation, of your choice, for the charity.

### CHIT CHAT

Our next Chit Chat session takes place on:

**FRIDAY 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER at 9.00am**

Do come along for a coffee and a chat with Ms Melia. Our Chit Chat sessions are simply a chance to have a catch up with us and other parents/carers. The School Nurse is joining this Chit Chat too if you want to discuss anything with her.

### STAFFING NEWS

We are sad to announce that Ms Hudd will be leaving our teaching team, at Christmas, to explore a new career path away from education.

We congratulate her on this new opportunity and shall say goodbye closer to the time. We are pleased to have appointed a fantastic teacher, Ms Lucas, to replace Ms Hudd in January.

### THANK YOU

It was great to see so many of the Yew Tree family join us for our first ever community Firework Event.

Thank you, as always, to our PTA for supporting this event as well as the staff who stayed to support. Events like this are fantastic but they really are only possible with the support of volunteers who give their time so freely.



### DATA CHECKING

It is really important that we hold up-to-date and accurate information for each child. This includes details of allergies & medical conditions as well as phone numbers and contact information for parents/carers and emergency contacts.

As families can access their child's registration data on Arbor, we no longer send out annual data checking forms.

**However, please can we ask everyone to log in to [Arbor](#) to check records are up-to-date by the end of next week.**

### INDIVIDUAL EDUCATION PLANS

If your child has identified special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), they will have an Individual Education Plan (IEP) in place which details the specific needs as well as the support in place.

The IEP documents are updated 3 times and, as part of the review process, staff consider pupil and parent voice.

From this year, we are trialling a new system and IEPs are now emailed to parents/carers when they are updated. These were emailed out this week so please do add your comments ASAP via the link you were sent. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher or Ms Walker-Laver.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
07.11.25	Deadline for Y2 residential balances	19.11.25	Y5 class assemblies – PM
07.11.25	Y5 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	20.11.25	School Council meeting – PM
10.11.25	National anti-bullying day	21.11.25	Panto Day – Robin Hood
11.11.25	Remembrance Silence – 11.00am	24.11.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day – details TBC
12.11.25	WBA football tournament – boys	26.11.25	Y4 residential to Frank Chapman
12.11.25	Y4 class assemblies - PM	26.11.25	Creative Arts Day - Christmas
13.11.25	Flu vaccinations – YR – Y6	26.11.25	Unicef Ambassador meeting - PM
13.11.25	Eco-Council meeting – PM	01.12.25	PTA Non-Uniform Day – details TBC
14.11.25	Children in Need Day	02.12.25	Peer Mediator meeting – PM
14.11.25	Chit Chat with School Nurse – 9.00am	03.12.25	WBA football tournament – girls
14.11.25	Lock down drill – AM	05.12.25	Deadline for Y6 residential balances