



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times

Latest News

10.10.25

yewtreeprimary.co.uk

## Family Hub Spoke...

As we have previously mentioned, following an application process, Yew Tree is officially a Sandwell Family Hub Spoke. This means that we shall be hosting a range of services and activities to support families from Yew Tree and the wider community (i.e. you will not need to have children attending the school to access the services).

Our Family Hub Spoke work will be managed by our Family & Community Engagement (FACE) lead, Ms Melia. She will keep families updated of activities and events via our usual channels (e.g. Dojo) but we have also set up a dedicated page on our website which you can keep an eye on [HERE](#).

We are really excited about this opportunity and we really hope our families engage in the services that are available. If you do want to book on to any of the activities, or have any queries about these, please use the contact form on our website rather than emailing via our office.

In addition to our Spoke work, remember to check out the Sandwell Family Hubs site [HERE](#) to see the wider range of services that are provided in Sandwell. Finally, parents/carers can check out the signposting page of our website [HERE](#) to see the range of services which are provided universally for all families.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

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

Our attendance campaign this year is 'Be in to Win' again. Our Attendance Shop opens soon. Please click on the image below to find out about this scheme.



## ARBOR

Arbor is our Management Information System (MIS) which means it is the main computer system we use to register children in school and hold statutory data about them, e.g. attendance etc.

Parents/carers can access Arbor via the website or by downloading the app. This enables you to check your child's attendance at any given time as well as update key information such as contact details etc.

For information about how to access/navigate Arbor, please click [HERE](#).

**If you haven't done so recently, please log in to check all your contact details are up-to-date.**

In addition to managing your data, we also use Arbor to collect consents for educational visits (trips). Parents/carers can review consents by clicking on their child's profile image within Arbor. If you need any support, please contact the office.

## SCHOOL GRID

Regardless of whether meals are paid or free, it is important meals are ordered via **School Grid** by 8.50am each morning at the latest). Do also remember to cancel them if your child is absent so that you are not charged.

Please ensure any dietary & allergy information is also included on your child's profile so the kitchen staff are aware.

## SECONDARY APPLICATIONS

If you have a child in Y6, you will be aware that the deadline for secondary school applications is:

**FRIDAY 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**

It is important you complete your application on time to have the best chance of securing the school of your choice.

### PTA FIREWORK NIGHT

It is not long to go now until our first ever PTA Firework Night on:

**THURSDAY 6<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**  
from 5.00pm – 6.30pm

If you haven't bought your tickets yet, please click [HERE](#) to do so. You are welcome to bring as many family and friends as you would like.

### QUICK LINKS

We recognise that parents/carers need to access various websites, for various reasons, which can be confusing.

Therefore, to make it as easy as possible, we have put all the links parents/carers might need in one place. Please click [HERE](#) to check out the quick links page for parents/carers on our website.

### NON-UNIFORM DAY

At the end of each half term, we have a non-uniform day to raise money for our School Fund. Children are asked to bring a £1 donation per child in return for wearing non-uniform. These are optional & children can wear uniform if they prefer.

Our next non-uniform day is:  
**THURSDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> OCTOBER**



### PARENTS' EVENING

Our autumn term Parents' Evening is coming up on:

**WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER**  
from 3.30pm – 6.30pm

All appointments will take place on Zoom and are only planned to be 5mins each so teachers can talk to you about how children have settled in.

Some families have not yet completed their booking. We regret that, if you miss this chance, we shall not be able to rearrange unless there are exceptional circumstances.

### HEALTHY SCHOOLS

Yew Tree is a 'healthy school' which means that we do all we can to promote and support children's fitness and health.

As part of this, we have a range of guidance we follow related to food and snacks in school. This is available for parents/carers to view on our website [HERE](#).

Please remember that this means children are only allowed plain water to drink in class.

If they wish to bring squash, for play or lunchtime, this must be in a separate bottle.

In addition, children are not allowed to bring in treats on their birthdays. Any snack (for KS2) need to be healthy.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
10.10.25	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	23.10.25	Non-uniform day - £1 per child
14.10.25	Y2 Columbus workshops - AM	23.10.25	Attendance Shop - OPEN
17.10.25	Y4 INSPIRE session – 9.00am	23.10.25	Y5 puberty workshops
20.10.25	Y3 visit to Edgmond Hall	23.10.25	Break up for <b>HALF TERM</b>
20.10.25	Y2 PANTS workshops	24.10.25	<b>INSET DAY</b> – School closed
20.10.25	YR hands & teeth workshops	03.11.25	Start of <b>AUTUMN 2</b>
21.10.25	Y3 & Y4 healthy eating workshops	03.11.25	PTA meeting – 2.30pm
21.10.25	Y6 emotional health workshops	06.11.25	PTA community firework night – 5.00pm
21.10.25	Y5 parents' meeting – puberty – 2.45pm	07.11.25	Deadline for Y2 residential balances
22.10.25	YR & Y6 height & weight checks	07.11.25	Y5 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
22.10.25	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm – 6.30pm	10.11.25	National anti-bullying day