



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times

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## Trust...

At Yew Tree, we never take your trust for granted and we recognise the responsibility you have placed in us to care for and educate your children. Our staff team, whatever their individual role, work to the highest standards and are trained extensively to do their job to the best of their ability.

We would never discourage parents/carers from speaking with staff, when they have a query or concern, but this must be done in a way which is respectful and not loaded with accusations or personal remarks (as per our Parents' Code of Conduct which is available [HERE](#)).

It is important to recognise, at this time of year especially, that children are still building relationships with their new staff. Therefore, they may be more unsettled than usual. Please also remember that, where children do not behave as they should, our staff may need to discipline them; loving and caring for children involves setting boundaries and expectations.

We absolutely strive to ensure your children achieve their very best. If senior leaders spend a disproportionate amount of time dealing with issues, this limits the time available for them to support teaching/support classes. Therefore, please always speak directly to class teachers if you have questions or concerns.

Thank you for your understanding and your support. By working together, we really can achieve amazing things.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

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

Please remember that we can only authorise absence during term time in **exceptional circumstances**.

This does not include holidays so please plan these carefully. Any leave of absence requests must be completed in advance using the form available [HERE](#).

## BEHAVIOUR

Our high expectations of behaviour at Yew Tree are underpinned by three simple rules (RRS):

Be **R**eady  
Be **R**espectful  
Be **S**afe

Of course, children test boundaries and sometimes make poor choices as they grow and develop. Therefore, we do not leave behaviour to chance and presume they will know how to behave. Instead, we actively teach them the 'Yew Tree Way' so that we model our expectations of behaviour.

Parents/carers can view our behaviour curriculum [HERE](#) and are encouraged to have the same expectations of behaviour at home.

In addition, don't forget to track your child's Dojo points which show how well they are behaving at school on a daily basis.

## GDPR & PRIVACY NOTICES

Our GDPR policies, including privacy notices, are on our website [HERE](#).

These documents detail the data and information we hold about your child and how we use it. In addition, as we have CCTV in operation on our school site, our CCTV policy is also available on our website.

## BIKES & SCOOTERS

It is great to see children travelling to school on bikes or scooters. However, please remember these must be walked to storage areas once on site.

Any bikes or scooters left are entirely at your risk as we are not liable for loss, damage or theft. They must also be taken home daily.

### STAFFING NEWS

After nearly 20 years' service, today we say goodbye to Pam Jones as she begins her retirement. We shall miss her lots and wish her all the best for the future. Next week, we look forward to welcoming Tara Cooper to our cleaning team.

We also say goodbye to Naoreen Naz from our lunchtime team next week. We are still recruiting for a replacement so please get in touch for details.

### PARENTS' EVENING

Information about the arrangements for our autumn term Parents' Evening were sent home recently and are available [HERE](#) if you missed them.

Booking links will be sent to the PRIMARY contact at 9.00am this morning. Please do check your junk folders and book ASAP as appointments are on a first come first served basis.

### PE KITS

As we have explained before, PE is a statutory part of the curriculum. Therefore, it is important that children have their kit in school EVERY DAY.

We do have a small amount of clean, spare kit which is available in each year group for those odd occasions a child forgets their own kit. However, please support us by sending your child's kit in.



### RELATIONSHIPS & HEALTH EDUCATION

Schools are required to teach Relationship & Health Education (RHE) to its pupils.

Information about our current RHE curriculum, and the consultation that took place when we launched it, is on our website [HERE](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page).

The Department for Education (DfE) has recently updated its RHE guidance ahead of September 2026. Please be assured that, if we need to make any changes to our curriculum, parents/carers will be fully consulted and information will be shared.

### PTA NEWS

Don't forget, please do come along to our PTA's AGM on:

**THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER at 2.30pm**

The work of the PTA is invaluable and we are very grateful that they were recently able to donate £1,500 to the school to support the range of activities and events we offer children, e.g. theatre groups, workshops etc.

Our PTA are excitedly planning our first ever community firework night (planned for 06.11.25) and finalising Christmas card orders. Do keep an eye on Dojo for the links to Lets Localise in order to make payments.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
26.09.25	Y5 & Y6 Young Voices payments DUE	09.10.25	Deadline for PTA Christmas card orders
26.09.25	European Day of Languages	10.10.25	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
26.09.25	Parents' Evening bookings OPEN	14.10.25	Y2 Columbus workshops - AM
29.09.25	FOCUS WEEK – Everybody Equal	17.10.25	Y4 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
29.09.25	'No Outsiders' workshops – YR – Y6	20.10.25	Y3 visit to Edgmond Hall
01.10.25	Black History Month celebration day	20.10.25	Y2 PANTS workshops
01.10.25	Steel pans assemblies – AM	20.10.25	YR hands & teeth workshops
01.10.25	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm	21.10.25	Y3 & Y5 healthy eating workshops
01.10.25	Open Evening – 5.30pm	21.10.25	Y6 emotional health workshops
02.10.25	PTA AGM – 2.30pm	21.10.25	Y5 parents' meeting – puberty – 2.45pm
06.10.25	5C swimming starts (for 2 weeks)	22.10.25	YR & Y6 height & weight checks