



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## SEND Provision...

If your child has special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), I am sure there have been times where you have been frustrated with the system (i.e. delays, lack of access to professionals etc). However, both locally and nationally, there is a lot of work going on to manage the increased SEND need which many schools and services are seeing. We shall keep you updated with any changes as the year progresses.

In the meantime, building on the success of our Inclusion award accreditation in 2024, staff at Yew Tree are constantly reviewing and refining our practice and provision to ensure our school is as inclusive as possible. This includes developing our learning spaces and this year, in particular, establishing a learning space called 'The Hive' where we support a number of pupils with complex needs at the same time.

Please do take a moment to find out more about our provision, including our SEND local offer, by exploring the SEND page of our website [HERE](#). As well as our provision, this page also contains a link to Sandwell's local offer too.

Throughout the year, our Inclusion Leader (Ms Walker-Laver) and Assistant SENDCo (Ms Beech) host SEND coffee mornings. Please do keep an eye out for these and come along if you have general questions/queries or if you would like to meet parents/carers of other children with SEND.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



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

"Be in to win...!"

Please remember that our school day starts promptly at **8.50am**.



Please ensure children are not late as this disrupts their learning and means they miss out on vital teaching in class.

## EVERYBODY EQUAL

As you will be aware, from communication on Dojo, our first curriculum focus week this year is:

### 'Everybody Equal'

This week has a personal, social and health education (PSHE) focus and children will be learning about what makes them unique as well as other aspects of equality & diversity. As this week coincides with the start of Black History Month, we shall also be carrying out some specific work about this too. Please talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the work being covered.

On **MONDAY 29<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**, to ensure a fantastic start to the week, children are invited to come dressed in something/to bring something which makes them special. This could be religious or cultural clothing, a kit for a club they represent or something else. They just need to be ready to talk about their outfit/what makes them special.

## PARENTS' EVENING

Our autumn term Parents' Evening takes place on:

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

Information was sent home this week about how to book appointments. In case you missed this, click [HERE](#).

## OPEN SESSIONS

As well as having some spaces in certain year groups, applications are now also open for YR places starting in September 2026.

If you know anyone looking for spaces, please direct them to our admin office or tell them about our open sessions, on **1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**, at **1.30pm** or **5.30pm**.

## SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility!

If you are ever concerned about the safeguarding or welfare of a child, you can talk to one of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSLs). However, you can also contact the police and/or social care directly.

For further details, please click [HERE](#).

## PHOTO DAY

Our school photographer is attending school on:

**WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Sibling photographs will be taken between **8.00am – 8.30am only**. To improve efficiency parents/carers are invited to pre-register to receive their child's photo using the link [HERE](#).

## LATE COLLECTION

Our school day finishes at 3.20pm and it is important that children are collected, promptly, at this time (and no later than 3.30pm).

Unfortunately, if parents/carers arrive late for collection, this could incur charges of £10 per child per 30mins of supervision due to staffing costs. Thank you for your support.



## COMMUNICATION

If you require any information, want to check what was said in a letter or need to access a link for a platform we use, do always check the website in the first instance.

If you have any further questions, concerns or queries, please contact your child's class teacher or the admin office initially.

Our Senior Leadership Team usually only pick up queries after other staff have been spoken to. Please also remember that staff may not reply instantly as they could be teaching or in meetings.

## E-SAFETY

At Yew Tree, we embrace technology and use it regularly to support learning. However, as part of our work with the children, we also teach them about e-safety or how to keep themselves safe online.

We recognise that children also use technology beyond the school day. Therefore, we share monthly newsletters & have a page on our website to support parents/carers with the role they play in keeping children safe online. This is available [HERE](#).

In particular, please do take a look at the [guide](#) of age restrictions to ensure children only access suitable apps and platforms.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
19.09.25	Harvest Festival Day	01.10.25	Steel pans assemblies – AM
19.09.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	01.10.25	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm
22.09.25	5B swimming starts (for 2 weeks)	01.10.25	Open Evening – 5.30pm
22.09.25	Y3 trip payment – DEADLINE	02.10.25	PTA AGM – 2.30pm
24.09.25	Photo day – individuals & siblings	06.10.25	5C swimming starts (for 2 weeks)
26.09.25	Y5 & Y6 Young Voices payments DUE	10.10.25	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
26.09.25	European Day of Languages	14.10.25	Y2 Columbus workshops - AM
26.09.25	Parents' Evening bookings OPEN	17.10.25	Y4 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
29.09.25	FOCUS WEEK – Everybody Equal	20.10.25	Y3 visit to Edgmond Hall
29.09.25	'No Outsiders' workshops – YR – Y6	20.10.25	Y2 PANTS sessions
01.10.25	Black History Month celebration day	20.10.25	YR hands & teeth session