



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Learning Without Limits...

Our vision of 'Learning Without Limits' starts with:

"Yew Tree Primary School is a unique and special place where our community matters and children are centre of all we do."

This is because we recognise the role that our community and, in particular, parents/carers have in helping us ensure the very best for the children who attend Yew Tree. We are fortunate to have a fantastic team but, for children to achieve their very best, we need you!

The Department for Education (DfE) published information recently about how parents/carers can get children ready for reception. Even if you don't have a child in that year group, take a look [HERE](#) to see the sorts of things which are so important for children to learn at home in order to provide a foundation for us to build on at school.

Beyond starting school, parents/carers continue to play a vital role. Linked to our vision, we ask for your help in promoting our [core values](#) of responsibility, respect, courage, ambition and pride and ensuring children behave well. Where children make wrong choices, which is inevitable growing up, we need you to support the school's actions and ensure these expectations are reinforced at home. By working together, the children can achieve amazing things!

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

We have had a super start to the year with attendance – well done.

As the year progresses, we recognise children will become ill at times. However, [NHS guidance](#) outlines when children need to stay off school and when they can still attend if they feel well.

FAMILY HUBS SPOKE

Within Sandwell, we are fortunate to have access to Family Hubs which provide families with support they need to thrive. At Yew Tree, as well as our own work to support families, we have also been hosting a Family Hub 'mobile spoke' monthly with the library bus on our playground after school.

Our Family & Community Engagement (FACE) leader, Ms Melia, does a superb job of supporting families and signposting to services. In light of this, and following an application process, we have been officially named as a Sandwell Family Hub 'Spoke'.

This means that we shall be hosting family support services on our site for Yew Tree families and the wider community. This is an exciting opportunity and one which will benefit the Yew Tree estate. Do keep an eye on our website [HERE](#) to see the services and activities happening within the Spoke.

HARVEST COLLECTION

Don't forget that our Harvest collection takes place on:

FRIDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Please do send in tins, cans, packets and non-perishable foods or toiletries on that day. All donations are going to Black Country Food Bank in which you can access [HERE](#).

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGAUGES (EDL)

As well as our Y4 – Y6 children learning Spanish, the whole school shall soon be celebrating European Day of Languages on:

FRIDAY 26th SEPTEMBER

Children DO NOT need to dress up on that day. However, this will be a day where we learn about languages around the world.

WATER BOTTLES

It is really important for children to drink water at school. However, please remember that they are only allowed to drink plain water in classrooms.

Children can bring a second bottle, if they wish, for juice/squash (no fizzy pop) at play or lunch time.

We ask that children **DO NOT** bring water in Stanley cups and they use traditional plastic water bottles.

RAGS TO RICHES

It is not long to go now until our first Rags to Riches collection day of the year on:

WEDNESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

Remember to send in as many donations of old, but usable, clothes and shoes as you can. The more we collect, the more money we raise.

WRAP AROUND

Whilst Yew Tree does not directly operate its own wrap around provision, we are fortunate to have relationships with some excellent providers in the local area which are listed [HERE](#).

As these providers are NOT part of Yew Tree, it is vital parents/carers inform us if they are picking their child up on any day.



PHOTO DAY

Our school photographer is visiting us on:

WEDNESDAY 24th SEPTEMBER

During this visit, the photographers will be taking individual and sibling photographs. It is really important children are at school on time that day. If they miss their class slot, we will not be able to take their photograph.

Sibling photographs are **ONLY** taken between **8.00am – 8.30am**. Therefore, parents/carers must bring children to the small hall at that time for sibling photos.

GOVERNOR NEWS

Our Governing Board plays an important part in the leadership of the school. You can find out about our governors, and what they do, by accessing our website [HERE](#).

Recently, our Governing Board has said goodbye to a few of our valued governors. However, at the first meeting of our Board this year, the following posts were elected:

Chair – Kyshia Obi
Vice-Chair – Laura Chamberlain

We are recruiting for 3 x co-opted governors at the moment. Please help us spread the word, with anyone interested, by sharing information about the vacancies [HERE](#).

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
15.09.25	EYFS start full time sessions	01.10.25	Black History Month celebration day
15.09.25	YR (SEPT 26) application window open	01.10.25	Steel pans assemblies – AM
19.09.25	Harvest Festival Day	01.10.25	Open Afternoon – 1.30pm
19.09.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	01.10.25	Open Evening – 5.30pm
22.09.25	5B swimming starts (for 2 weeks)	02.10.25	PTA AGM – 2.30pm
22.09.25	Y3 trip payment – DEADLINE	06.10.25	5C swimming starts (for 2 weeks)
24.09.25	Photo day – individuals & siblings	10.10.25	Y6 INSPIRE session – 9.00am
26.09.25	Y5 & Y6 Young Voices payments DUE	14.10.25	Y2 Columbus workshops - AM
26.09.25	European Day of Languages	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 with school nurse