



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times

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## Welcome Back...

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back to school this week for the 25/26 academic year. It has been lovely seeing lots of smiling faces and hearing about your summer adventures. Over the next week, we look forward to welcoming our new Nursery & Reception children joining us too.

At Yew Tree, our vision is 'Learning Without Limits' and, as you can read [HERE](#), this is about parents/carers and school working together to ensure we unlock the potential inside all of the children so that they achieve their best during their time with us. This week, as a reminder, I shared our Home School Agreement on Dojo which outlines responsibilities in our partnership. If you missed this, take a look [HERE](#) for details.

We are ambitious for our school and are relentless in our work to support children and be the best. Each year, we outline key priorities for development in a School Improvement Plan. This plan helps us respond to feedback from our community as well as adapt and evolve to meet changing local and national expectations. If you would like to find out more about our priorities, please click [HERE](#).

We hope that you will make the most of any opportunities, throughout the year, to be part of everything going on at school. There will be lots of information in the next few weeks but, as always, please get in touch if you have any specific questions or queries.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

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

Every day at school really does make a difference.

We cannot help your child achieve the best outcomes if they are not in school.

You can track your child's attendance on Arbor.



## ATTENDANCE REMINDERS

We work really hard at school to encourage children to attend and support families in ensuring this happens. Information about our attendance strategy, and any related information, is on our website [HERE](#).

Despite our work, it is really important that parents/carers recognise their statutory responsibilities too. These are outlined, from the Department for Education, [HERE](#).

Absence during term time is only authorised in limited, exceptional circumstances. If you take your child on holiday, when they should be at school, we regret that this could lead to a penalty notice or prosecution (see link above for information).

Therefore, please do check term dates carefully when booking holidays. Please do always be honest with us when reporting reasons for absence.

## KEY DATES 2526

As we start the new academic year, don't forget to note down the key dates for parents/carers (e.g. assemblies, INSPIRE sessions etc). These are available [HERE](#).

In addition, we keep our website calendar as up-to-date as possible. You can even subscribe to this so you don't miss any dates.

## LETTERS

As you may already be aware, Yew Tree is a 'paperless' school. This means we **do not** send paper letter homes unless a response form needs to be return.

We email letters directly to families so please do ensure we have the correct email address on system. Copies of letters are also [HERE](#).

### DATA COLLECTION

We are required to obtain and process information about your child (e.g. registration information, academic results etc). A copy of GDPR information and privacy notices is available [HERE](#).

It is important that parents/carers ensure all information is up-to-date and current. Therefore, if any contact details have changed, please access Arbor via the app or website.

### PE

Physical Education (PE) is a statutory part of the curriculum. Children can only be exempt from this lesson for medical reasons. Therefore, please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school each day so they can join in with all lessons.

Y5 children will be swimming this term and information has been emailed home about this.

### EDUCATIONAL VISITS (TRIPS) - REMINDER

As you will be aware, we have planned our trips for 25/26 as you can see from the summary [HERE](#).

These trips will ONLY be possible with financial contributions from families. Remember, you can pay in **any instalments of £1** up to the deadline. Please do make payments as the trips will be cancelled unless we collect enough money.



### HOMEWORK

We recognise that it is important for children to spend time with families and to play. Therefore, our approach to homework is straight forward and minimal – we just want them to read!

Please take a look at our Home Learning Policy [HERE](#). You will see a 'home learning ladder' on the final page which outlines how long we ask children to read for each day. This spans from 5mins per day in EYFS – 20mins per day in Y6.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher

### ADMISSIONS

We currently have a small number of places in various year groups. If you know anyone who is looking for a place, do get in touch with our office.

It will soon also be time for applications for Nursery & Reception for September 2026. We are holding open sessions for prospective parents/carers on:

**WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER**  
at **1.30pm** or **5.30pm**

Please spread the word and come along too if you are looking for places. As always, if you need any help with admissions processes, please talk to our office.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
05.09.25	YR Stay & Play sessions	26.09.25	Y5 & Y6 Young Voices payments DUE
08.09.25	EYFS staggered intakes start	26.09.25	European Day of Languages
08.09.25	5A swimming starts (for 2 weeks)	29.09.25	FOCUS WEEK – Everybody Equal
08.09.25	Instrumental tuition/clubs start this week	29.09.25	'No Outsiders' workshops – YR – Y6
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