



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Yew Tree Times

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## Reflections...

I cannot believe we are at the end of another year already and this is the final message of the academic year. Time certainly does seem to go quicker as each year passes by.

As usual, at the end of a year, I have spent time reflecting on all that Yew Tree has achieved since September. I am always incredibly proud when I do this as everybody involved in our school has worked hard and, once again, we have achieved so much. We have some wonderful outcomes but, beyond results, we have achieved further awards for the provision we offer and our annual surveys show how happy pupils, staff, governors and parents are.

As well as spending time reflecting, leaders and I have also spent time preparing for 2025/26 and beyond. There are LOTS of challenges facing schools in the coming year and lots of changes coming from the Department for Education (DfE). Therefore, our school will have to evolve and adapt to meet these challenges head on. We shall say more about this in September when we share information about our school improvement priorities.

For now, I would like to wish everyone a happy summer. However you are spending your time, enjoy the time to rest and recharge as September will be here before you know it. Our staff will be enjoying a well-deserved break this summer but, if you need any help or support, take a look [HERE](#) for services available to you.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance TARGET is 96%.**

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

Congratulations everybody. We have had a successful year, overall, with attendance.

Our 'Be in to Win' initiative has been so well received so we will be continuing this again next year.

If booking any future holidays, remember to check term dates [HERE](#).

## GOODBYE & GOOD LUCK

At the end of today, we say goodbye and good luck to various people...

After many years of dedicated service to our school, we say goodbye to Ms Adams as she relocates closer to home. We shall miss her lots and wish her all the luck in the world in her new job.

We also say goodbye to Ms Monk (from our lunchtime team) and Ms Cook (from our teaching support team). We wish them lots of luck too.

We say a temporary goodbye to Ms Bartlam. Although she is officially leaving us, she will be returning for a short time in the autumn covering for Ms Chauhaan while she recovers from surgery.

Finally, we say a fond farewell to our Y6 children (and their families). We shall miss you but wish you lots of luck in your next steps.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We would like to offer our congratulations to Ms Taylor, and her partner, for the safe arrival of their baby boy recently.

Ms Taylor was due to be working until the end of term but her baby boy had other ideas and arrived earlier than expected. As Ms Taylor settles into maternity leave, we are sending her lots of love and best wishes.

## ENTRANCE GATES 25/26

As children prepare for new year groups, please ensure they enter through the correct gates in the mornings when we return.

We have shared information on Dojo recently and shall post reminders ahead of September. It is important to use the correct gates for a safe and calm start to the day.

### BRENDA DEARDEN MEMORIAL FUND

As you know, we recently said goodbye to one of our beloved governors, Brenda Dearden.

At the request of her husband, John, donations were made at the funeral instead of flowers.

Consequently, we have received over £800 in donations which we shall use as a memorial fund in school and will use this in different ways (inc. planting a tree in memory of Brenda in the autumn).

### Y5 SWIMMING 25/26

If your child will be in Y5 in September, please remember to get their swimming kit sorted during the summer holiday.

Y5 children undertake a two-week intensive block of swimming, in the autumn, as part of their curriculum. As a reminder, take a look [HERE](#) for dates and information.

### EDUCATIONAL VISITS (TRIPS)

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.



### SAFER TRAVEL & DISMISSAL 25/26

If your child will be in Y5 or Y6 in September, and you wish for them to walk to/from school independently, please remember to complete and return the Safer Travel consent form which is available [HERE](#).

Safer Travel is only in place for children in Y5 & Y6 only. All other children (i.e. those in YN – Y4) must be collected by an adult (aged 18 or over).

We must have any adults collecting listed on our contacts list or you must phone the office to agree a password if they are not listed.

### READY TO LEARN

Y1 – Y6 children return to school on:

#### WEDNESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER

EYFS children have a staggered intake so their start dates have been communicated separately.

When we return, our Y1 – Y6 children will focus on being 'Ready to Learn'. This is a vital opportunity for children to settle into their new classes and develop an understanding of new routines etc.

Please do ensure your child attends, on time, every day that week so they have the best start to the new academic year.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
18.07.25	Goodbye & Thank You assembly	08.09.25	Instrumental tuition/clubs start this week
18.07.25	Break up for SUMMER	15.09.25	EYFS start full time sessions
21.07.25	INSET day – school closed to pupils	15.09.25	YR (SEPT 26) application window open
01.09.25	INSET day – school closed to pupils	19.09.25	Harvest Festival Day
02.09.25	INSET day – school closed to pupils	19.09.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am
03.09.25	Start of AUTUMN 1 for Y1 – Y6	22.09.25	5B swimming starts (for 2 weeks)
03.09.25	FOCUS WEEK: Ready to Learn	22.09.25	Y3 trip payment – DEADLINE
03.09.25	EYFS home visits start	24.09.25	Photo day – individuals & siblings
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