



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Parental Responsibility...

We recognise that bringing up a child is one of the hardest jobs out there! Unfortunately, children don't come with an instruction manual so it can be difficult to navigate the challenges you might face as parents/carers.

However, recently, staff at school have been spending a LOT of time supporting families with aspects such as ensuring children are behaving at home or helping ensure children attend school when they are refusing. Whilst we are always glad to help when we can, our primary role is to educate the children – we are not parents/carers of children attending here.

It is as important to us, as I am sure it is to you, that children treat you with the respect you deserve as parents/carers. We also believe that children should listen to you and do as you say as they are YOUR children. It is not always easy managing tantrums or defiance but if, for example, your child is refusing to come to school then it is important they aren't allowed a day in bed on their devices and that you take these away from them.

There are a whole other range of challenges you may face as parents/carers so we will always try to support you where we can. However, if you are finding things tricky at home, we do ask that you reach out and are open to services such as Early Help so that we can put you in touch with the best support. Families are also reminded to take a look at the '[Being a Parent](#)' handbook from Sandwell Family Information Service.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

It is not long now until our Attendance Shop opens its doors for the final time this academic year. It opens on **THURSDAY 17th JULY.**

There is still time to help your child earn some stamps so please ensure they attend every day between now and the end of term.

ATTENDANCE

As you will know by now, unauthorised absence (including, but not limited to, holidays) during term time could lead to a penalty notice (fine).

We recognise, through the honesty of many, that some families factor in the cost of fines when planning their holidays. However, we wanted to remind everybody of the rules which changed at the start of this academic year.

As we summarised in this letter [HERE](#), if a second penalty notice is issued within a 3-year period than the amount increases automatically from the first time. However, if there is a third instance, this automatically proceeds to the Magistrates Court.

Therefore, we urge parents/carers to check [term dates](#) carefully when booking holidays to ensure you do not face increased fines or even prosecution.

GOOD LUCK

We would like to wish Ms Cooper lots of luck and best wishes for her wedding this weekend. We hope the day is as magical and lovely as she hopes (and has planned).

From next week, Ms Cooper will be known as Mrs Lawton. However, we shall update systems with her new name by September.

ART EXHIBITION

Don't forget to come along to our end of year art exhibition on:

MONDAY 7th JULY from 2.30pm

We are grateful to Ms Johal for her work in pulling this together. Please do come along to celebrate the amazing art work from children, across the school, this year.

TUCK SHOP

Don't forget that children, from Y3 – Y6, have access to a daily Tuck Shop each playtime. From September, the prices will be increasing slightly as you can see [HERE](#).

If your child is currently in Y2, remember they will NOT get free fruit next year as this is a national scheme for infant children. Therefore, they can make use of the shop or bring a healthy snack.

REPORTS

All children will be bringing home their end of year report today. We hope this gives a useful summary about your child's learning this year and the next steps which you can support them with.

There is an opportunity to drop in to speak with teachers about reports, if necessary, on MONDAY (07.07.25) from 3.20pm – 4.15pm

TALENT SHOW

Our children have an incredible range of talents. Therefore, we love our annual 'Talent Show' which takes place, for YR – Y5, on:

FRIDAY 11th JULY

Do keep an eye on Twitter to see photos/videos from the acts selected to represent their class.



PTA SUMMER FAYRE

Our final PTA non-uniform day takes place on **MONDAY** where children are invited to bring in donations of sweets, biscuits or chocolate.

Parents/carers are also invited to purchase raffle tickets via Lets Localise by clicking [HERE](#). There are a range of prizes to win including a Dolce Gusto coffee machine, Amazon Fire Stick, blue tooth speaker etc.

Finally, don't forget to come along to our Summer Fayre on **TUESDAY 8th JULY** from **3.30pm – 4.30pm** for some great stalls.

SCHOOL MEALS

Our catering team work really hard to ensure they cook delicious food for our children. They work to the highest standard (achieving a 5-star food hygiene rating once again this week) and take into account all dietary needs.

Please help them by ensuring that you keep [School Grid](#) updated with any allergy information. Furthermore, please ensure you have made your meal choices no later than **8.50am each morning**.

Dolce have confirmed the menu for the autumn term and this is available for parents/carers to view [HERE](#). Once it is fixed on the system, you can order your meals in advance.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
04.07.25	Non-uniform day - £1 donation	08.07.25	PTA Summer Fayre – 3.30pm – 4.30pm
04.07.25	Gold Book assemblies – AM	10.07.25	Y6 trip to Drayton Manor
04.07.25	Plas Gwynant – payments DUE	10.07.25	RC Share a Story session – 3.00pm
04.07.25	End of year reports – DUE HOME	11.07.25	Talent Show Day – YR – Y5
07.07.25	PTA non-uniform DAY 3 (sweets etc)	14.07.25	Autumn term club payments - DUE
07.07.25	Shuffle up day – meet the teacher	14.07.25	Peer Mediator training – DAY 2
07.07.25	Y6 Life Skills workshops – DAY 2	14.07.25	Y1 resit hearing tests with NHS team
07.07.25	Summer art exhibition – 2.30pm	15.07.25	Y3 recorder assembly – 9.00am
07.07.25	Drop in parents' Eve – until 4.15pm	15.07.25	Funfair experience at Yew Tree
08.07.25	Y6 SATs results published	16.07.25	Y6 leavers' assembly – 9.30am/2.00pm
08.07.25	Peer Mediator training – DAY 1	16.07.25	Y6 Graduation – 6.00pm