



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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In Loving Memory...

As you will know, from my post on Dojo, last week one of our much-valued governors passed away tragically and unexpectedly.

Brenda Dearden was appointed to our Governing Board at one of the most difficult times in our school's history. She was an instrumental part of the Board in supporting leaders as we worked through the complete re-build of our school as well as moving on from an 'inadequate' Ofsted judgement.

As I also took over as headteacher then, I shall always be grateful for those who supported the school at that time. I cannot tell you what a team effort it was to take Yew Tree forwards as we did and make it the school it is today!

Although the school is now in a much stronger place, Brenda's commitment has never wavered. She has been relentless in her support for leaders, staff and children as she has wanted nothing but the best for everyone here.

On a personal level, I have truly appreciated Brenda's support throughout the years I have known her. Like many others, I am deeply saddened by this loss and shall miss her hugely. On behalf of everyone in the Yew Tree family, I send my deepest condolences to her family and her devoted husband, John (who is also one of our governors).

Mr Jamie Barry



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

"Be in to win...!"

We have had some great attendance this year but, recently, we have noticed a dip.

Last week, our attendance was just over 91%. This means, collectively, around **18 days of school was missed in a single week.**

Please ensure your child attends regularly.

SCHOOL MEAL ORDERS

As we have stressed, on numerous occasions, it is really important that parents/carers pre-order children's meals for lunch. Meals should be ordered by **9.00am each morning** via [School Grid](#).

As food is cooked to order, if you do not make a food selection then the kitchen will not be able to provide your child with their choice of food. In certain circumstances, they may **not be able to provide food** at all.

Please do spend time looking at the menu with your child and place your orders. You can do this weekly, or even for the term ahead, instead of doing it each day if that is easier.

In addition, please do ensure you update allergies and food intolerances on School Grid. The portal contains recipes and dietary information to help parents/carers with food choices.

PTA NON-UNIFORM DAYS

As our Summer Fayre is approaching, don't forget that we need your support. The first PTA non-uniform day is on **MONDAY** and children are invited to wear their own clothes in return for **donations of toiletries**.

Also, if you fancy winning some great prizes, you can purchase any raffle tickets [HERE](#).

STAFFING NEWS

Sadly, Ms Monk has decided to leave her position as a lunchtime supervisor at the end of this year. We are grateful for her hard work and dedication and shall miss her lots.

Fortunately for us, Ms Naz was only here temporarily (covering a maternity leave) so she will now stay on permanently.

UNICEF RRS

Following our application, we were delighted to hear that we have been awarded the Bronze Unicef Rights Respecting School (RRS) award this week.

Well done to Ms Hughes for leading our work in this area. This is a great achievement and sets a solid foundation as we work towards the Silver award.

Information about this work is available [HERE](#).

CONGRATULATIONS

Our girls' football team have had an amazing year. They have shown real talent and dedication.

Yesterday, we were incredibly proud that they won the final of the Sandwell School's Football League to become the **best team in Sandwell!** We are grateful to Mr Latham and Ms Neville for their coaching and commitment to the team.

LIBRARY BOOKS

As we approach the end of the academic year, we ask that families have a good sort out at home and return any school library books that children have borrowed.

It is important books are returned as we do not have the budget to replace all lost books. Therefore, they will not be there for others to enjoy!



EDUCATIONAL VISITS 25/26

Following a consultation with parents/carers, we are pleased to announce that we have booked trips for Y1 – Y6 for next year as per the details outlined in the letter [HERE](#).

Individual letters will be sent home ASAP, confirming the payment deadlines for each trip, so that parents/carers can start making payments. Payments can be made in any instalment of £1 or more up to the deadline.

We regret that, where we do not collect sufficient payments, trips will be cancelled. Please do support these experiences.

PARKING

It is disappointing that we continue to receive messages from neighbours about issues with parking at drop-off & pick up times.

As a community focused school, it is important to us that we have positive relationships with our neighbours. In addition, we want our children to be safe at all times. Therefore, we are asking for your cooperation to ensure you park safely, legally and with courtesy at all times of the day.

Remember, parents//carers have access to a car park at the back of school (just off Bramley Rd) so please do use this rather than blocking drives or parking on markings.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
20.06.25	Chit Chat meeting – 9.00am	30.06.25	YR transition meeting – 2.30pm
23.06.25	6C swimming week	01.07.25	Sports' Day – Y1 – Y6
23.06.25	FOCUS WEEK – We are explorers...	01.07.25	Picnic lunch day – no hot food
23.06.25	PTA non-uniform DAY 1 (toiletries)	01.07.25	Y4 boys' football trial – 3.30pm
23.06.25	Girls' football trial – 3.30pm	02.07.25	Y6 transition days (Wed & Thurs)
27.06.25	Deadline for Y4 residential payments	03.07.25	Sports' Day – YN & YR (EYFS)
27.06.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	03.07.25	Y5 boys' football trial – 3.30pm
30.06.25	25/26 welcome videos on Dojo	04.07.25	Non-uniform day - £1 donation
30.06.25	School Council 'coin collection'	04.07.25	Gold Book assemblies – AM
30.06.25	PTA non-uniform DAY 2 (bottles)	04.07.25	Plas Gwynant – payments DUE
30.06.25	Y6 Life Skills workshops	04.07.25	End of year reports – DUE HOME