



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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TRANSITION...

Now that we are in the final half term of the academic year, much time and attention is being focused on transition and preparing our children for their next steps. Classes for 25/26 has been confirmed [HERE](#) and staff are already talking to one another about the children ready for our handover day.

We have set up new Dojo classes and, on **Wednesday 18th June**, teachers will be publishing a short transition booklet that you can share with your child to prepare them for their new class. This will be followed up by a short welcome video from your child's new teacher later in the month. Don't forget, you can also take your child on a virtual tour of the school to try to find their new classroom. This is available [HERE](#).

In the case of our Y6 children, we are already meeting with colleagues from secondary schools and we have published information we are aware of about secondary transition days that are planned. In addition, the transition lead from Sandwell LA is coming to speak to Y6 & Y5 for some special transition talks on **Wednesday 11th June**. Y5 parents are welcome to join the meetings, with their children, at 2.30pm on that day.

Finally, for the first time this year, our Y6 staff have established a special project for Y6 called 'Partners'. This means they will partner with some YR children during this final half term to support them in different ways. We are sure this will show the quality of their leadership skills and help them leave a legacy.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

We recognise that there are rare occasions where children may be late.

However, we ask you do all you can to ensure children are on time by 8.50am. Anybody who enters via the office is late. This means they do not have a settled start and miss out on vital learning and lesson introductions.

SEND UPDATE

If you follow the news, or if you have a child with special education needs or disabilities (SEND), you will be aware of the challenges with the current systems of support for children with SEND.

At the same time as a national SEND review, Sandwell Council are also reviewing their approach as they look at a new locality based model and new ways of working. We shall keep you updated as we get further details of this. In the meantime, you can review Sandwell's SEND Local Offer [HERE](#).

In our own school, building on the success of our SEND Inclusion Award from last year, we have been refining and developing practice and provision to meet the needs of children here. This includes new provision called The Hive which we shall launch in September (details to follow). The details of our offer are outlined in the Inclusion Policy & SEND Information Report on our website [HERE](#).

PHOTO DAY

Don't forget that Aperture are visiting school, for class photos, on:

WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE

You must let the office know in advance if you **DO NOT** wish your child to be included in the photo (as this will be available for families in the class to purchase).

KEY DATES 25/26

In order to help parents/carers plan ahead, we have published key dates for 25/26 this week. These are available [HERE](#) but families can also subscribe to our website calendar so that you do not miss any dates.

Do check out our website calendar, which we work hard to keep updated, [HERE](#).

SAFER TRAVEL 25/26

At Yew Tree, children from Nursery – Y4 must be dropped off and collected by an adult (aged 18+) each day. However, children in Y5 & Y6 have the opportunity to walk home independently where we have written consent from parents/carers.

As this consent is obtained annually, we have written to Y4 & Y5 families this week (see [HERE](#)) to update our records for September onwards..

Y6 SWIMMING

Next week, our Y6 children start their block of intensive swimming sessions at Sandwell Aquatics Centre. If you missed the details previously, click [HERE](#) to access the letter.

It is important that children have their swimming kit **EVERY DAY** during the week they are due to swim and that they arrive to school on time.

PLACES AVAILABLE

Like all primary schools nationally, due to falling birth rates, we do have a number of places in our reception classes for September. This is in addition to some places in classes already at the school.

Please do spread the word amongst family and friends and encourage anyone looking for a place to get in touch with our office.



THANK A TEACHER DAY

As the end of the year approaches, we have been asked about gifts for staff. At Yew Tree, whilst we appreciate the sentiment, we **DO NOT** expect parents/carers to buy staff gifts and cards on any occasion. Please do keep your money to spend on your children during the summer break.

However, that said, national Thank a Teacher day takes place on WEDNESDAY 18th JUNE. Therefore, if you would like to send messages of thanks to staff (ahead of the end of year) please do so by clicking [HERE](#) and generating a free e-card.

FSM VOUCHERS

Sandwell Council have confirmed they have allocated funding to provide supermarket vouchers, to all children eligible for Free School Meals (FSM), in coming months.

They have confirmed the vouchers will be provided in July (at a value of £90 per child) and in December (at a value of £40 per child).

We shall let you know when the vouchers have been ordered so they can be downloaded and claimed ASAP.

If your child is eligible for FSM but not yet registered with the Council, please do so ASAP (click [HERE](#) to apply) to ensure you get sent these vouchers.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
09.06.25	Y1 Phonics Check week	20.06.25	Chit Chat meeting – 9.00am
09.06.25	6A swimming week	23.06.25	6C swimming week
11.06.25	Photo day – class groups	23.06.25	FOCUS WEEK – We are explorers...
11.06.25	Y5 secondary meeting – 2.30pm	23.06.25	PTA non-uniform DAY 1 (toiletries)
13.06.25	Y1 Great Fire workshops - AM	23.06.25	Girls' football trial – 3.30pm
15.06.25	Fathers' Day	27.06.25	Deadline for Y4 residential payments
16.06.25	6B swimming week	27.06.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am
16.06.25	Y4 first aid training day	30.06.25	25/26 welcome videos on Dojo
16.06.25	YN 25/26 induction meeting – 5.30pm	30.06.25	School Council 'coin collection'
18.06.25	Y3 first aid training day	30.06.25	PTA non-uniform DAY 2 (bottles)
18.06.25	YR 25/26 induction meeting – 5.30pm	30.06.25	Y6 Life Skills workshops