



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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PSHE...

Schools are required to teach Personal, Social, Health & Economic (PSHE) education. At Yew Tree, our PSHE work is supported by a scheme called Jigsaw and the content is detailed in the curriculum plans which are available on our website [HERE](#). In line with statutory requirements, Jigsaw provides a link if parents/carers wish to view any curriculum materials. Please contact your child's teacher if you ever require this.

Within PSHE, we also teach children about statutory Relationships & Health Education (RHE). Since we consulted parents/carers about the content of this there have been no changes. However, for your information, the consultation information is still available on the PSHE page of our website alongside curriculum materials.

We are excited that, as part of our RHE curriculum, Y3 & Y4 will soon enjoy their first aid training with a specialist provider called Power Medics. Look out for photos from these sessions on 16th & 18th June. As well as being an exciting day for the children, this also gives them valuable life-skills.

Within the PSHE & RHE curriculum, we do talk to the children about aspects of equality including LGBT education. However, this is approached in an age appropriate way. Similarly, we only teach the statutory elements of sex education and parents/carers are informed in advance of this. However, please get in touch if you have any questions.

Mr Jamie Barry



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

"Be in to win...!"



HOLIDAYS

We appreciate the honesty, seen from many families, when requesting leave of absence in term time due to family holidays. Whilst these cannot be authorised, this does save time in following through with safeguarding procedures.

We do understand the lure of cheaper holidays (even with fines costed in) but would ask that parents/carers give serious consideration to the impact of children missing school. In particular, at this time of year, any absences could impact on children's end of year assessments or key transition activities which cannot be repeated.

All of our term dates have been sent home but are available on our website calendar or on the attendance page of our website [HERE](#). Please do check these before booking holidays. We really appreciate your support with this as we know regular attendance makes such a difference.

FSM VOUCHERS

Sandwell Council have confirmed that they will NOT be providing Free School Meals (FSM) food vouchers for the May half term.

We shall notify parents/carers if decisions are made to continue this scheme in the future. If you are struggling and need financial support, do visit the Council's information hub [HERE](#).

EID

We are aware that Eid-al-Adha falls shortly after half-term (expected to be celebrated between 06.06.25 – 09.06.25)

We are able to authorise one day of absence for pupils if it falls on a school day (we cannot authorise if Eid is on the weekend). You must let our office know if children shall be absent.

HALF TERM

As we break up for half term today, please remember that staff will be unavailable to reply to Dojo messages during their break.

However, if you do require any support or assistance, please remember that our website signposts to lots of useful organisations and services [HERE](#). Most of these operate all year round and are free to parents/carers.

INSTRUMENTAL SESSIONS

Information about instrumental tuition for 2025/26 was sent home recently. If you missed it, the letter is available on our website [HERE](#). **Please note the increased prices from September.**

If you have a child interested, and they are in YR – Y6, please return applications by **FRIDAY 6th JUNE.**

END OF YEAR ASSESSMENTS

When we return after the half term break, children will begin the process of completing end of year assessments. These take place over the month of June so please ensure children attend regularly in order to achieve their best.

Y1 & Y4 children will also be completing their statutory assessments (see Dojo for details)



CLASSES 25/26

This week, we have published information about classes for September. This is also available on our website [HERE](#).

We publish this information as early as possible so staff can actively prepare children for transition, at the start of next half term, ready for September. You can also support your child by showing them their new classroom on our virtual tour [HERE](#).

We are currently finalising our class lists for YR and shall share details of these at the welcome meeting planned for 18.06.25.

BIKEABILITY

We are looking forward to our Y5 & Y6 Bikeability sessions which take place in the week we return from half-term.

If your child has secured a place, you will have been informed which day they have been allocated for their training session.

Please ensure that they wear their uniform as normal on their training day. However, do apply suncream (if sunny) or send a jumper (if windy) as they will be outside all day.

It is important that children bring a **cycle helmet**, and their bike, on their allocated day. **They cannot take part without this.**

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
23.05.25	Non-uniform day - £1 per child	11.06.25	Y5 secondary meeting – 2.30pm
23.05.25	Peer Mediator training day	13.06.25	Y1 Great Fire workshops - AM
23.05.25	Rags to Riches collection day	15.06.25	Fathers' Day
23.05.25	Break up for HALF TERM	16.06.25	6B swimming week
02.06.25	Start of SUMMER 2	16.06.25	Y4 first aid training day
02.06.25	Y4 Multiplication Check week	16.06.25	YN 25/26 induction meeting – 5.30pm
02.06.25	Y5/Y6 Bikeability Week	18.06.25	Y3 first aid training day
02.06.25	Y3 Roman's Day	18.06.25	YR 25/26 induction meeting – 5.30pm
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...