



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Safeguarding...

Safeguarding children is our absolute priority! Like all schools, Yew Tree has robust safeguarding procedures in place to ensure children are safe at all times (both in and out of school). A summary of these, including details of who to contact if there are any concerns, are on our website [HERE](#).

Our approach to safeguarding is evaluated by Ofsted each time they inspect our school. However, we also pay for external quality assurance every other year which indicated we achieved the platinum standard (highest award possible) at their last visit.

Safeguarding children is not simply about protecting children from abuse, it is also about the work we do to promote the welfare of children and ensure they grow up in circumstances which support their health and development. This includes work in our curriculum, attendance work and early help support. We constantly review our approach in line with statutory guidance from the Department for Education (DfE).

It is important that we work closely with other professionals and services as part of the guidance called 'Working together to safeguard children'. The DfE have recently produced some materials to help families understand what this guidance means in practice. Click [HERE](#) to see an illustrated guide and [HERE](#) to see a video summarising how organisations work together. As always, if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



Our attendance  
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

It is great to see the effort that so many are making to ensure children attend school, on time, every day.

Please can we remind parents/carers to try to make dental and medical appointments outside of school hours where possible.

## WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

At Yew Tree, we promote active travel to school and reward our children through the WOW travel tracker scheme.

However, next week (19<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> May) is national 'Walk to School' week. Although many of our children walk each day, do look at the daily challenges and fun activities available on the [Living Streets](#) site for each day next week.

We understand that some families do need to drive to our school, or get public transport, due to where they live. If that is the case, then park a street away from school next week or get off one stop earlier to ensure that some of the journey can be completed on foot.

If you scroll to the bottom of the [Safer Travel](#) page on our website, you will find information about active travel that may support you.

## NON-UNIFORM DAY

Don't forget that, as it is the end of term, next FRIDAY (23<sup>rd</sup> MAY) is a non-uniform day.

On this day, children are invited to come dressed in non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation per child.

Please do dig deep as your donations support the school in so many ways.

## PHOTO DAY

Our school photographer is in for class photos on:

WEDNESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE

If you **DO NOT** wish your child to be included in the class photo (as it will be available for other parents/carers to buy) please let the office know **before** that date.

### RAGS TO RICHES

Don't forget that our next Rags to Riches collection day is:

**FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY**

We are happy to start accepting your [donations](#) the day before but they must be given to us by 9.00am on collection day. Please do sort out your cupboards at home and send unwanted items.

### INSTRUMENTAL TUITION

This week, we have sent home information about instrumental lessons which are available next academic year. If you missed the letter, click [HERE](#) for details.

Please ensure you note the increased prices and that applications are returned (for YR – Y5 children) by **FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JUNE**.

### WELL DONE

Well done to our Y6 children, and staff, for your efforts this week with your SATs tests. We know, whatever the outcome, that you have worked hard.

We shall report on the outcomes, once they are known, in July. However, remember that these tests are a small part of your journey so, for now, focus on everything else happening at school.



### PUPIL TAKEOVER DAY

Our School Council have recently met with the Area Manager from Dolce (our catering company) to organise a 'Pupil Takeover Day'.

They have looked at different food ideas, spoken to their classmates about what foods they like and organised a special menu for **FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> MAY**.

Keep an eye out for full details of the menu and be sure to make your selection [School Grid](#) so that your child gets their favourite food that day.

### MEDICATION

If your child has medical needs, or they are required to take prescribed medication at school, please be assured that we have staff trained to manage what we need to do.

However, it is important that you remember we can only administer prescribed medication so please **DO NOT** send children in with over the counter medicines including lip balms and cough sweets.

It is also important that parents/carers always ensure we have up-to-date medication. It is your duty of care to ensure you replace any supplies as quickly as possible where we notify you of upcoming expiry dates.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
16.05.25	Deadline for Y2 camp (25/26) deposit	02.06.25	Y3 Roman's Day
16.05.25	Start of PTA ice-cream Fridays	09.06.25	Y1 Phonics Check week
19.05.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	09.06.25	6A swimming week
20.05.25	Evacuation drill – PM	11.06.25	Photo day – class groups
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 <b>HALF TERM</b>	16.06.25	6B swimming week
02.06.25	Start of <b>SUMMER 2</b>	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