



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Peer Mediators...

At Yew Tree we recognise that, like adults, children occasionally fall out or have disagreements. In line with our core values (especially those of responsibility and respect) we believe it is important that children have strategies to resolve any conflicts so we can all get along and live together harmoniously.

Each year, following a programme designed by [Peacemakers](#), we train a group of Y6 children to become our Peer Mediators so they can support other children in resolving conflicts or disagreements. Children have to apply to take on this on and, due to the importance of the role, they receive 4 days of training to prepare them for this.

Our Peer Mediators are invaluable and have done a great job this year. They have given up their lunchtimes to support others and have been key in helping children get along with one another. However, by doing so, they have developed a range of important qualities and skills which will support them in life. You can find out about our current team, and the work they do, by [CLICKING HERE](#).

As we approach the final term of the academic year, Mr Whittington (Peer Mediator lead) will be advertising and selecting children from Y5 so that they can receive their training ahead of September. Good luck to all those who wish to apply. Keep an eye out for announcements of the new team soon!

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Don't forget that you can check your child's attendance, at any time, using the Arbor app.

Information about how to use Arbor, and the link you need, is available by clicking the image below:



TERM TIME ABSENCE

In line with national statutory guidance, schools are NOT allowed to authorise absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. This means that it is very unlikely we can authorise holidays during term time.

We would remind parents/carers of the importance of completing a [leave of absence form](#) if you are planning to take children out of school. Our leave of absence procedures are summarised on our website [HERE](#).

You will be aware that unauthorised absence could lead to a penalty notice (fine) being issued (details on the website). However, it is important to be honest with us, about the reasons for absence, as unexplained or unusual absences could lead to further action being taken. This includes home visits or safeguarding referrals. Please do get in touch if you have any questions.

PTA

Don't forget our next PTA meeting takes place at **2.30pm on MONDAY**. Please come along and share your ideas for our Summer Fayre.

Our PTA are also hoping to re-start 'Ice Cream Fridays' after school, each week, from Friday 16th May. Please keep your eye on Class Dojo for further announcements.

INSTRUMENTAL TUITION 25/26

We are pleased to be able to continue to offer specialist instrumental tuition for Y1 – Y6 next year. We offer lessons in a range of instruments including guitar, trumpet, violin and clarinet.

Keep an eye out for a letter coming home on **MONDAY** about sessions for next year.

GOOD LUCK

Good luck to our Y6 children who undertake their SATs tests next week. Whatever the outcome, we know you have all worked so hard in the lead up.

Please remember the importance of Y6 children being on time each day. If children miss any of the tests, they should **NOT** communicate with other Y6 children online or at the park and cannot return to class until the tests have been completed.

EDUCATIONAL VISITS

We have received a large number of responses to our consultation survey about educational visits (trips) for 25/26 so than you to everybody who contributed.

In case you missed it on Class Dojo, a summary of the responses and comments made is available by [CLICKING HERE](#).

Please do take a moment to read the comments and responses as these were useful. Following this, we do plan to continue with trips next year but only where we collect enough contributions from families.

YR PARENTS' MEETING – SAVE THE DATE!

Parents/carers of current Reception children are invited to a meeting on:

MONDAY 30th JUNE at 2.30pm

This meeting will share information about the children's transition to Y1 and share information about phonics expectations to support them.

EVACUATION DRILL

All schools are required to hold drills for different emergency situations (e.g. fire, lockdown and evacuation).

For your information, we shall be practising our off-site evacuation on **20.05.25** and shall be using the common area (at the front of school) to assemble. Please get in touch if you have any questions.

SUN SAFETY

It has been lovely experiencing some warmer and sunnier weather recently. Whilst we hope it lasts, we thought it would be useful to remind everyone of our Sun Safety Policy which is available [HERE](#).

During sunnier weather, please remember:

- To ensure children attend with a water bottle, which can be refilled, each day
- To apply suncream at home each morning
- To send children with a sunhat which they can use at play and lunchtimes

Our uniform contains summer options so should continue to be worn unless we advise otherwise (i.e. in extreme weather warnings).



DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
09.05.25	Y1 Black Country Museum outreach	23.05.25	Rags to Riches collection day
09.05.25	Chit Chat session – 9.00am	23.05.25	Break up for HALF TERM
12.05.25	Start of Y6 SATs (until Thursday)	02.06.25	Start of SUMMER 2
12.05.25	PTA meeting – 2.30pm	02.06.25	Y4 Multiplication Check week
14.05.25	YR class assemblies – PM	02.06.25	Y5/Y6 Bikeability Week
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	Y6 Great Fire workshops - AM