



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Behaviour...

At Yew Tree, we believe that a strong focus on behaviour ensures children are able to learn without distraction, develop good manners and learn how to get along with others and that they are not at risk of harm. Our [Behaviour Policy](#) outlines our three simple rules for our children:

- Be Ready
- Be Respectful
- Be Safe

Of course, like any school, children do not always follow the rules. As an inclusive (non-selective) school, children do not always attend with the same understanding of behaviour expectations. Therefore, there are sanctions available for us to use if/when necessary.

We do not simply manage behaviour through sanctions and discipline. We also educate the children, throughout the curriculum and use of our core values, about the importance of positive behaviour. We also reward and recognise this behaviour and, last half term, we saw 90% of our children achieve their behaviour badges for consistently showing excellent behaviour.

Parents/carers can actively monitor their child's behaviour by looking at their daily Dojo points. As detailed on our [website](#), these are allocated each day based on behaviour in school. Please do support our school approach to behaviour and discipline in the best interest of your child.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

It has been lovely welcoming children back this week.

Please don't forget that, as this is such a short half term, every moment really counts.

School is **CLOSED** on **MONDAY 5th MAY** for Bank Holiday so we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday.

Y6 INFORMATION

Our Y6 children have a very limited amount of time left at Yew Tree. Understandable, the focus for them is very much their SATS but there is much more planned for them after these tests.

As well as continuing with their normal curriculum, our Y6 children are also going to be involved in a new leadership project this year where they 'partner' with our YR classes & children to complete some work together. There are also exciting activities planned (e.g. intensive swimming).

There is also lots of transition work planned so please ensure that children attend school regularly to ensure they do not miss visits from their secondary schools etc.

Don't forget, if you wish to order a Leavers' hoodie for your child then forms must be returned by **14.05.25** and payments made on Lets Localise.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our School Council have enjoyed a fantastic visit to Sandwell Council House this week. This has helped develop their understanding about their role, as leaders in our school, as well as how democracy works.

Thank you to Ms Law for organising this trip. It looks like the children had a great day.

PTA MEETING

We hope that as many of you as possible will join our PTA for their next meeting on:

MONDAY 12th MAY at 2.30pm

Our meetings are very informal so please do come along. The next meeting will start discussing plans for our Summer Fayre so your input is so valuable.

SOCIAL MEDIA

As you will be aware, from previous communication, we recommend that children **DO NOT** have access to smart phones.

However, if they do, we rely on parents/carers to actively monitor and manage these so that children don't access apps which have age restrictions. You can see age restrictions for common social media apps by [CLICKING HERE](#).

SPORTS' DAY 2025

We shall share more detailed arrangements about Sports' Day by half term. However, please mark the following dates in your diary:

- Y1 – Y6: Tuesday 1st July
- YN – YR: Thursday 3rd July

Please do keep an eye out for further details.

RAGS TO RICHES

Our next Rags to Riches collection takes place on:

FRIDAY 23rd MAY

We shall send reminders closer to the time but, when sorting out your summer wardrobes, please do keep old clothes etc to one side ready to donate. Details of what you can donate are [HERE](#).



ADMISSIONS

During the Easter holiday, we were sent the list of children who had secured a place at our school to start Reception (YR) in September.

Ms Percival is currently preparing letters to send out to families, with information about induction arrangements, so do look out for this in the next week or so.

Due to low birth rates nationally, we do still have a number of places to start with us next year. Therefore, please spread the word with anyone who has not yet secured a place.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM)

Previously, if a child was registered with the Council for FSM then they would keep this entitlement (i.e. the free meal) until the end of primary school regardless of whether the financial circumstances of the parents/carers changed.

However, since 1st April, the Government has changed the rules which means FSM eligibility will be checked every month (only for those eligible from this date). This check will be undertaken by Sandwell Council and you will be notified if your child is no longer entitled to FSM.

If you have any questions, please contact our office staff..

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
02.05.25	Plas Gwynant payments DUE	20.05.25	Evacuation drill – PM
05.05.25	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed	23.05.25	Non-uniform day - £1 per child
06.05.25	Y1 trip to Black Country Museum	23.05.25	Peer Mediator training day
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