



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Behaviour...

Thank you, once again, for the contributions made to our annual surveys. In case you missed it, a summary letter of the findings was sent home but is also available on our website [HERE](#). There were so many amazing comments that it was hard to summarise. However, you can see a snippet of these on the first page of the letter.

As my summary letter highlighted, an area which received some comments was behaviour (inc. bullying). We do understand the comments made as there are occasions where behaviour of a minority of our children is not acceptable. We are an inclusive and non-selective school. This means that children join Yew Tree and don't always immediately comply with our behaviour expectations. However, in these cases, I can assure you that support is put in place and action is taken where necessary.

We also work hard to promote excellent behaviour by proactively teaching the [Yew Tree Way](#) behaviour curriculum and rewarding positive behaviour with Dojo points and behaviour badges. Last half term 88% of our children achieved their behaviour badge and the LA advisor comments on how positive behaviour is within lessons and around school.

That said, like any school, we do have to deal with incidents of negative behaviour at times. This is where we need the support of parents/carers in order to reinforce expectations and to ensure clear follow up on any issues.

Mr Jamie Barry



Our attendance
TARGET is 96%.

"Be in to win...!"

Please remember the importance of calling in **each morning** if your child is absent from school.



COMMUNICATION

We are fortunate to have an incredible team of staff working at Yew Tree. Each member of staff, whatever their role, is committed to doing their best for the children in our care and our community.

However, if there are ever any concerns or questions, please do speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. You can drop them a Dojo message (and they will get back to you ASAP) or catch them on the door at the end of the day.

If the class teachers cannot resolve your issue then they will guide you to the phase leaders (infants: Ms Fry & juniors: Ms Mclean) or the deputy head or head teacher.

Please be aware that, in a school of this size, other staff may hold meetings on behalf of senior leaders, e.g. the Inclusion Leader may meet to discuss SEND issues instead of senior staff.

LOST PROPERTY

Each half term, we invariably end up with a huge amount of lost property. We put this out for collection periodically but we often have to dispose of a large number of items.

Please help us return items to the correct children by ensuring all items of clothing are labelled with your child's name.

FSM VOUCHERS

As we have communicated recently, Sandwell Council have confirmed there will NOT be supermarket vouchers for FSM children during the Easter break.

However, eligible families have been sent HAF voucher codes in order to book childcare (with food) during Easter. Further details are available [HERE](#).

Y2 CAMPING EXPERIENCE

It is now not long until our Y2 camping experience. This takes place in the first week after half term on:

THURSDAY 1st MAY – FRIDAY 2nd MAY

If your child is taking part in this experience, please do check the final information posted on Class Dojo. If you have any questions then please do get in touch. Keep an eye on Twitter (X) for photos.

NON UNIFORM DAY

As we break up at the end of next week, our next non-uniform day will take place on:

FRIDAY 11th APRIL

All children are invited to wear non-uniform in exchange for a £1 donation per child. Any money collected will support our School Fund.

LATE COLLECTION

It is important that children are collected promptly at the end of the school day. If there are persistent late collections (i.e. beyond 3.30pm), we can issue charges to parents/carers in line with our policy.

Our charges currently stand at **£10 per child for each 30mins** (or parts thereof) that a child is not collected for.



WE ARE PERFORMERS WEEK

We are very excited about our 'We are Performers' curriculum focus week which starts on Monday.

We have organised a range of activities and workshops, across the week, so please ensure your child is on time each day so they don't miss out on these valuable experiences.

There will be a special treat for Y2 – Y6 parents/carers on Friday at pick up. Please arrive promptly so you don't miss out on this surprise. As always, keep an eye on Twitter (X) for photos)

EASTER

A final reminder that children can bring in a decorated Easter bonnet or egg on:

MONDAY 7th APRIL

All children are invited to join in the Easter fun but, if they want to enter their design into the PTA competition then they also need to bring £1. All entries will be in with a chance of winning a selection of Easter themed prizes.

We hope that those who purchased a 'Golden Ticket' chocolate bar enjoyed this treat and were lucky enough to find those infamous golden tickets. Thank you to our PTA for organising this.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
04.04.25	YR 'animal man' workshops	10.04.25	Dance workshops – Y5 & Y6
04.04.25	SEND coffee morning – 9.00am	10.04.25	Attendance Shop - OPEN
07.04.25	PTA Easter competition day	11.04.25	Non-uniform day - £1 per child
07.04.25	FOCUS WEEK: We are performers...	11.04.25	Gold Book assemblies - AM
07.04.25	Samba workshops – YR & Y1	11.04.25	Break up for EASTER
08.04.25	Steel pan workshops – Y2 & Y3	28.04.25	Start of SUMMER 1
08.04.25	Dance workshops – YN, YR & Y1	30.04.25	School Council trip
08.04.25	Boys & Girls' football match (away)	01.05.25	Y2 camping experience
09.04.25	YR vision screening – AM	02.05.25	Plas Gwynant payments DUE
09.04.25	Dance workshops – Y2, Y3 & Y4	05.05.25	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
09.04.25	Musical performance – Y4, Y5 & Y6	06.05.25	Y1 trip to Black Country Museum