



YEW TREE PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Yew Tree Times



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## Parents as Partners...

I am grateful to all our parents/carers who have taken the time to share your views in the annual surveys this week. Your voices are really important to us and we do look at these when planning our development as a school. I shall share any key information about these in due course.

Our [vision statement](#) is clear that our “community matters” so we really do consider how we work constructively with parents/carers in the interests of the children who attend our school. Whilst we review all the comments, we cannot respond personally to everyone who has completed the surveys so please do get in touch if there are any specific concerns you would like to raise or anything you would like to discuss.

Beyond the surveys, we do recognise the partnership that must exist between home and school if children are to achieve their full potential. There was a useful document published by the Department for Education (DfE) recently which recognised that a child’s journey to school starts at home. I would urge all parents/carers to read this, by clicking [HERE](#), even if your child is well into their school journey.

We encourage parents/carers to become involved in their child’s school journey by attending assemblies, INSPIRE sessions and other activities. We recognise that many of these happen during the school/working day but hope you can attend some, if not all, of these events.

*Mr Jamie Barry*



**Our attendance  
TARGET is 96%.**

*“Be in to win...!”*

It is great to see so many children achieving their passport stamps for 100% attendance each week.

Our Attendance Shop next opens on:

**THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup>  
APRIL**

You can look at our shop information on our website [HERE](#).

## E-SAFETY

In light of the recent Netflix drama called Adolescence, we have shared information on Class Dojo about the hidden world of emojis.

Many adults use emojis in text messages or other online communication. However, as our recent post highlighted, many of the symbols may appear innocent but do, indeed, have hidden meanings.

Parents/carers can find many examples of the true meaning of emojis if you google this. However, it is also worth reading this [article](#), published by the Daily Mail, which sets it in the context of the Netflix drama.

If your child does have access to an internet enabled device (not simply a phone) then we urge you to check and monitor their online activity as well as consider what [apps](#) you allow them to access (as many of these have age restrictions).

## EID

Eid Mubarak to our families who will be celebrating on Monday or Tuesday next week.

In line with Local Authority guidance, we are able to authorise **ONE DAY** of absence for religious observance. It is important that families contact the office to inform them if your child will be celebrating Eid.

## CLOCK CHANGES

Don't forget that clocks 'spring forward' on Sunday morning.

Remember to move all your clocks forward by 1 hour when you go to bed on Saturday night so you are not confused when you wake up. This will also help ensure you arrive on time for school on Monday.

### MOTHERS' DAY

This weekend is a celebration of someone very special – our mums!

We hope all the mums, nans, carers have a wonderful time celebrating and that you are very spoiled by your families.

Keep an eye out for a card and a little gift coming home with your child today to remind you just how special you are!

### KS2 TUCK SHOP

If your child is in Y3 – Y6, please remember that they have access to our daily [Tuck Shop](#).

This is available every playtime provided your child has money on their School Grid account. Children in these year groups can bring a healthy snack (e.g. no crisps/chocolate etc) for breaktime if they prefer. Free fruit is provided for our infant children.

### CHARGES, REMISSIONS & DEBT RECOVERY

All schools are required to set out, annually, their arrangements for charges, remissions and debt recovery.

Our policy has recently been updated by governors and is available [HERE](#). As always, our charges are set to be cost neutral, i.e. we do NOT make a profit from school activities.



### EASTER

It is now not long to go until our Easter activities:

There is still time to purchase a special chocolate bar, with a chance to win a Golden Ticket, online. Simply [CLICK HERE](#) and add your details to be in with a chance to win a range of prizes.

In addition, don't forget that all children are invited to wear an Easter bonnet or bring in a decorate egg on **MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL**. All can do this for fun or they can bring £1 to enter their design in our PTA competition.

### SCHOOL AWARDS

We were very proud to confirm that our school had been awarded the Bronze Global School Award recently.

This award recognises our commitment to ensuring global awareness is an important part of our school ethos. You can read more about our work by clicking [HERE](#). Well done Ms Ashfield for leading on this work.

In addition, we were also awarded the Nourish the Workplace award for the 6<sup>th</sup> year running. This award recognises our commitment to staff wellbeing. You can read more about our work in this area [HERE](#). Well done to Ms Jones for leading on this.

DATE	EVENT	DATE	EVENT
30.03.25	Mother's Day	09.04.25	YR vision screening – AM
31.03.25	Girls' football match (home)	09.04.25	Dance workshops – Y2, Y3 & Y4
01.04.25	Boys' football match (home)	09.04.25	Musical performance – Y4, Y5 & Y6
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 <b>EASTER</b>
08.04.25	Steel pan workshops – Y2 & Y3	28.04.25	Start of <b>SUMMER 1</b>
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