

Yew Tree Newsletter



DREAMBIG
Determined – Resilient – Empowered – Adventurous –
Motivated – Beautifully Behaved – Inclusive – Generous

Happy New Year!

It is lovely to welcome children and families back to school as we commence another year together as a school community. It has been a pleasure to see so many children arriving back at school eager to share their Christmas news and see their friends and teachers.



In our assembly this week, we spoke about Snowdrops. Snowdrops are small, fragile looking plants, typically 15 cm tall, but they're much harder and resilient than you'd think. It's not spring yet, it's still winter. The hardened leaf-tips of its three narrow leaves help the snowdrop break through frosty ground. But once we see the first snowdrops, it's a sign spring is on the way. The snowdrop is sometimes called the 'flower of hope' because it comes so early in the year. Children said, 'The snowdrop is brave', 'She stands up for herself', 'She is resilient' and 'She is stronger than she looks or sometimes feels.' We recognised some of our school values, which the snowdrop displayed – determination, resilience, empowerment, adventurous spirit and motivation to succeed.

The snowdrop is a sign of hope and new beginnings and a promise of good things to come. As we begin the start of a new year together, we look forward developing these values further as individuals and to the good things we can all do together in our school community in this hopeful New Year.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs O'Hanlon
Headteacher

Important dates for this term...

Date	Event
Monday 15th January	Deadline for Reception Applications for September 2024
Thursday 18th January	School Nurse Drop In (open to all families)
Monday 29th January	Y5 and 6 Bikeability sessions to start
Friday 2 nd February	Number Day
Friday 9th February	School closes for half term at 3.15
Monday 19th February	INSET Day (no children in school today)
Tuesday 20th February	School re-opens at usual time Y2 swimming lessons begin
Tuesday 27th February	Y3 swimming lessons begin
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day
Monday 11th March	Science Week – children to participate in activities across the week
Friday 15 th March	Own Clothes Day – chocolate donation
Monday 25 th March	Easter Community Bingo
Tuesday 26 th March	Community Easter Film Night
Wednesday 27th March	Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS and KS1 Easter Egg-stravaganza Family Competition KS2 School closes for Easter at 1.30pm



PE Kits

All children are required to wear a full school PE kit to partake in PE lessons or when attending sporting after school clubs. This kit consists of:

- Black pumps
- School logo PE T-Shirt
- Plain navy blue PE shorts
- Blue school jumper
- Plain navy blue joggers or leggings
- Trainers (any colour)



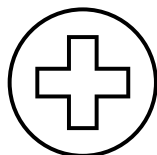
We would like to ask all of our families to help ensure that all children are wearing appropriate PE kit whenever attending school. Children should not be wearing designer or branded items, or football team kits in replacement of school PE kit. Many items of our Yew Tree PE kit is widely available for purchase at many supermarkets and can also be purchased alongside our PE top directly from our uniform supplier at: <https://alphaschoolwear.com/schools/primary-schools/yew-tree-primary-academy/>

School Nurse

Our school nurse will be in school between

**9:00am and 10:00am on
Thursday 18th January**

If you would like further information about what our school nurse can offer please speak to Mrs Benson or Mrs Dowell in the main school office.



Car Parking

We fully appreciate that parking around school can be very difficult at times. However, we are extremely fortunate to have a large car park on site.

Wherever possible, we urge families to walk to school as this promotes wellbeing. If this is not possible, we ask that drivers are mindful of local residents and use allocated bays in the car park.

Please park carefully and considerately and in a manner that does not pose a risk to our pupils.

SHOW YOU CARE, PARK ELSEWHERE!

Put child safety before your convenience.



Next week in school, our school catering team will be celebrating Chinese New Year by hosting a special party lunch.

The lunch will take place on Thursday 18th January and we invite all children to leave their packed lunches at home and enjoy a delicious school meal of

- Crispy Shredded Chicken
- Fried Rice
- Spring Rolls
- Prawn Crackers



Remember, this is free for all children entitled to Free School Meals, as well as all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Only £1 for everyone else.

This year, every child who has a school meal will be entered into a prize draw and have the opportunity to win a very special prize.

Attendance Winners

Every Friday, we look back at the previous week's attendance, from Thursday to Thursday and our top three classes are celebrated in assembly.

1st –Elm
2nd –Maple
3rd –Willow

Sickness Absences:

If your Child is going to be absent from School due to sickness you must inform school, **no later than 9am.**

0151 477 8950 option 1

Please leave a message: Childs Full Name -Year Group and reason for Absence.

Term Time Holiday Requests

We would like to remind all of our families that school must act in line with The Education Pupil Registration England Amendment Regulations 2013.

This Act makes clear that we may not grant leave of absence during term time, unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Furthermore, we are required to inform the School Attendance Service of any periods of unauthorised absence from school. The School Attendance Service will then consider if any legal action or the issue of a Penalty Notice is appropriate.

Weekly Attendance

Here is our weekly attendance % for each class...

08/01/24-12/01/24

Class	Attendance %
Oak Miss Hanlon	92.9
Fir Mrs Heeley	91.8
Maple Miss Langshaw	97.3
Elm Miss McConnon	97.3
Alder Mrs Sargison	93.9
Beech Mrs Mahar/ Miss Roberts	83.1
Willow Mr McNamara	92.7
Ash Mrs Brady Duck	94.0
Birch Mrs Gray	97.8
Cedar Mrs Jones	96.7

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

TIPS FOR PARENTS BY PARENTS

Don't give in!
Follow through.

Be organised! Get everything ready from the night before. Have their coats and bags at the door, their lunch made and their clothes on the banisters.

Treat it like a military operation in the morning!

Don't give them a choice to stay at home.

Give yourself 15 minutes before the kids get up.

No TV, iPad or phones allowed in the morning.

Keep talking about the importance of school.

Early to bed the night before school, especially after holidays.

Come back to school after doctor/ dentist appointments.

Know how many days your child has missed in school.

This week's
attendance is...

93.1%

Attendance for this
year so far is...

93.1%



Attendance
Matters





Reception	ES
Year 1	RM
Year 2	MO'H
Year 3	CD
Year 4	MK
Year 5	ID
Year 6	LB
Ash	GM
Birch	EH
Cedar	AF

