

Yew Tree Newsletter



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

Dear pupils, parents, carers and stakeholders,

On behalf of all schools in the Wade Deacon Trust, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy New Year and thank you all personally for the encouragement and support you have given to us this week in ensuring that our schools have been able to remain open, safe and caring spaces for your children.

We know the disruption to work and personal commitments that a school closure can cause, and we will always do everything we can to ensure that we can keep our schools open. The continuity of education for our pupils is at the forefront of decision making and we have taken steps each day to make sure our sites are safe for pupils and staff.

The messages of support that you have given to our schools for remaining open have been a real encouragement and boost to our teams working tirelessly in the background to keep our schools operating. We thank you for these kind words.

We would also like to thank each of our Local Authorities and emergency services for the work they have undertaken during this week in challenging circumstances.

It has been a very cold week and we hope that you all remain safe.

We look forward to working with you in the term ahead.

Kind regards from all Trustees, Governors and Staff across the Wade Deacon Trust.

Healthier school menus-

Week beginning 13th January will be Week 2



Three choice menu

Many of the options available can be adapted to suit various diets; should your child have any dietary needs please contact your school and our Kitchen Team will be happy to accommodate. (V) denotes vegetarian option or vegetarian version available. (H) denotes a healthy choice meal.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week one	Sausage and mash with peas and gravy (H) Veggie sausage and mash with peas and gravy (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato Apple crumble and custard	(H) Scouse with crusty bread and cabbage/beetroot Quorn (v) dippers with herb potatoes and sweetcorn (H) Leek and potato soup (v) (H) Tuna / cheese (v) / ham / egg (v) filled roll	Chilli and rice with nachos (H) Vegetarian lasagne and salad (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato	(H) Roast chicken with roast potatoes, carrots and gravy Chinese 5 Spice quorn fillet with twister fries and peas (v) Cream of chicken soup (H) Tuna / cheese (v) / ham / egg (v) panini	Fish fillet with chips and peas (H) Veggie korma with rice and naan (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato Fruit sponge and custard
Week two	(H) Cottage pie with veg and gravy Quorn cottage pie with veg and gravy (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato Fruit flapjack	Hunters chicken with mediterranean cous cous (H) Veggie quiche with mediterranean cous (v) (H) Tomato and basil soup (H) Tuna / cheese (v) / ham / egg (v) filled roll	Salmon and broccoli pasta bake Quorn pieces tikka masala with rice and naan (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato	Roast beef with mash, veg, Yorkshire pudding and gravy (H) Vegetable pasta bake (v) Minestrone soup (H) Tuna / cheese (v) / ham / egg (v) panini	Fish fingers with chips and peas Cheese pie with chips and peas (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato Frozen yoghurt
Week three	Mince and onion pie with mash, gravy and peas (H) Piri piri quorn fillet with rice and peas (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato Cookie	Scrambled egg with hash brown, mushrooms and bacon OR sausage Scrambled egg with quorn sausage, hash brown and beans (v) Cream of chicken soup (H) Tuna / cheese (v) / ham / egg (v) filled roll	Chicken curry with rice and naan bread (H) Veggie burger with herb potatoes and beans (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato	(H) Roast gammon and roast potatoes, veg and gravy Mac and cheese with garlic bread (v) (H) Leek and potato soup (H) Tuna / cheese (v) / ham / egg (v) panini	(H) Fish stars with wedges and peas Veggie pizzas with wedges and beans (v) (H) Cheese (v) / tuna / beans (v) jacket potato Trifle

Available daily: Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt, Water and Milk.



November 2024

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April 2025

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Legend: ■ Week One, ■ Week Two, ■ Week Three





Dear parent/carers,

I am very excited to announce that Yew Tree Primary Academy will be taking part in the Knowsley Healthy School Awards.

The Healthy School Awards provides a whole school approach which will enable pupils to access nutritious food to fuel learning and promote opportunities for children to be physically active throughout the school day. All children and young people have the right to be healthy. Over recent years this has become increasingly challenging for Knowsley children and families due to a range of factors. We recognise that school is an important place for children to eat healthily, be active to develop healthy habits for life.

As we work towards the award, I would like to draw your attention to just some of the exciting and positive changes that will be made to achieve the Healthy Schools bronze level, and request parents support and involvement throughout.

Healthier school menus- To support healthy children and healthy teeth our menu will offer milk and water only and provide fruit and yoghurt as dessert three days per week.

Healthy packed lunches- Ongoing support/advice for healthy packed lunches, with potential provision of a healthy swap station.

Staff training- Staff will take part in training that will support them to have health promoting conversations with children and parents and increase knowledge of local services to signpost families.

Healthy school events- We will be working towards providing healthier options at our schools events, fairs/galas.

Healthy School Champions- Our team of chosen staff and pupils will help drive these exciting changes and support our school in being as healthy as possible!

Thank you for your support. Both the pupils and staff will be working hard to ensure that school continues to have a healthy focus and help us to achieve our Healthy Schools status.

Cllr Christine Bannon, Knowsley's Cabinet Member for Health, commented:

"The health and wellbeing of our schoolchildren is something the council cares greatly about, so I welcome this programme which supports pupils' and the wider school community's health and wellbeing. I'm sure lots of our schools will get involved by supporting their pupils and families to eat well and be physically active."

Our school is working towards Bronze..



- We **will** be using the Healthy Schools Menu.
- We **will** be promoting healthy packed lunches
- We **will** work towards new healthier ideas for our events, galas & fairs.
- We **will** create a team of Healthy School Champions.
- We **will** take part in healthy eating or physical activity campaigns and initiatives

Swimming Dates

Swimming Lessons take place in Volair Halewood Tuesday to Friday

Y4
February 4th to 14th

Y5
February 25th - March 7th

Y3
July 1st - 4th

Y2
July 8th - 11th



Yew Tree Primary Academy



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Social Media Influencers

What is an Influencer?

An influencer is somebody on a social media platform such as YouTube and Instagram, who have a high number of followers. Influencers share their opinions/ideas and may be paid to advertise/promote products through their account.

What should I be concerned about?

Whilst there are some great influencers, there are some that choose to share content that is for example, misogynistic, racist or misleading. These opinions can be expressed or interpreted as fact, so it is important to talk to your child and encourage them to fact check and critically analyse what they see and hear online.

What we see on social media

What we see is influenced by algorithms, which predict what type of content we are most likely to interact with. Whilst there are benefits of algorithms, it can mean that once we start looking at certain content, our social media feed can become more aligned with that opinion, creating an echo chamber and therefore we do not see a balanced picture. Find out more here: <https://www.childnet.com/blog/algorithms/>

What can I do to help my child?

Talk to your child about social media and who they follow. If there is anybody that you are unsure of, then check their feed and discuss with your child if you find anything worrying.

Further information

<https://swgfl.org.uk/topics/social-media/>

Fortnite Battle Royale



Fortnite Battle Royale is rated PEGI 12 due to moderate violence, meaning it is not suitable for children under the age of 12.

What is Fortnite?

There are different versions of Fortnite, including Fortnite Battle Royale, which is free to play (although it contains in-app purchases). In Battle Royale, up to one hundred players compete against each other until one winner remains.

What do I need to be aware of?

- **Chatting and inappropriate language:** Fortnite includes voice and text chat, which may mean your child encounters strangers and may hear inappropriate language. Ensure your child knows how to report/block any players that make them feel uncomfortable.
- **In app purchases:** Players can purchase V-Bucks so make sure you restrict purchases and do not store your card details.

Parental Controls

Fortnite provides several parental controls in your child's Epic account to help you create a safer environment for your child. The controls allow you to:

- disable voice chat
- filter language
- manage which experiences your child can access based on their age
- set a PIN to add friends
- set a PIN for purchases
- set time limits
- set appropriate privacy settings.

Also, remember to set up age-appropriate parental controls on the device your child is playing on.

Reporting/Blocking Features

As always, ensure your child knows how to use the reporting and blocking features and that they know they should talk to you or another trusted adult if anything concerns them.

Further information

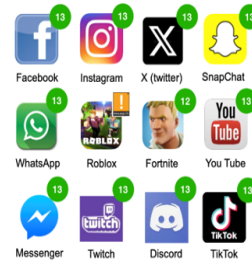
You can find out more here:

- <https://safety.epicgames.com/en-US/parental-controls>
- <https://parentzone.org.uk/article/fortnite>

Users of this guide do so at their own discretion. No liability is entered into. Current as of the date released 01.01.25.

Get to know age ratings

Age ratings exist to help protect your child, so we thought we'd provide you with a little reminder of how important it is to check the age ratings of what your child is accessing online. Here are the age ratings of some of the more popular apps that young people are accessing.



Whether your child is viewing films, accessing apps, playing games online or using social media – make sure you check the age rating first to see if your child is old enough. In addition, the likes of PEGI (Pan European Game Information) provide further content descriptors, which will give you an indication of the type of content that your child might view e.g. violence or bad language.

What else should I review?

It is important to note that whilst age ratings do allow you to see if something may be appropriate for your child, it is also important to review the content yourself. This will allow you to make an informed decision as to whether it is suitable for your child to access and if it would be beneficial to apply further parental controls. For example, does it include the ability to communicate with others and are in game/app purchases available?

What else can I do?

- Explain the importance of age ratings to your child and how they protect them.
- Go online together to see what your child is accessing.
- Set up parental controls on your broadband, devices and on any individual apps that your child is using. This will reduce the chances of them accessing or viewing anything unsuitable.
- Chat to your child regularly about what they are doing online and as always, remind your child that if anything is worrying them then they should talk to you or another trusted adult.

Further information

You can find out more here:

<https://eegamesmart.co.uk/articles/how-age-ratings-help-families/>

Smartphone Free Childhood



Smartphone Free Childhood is a parent-led movement whose mission is to protect children from the dangers of using smartphones too young.

The premise behind this movement is that all parents/carers of a class all agree not to give their children smartphones (therefore the level of peer pressure is reduced) for a set time or until a specific age. Are you ready to join? Find out more here:

<https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk>

Digital differences between men and women revealed

Ofcom have released their annual report into our daily habits. The findings show that women and teenage girls are more worried about online harms. You can read the full report here:

<https://www.ofcom.gov.uk/media-use-and-attitudes/online-habits/digital-differences-between-men-and-women-revealed/>

X (Twitter) Checklist

You should be at least 13 years of age to have a Twitter account. The SWGfL have created a free Privacy and Security checklist for you to download. The resource is available here:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/introducing-the-x-checklist-keeping-your-profile-under-control/>

Weekend Wellbeing... Happier January Action for Happiness ...

This is a great website that has lots of ways to help you with your mental wellbeing. <https://actionforhappiness.org> Here are their ideas for this weekend ...

Switch off all your tech at least an hour before bedtime



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Connect with someone near you - share a smile or chat



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Action for Happiness' 10 Keys to Happier Living – 'GREAT DREAM'

Everyone's path to happiness is different. Based on the latest research, they have identified 10 Keys that tend to make life happier and more fulfilling. Together they spell GREAT DREAM and you can explore them below.



For each of the ten, you'll find information on the science, opportunities for reflection and practical actions to help apply them to your daily life, by following the link below and clicking on the key you want to explore more...

<https://actionforhappiness.org/10-keys>

Happy January Birthday to...

Fyffe
Lennon
Jack
Charlie
Lewie
Harman
Denver
Scarlett
Carter
William
Araya
Francesca
Thomas
Liam
Sophia
Tymofii
Oscar
Sylver
Darcy
Josh



Weekly Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Oak Miss Hanlon	87.9
Fir Miss Lever-Stanton	82.5
Maple Miss Langshaw	88.3
Elm Miss Dickinson	92.4
Alder Mrs Sargison	87.7
Beech Mrs Heeley	81.3
Willow Mrs Mahar/ Miss Roberts	87.6
Ash Mrs Brady Duck	97.3
Birch Ms Riley	76.3
Cedar Mrs Lynas	100

Congratulations to Cedar, Ash & Elm – great attendance this week!

Class 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. This week's top 3 are:

Mainstream Classes

- 1st – Elm
- 2nd – Maple
- 3rd – Alder

DSP Classes

- 1st – Cedar
- 2nd – Ash
- 3rd – Birch

Attendance for this year so far is...

92.3%

This week's attendance is...

87.5%



All holidays in term time are classed as unauthorised absences and Educational Penalty Notices are issued automatically as part of our policy which is in line with the LA guidance.

WHAT DO THE NEW ATTENDANCE RULES MEAN FOR ME?

I'M A SINGLE PARENT OF ONE CHILD AND WE WANT TO GO ON HOLIDAY FOR A WEEK

Your holiday will not be authorised and you need to inform school before you book anything. As your child will miss 5 school days, you will be fined £160, which will drop to £80 if paid within 21 days.

£160 FINE

FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN

4 children and 1 parent = £640

Reduced to £320 if paid within 21 days

+£160

+£160

+£160

+£160

FOR EVERY PARENT A PENALTY IS GIVEN

- 2 parents & 1 child = £320
- 2 parents & 2 children = £640
- 2 parents & 3 children = £960
- 2 parents & 4 children = £1280

£1280 FINE

IRREGULAR ABSENCE

10

IN 10

2 SESSIONS = 1 DAY

If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in a 10 week period and their absence is unauthorised, then the school will consider prosecution.

IF DURING A 3 YEAR PERIOD YOUR CHILD HAS A 2ND OR 3RD UNAUTHORISED HOLIDAY OR IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE...

2ND TIME
There will be no discounted penalty for paying early

3RD TIME
Your case will be taken to court. A magistrate can fine each parent **£2500 for each child**

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE NATIONAL CHANGES, GOOGLE 'WORKING TOGETHER TO IMPROVE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE'





Reception	EA & MM-R
Year 1	D-LW
Year 2	BP
Year 3	DC
Year 4	LY
Year 5	FM
Year 6	OG
Ash	JG
Birch	HC
Cedar	EHa

Daniel's Sports Star of the Week is...

Tennyson - Cedar



Mrs Walton's Music Star of the Week is ...

Chris R – Y5

