

Yew Tree Newsletter



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

Dear Yew Tree families,
I hope you have all had a good week, especially with the improved, although chilly, weather we have had this week. I am excited about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead for our children, staff and families in 2025 and I start this week's newsletter with a few of our plans that have been launched this week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs O'Hanlon

Social Media...

Following requests from you, our Yew Tree Families, this week we are delighted to share that we have launched our brand-new pages on three Social Media platforms, to run alongside our school website and Class Dojo.

Moving forward, these will be used to share information and celebrate achievements with not only yourselves, but also with the wider community. To enable us to share your child's achievements a letter will be coming home next week requesting consent to use photographs on these sites.

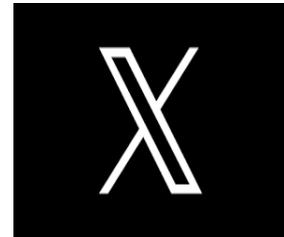
As an introduction, we have shared our school video on each of the platforms, so please take a look and follow us today. You regularly share how great you think our school is so share these with friends and family to spread the word too.



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BEE Proud...

This week in assembly, we have talked about the importance of good attendance. We are pleased to introduce our new school attendance initiative, which involve BEEs! 🐝

We want our Yew Tree family to BEE proud, BEE brave, BEE the best you can BEE because school is the place to BEE! 🐝

Each week the class with the best attendance will look after our Queen BEE and BEE trophy for the week, while they enjoy juice and biscuits, AND the child with the most improved and excellent attendance will receive a certificate and small prize baby BEE!

We look forward to seeing who will be our next winners!
Keep BEEing AMAZING!



Swimming Dates

****CHANGE OF DATES****

Swimming Lessons take place in Volair Halewood Tuesday to Friday .

Y4
February
4th to 14th

Y3
February
25th to 28th

Y2
March
4th to 7th

Y5
July
1st to 11th

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have one Parent Governor vacancy. Being a Governor is an important role in the life of the school as Governors work with the Principal in setting the overall direction of travel of the school. They are involved in important decisions about student applications to the school, staff appointments, the budget of the school, and expenditure on the premises of the school. They discuss student achievement and support and take an interest in the ways the school is continuing to maintain high standards. They support the Principal and School Leadership Team as they lead the school.

Are you interested?

If you are interested in becoming a Parent Governor but feel a little daunted by the responsibility you may be taking on, remember that full training will be available, and you will always act as part of a team. No particular experience or qualifications are required. Your role would be as a typical parent bringing a parent's perspective to the running of the Governing Body and the school.

Your Commitment

If you become a Governor you will be taking on the following commitments to help make sure the school is well managed:

- ☑ Share the responsibilities of the Governing Body as summarised above.
- ☑ Attend and participate in meetings on a regular basis – Governors attend six full Local Governing Committee meetings, one per half term. Meetings normally last no longer than two hours
- ☑ Undergo appropriate training
- ☑ You may also be invited to sit on appointment or other panels

You will be required to sign the Governing Body's code of practice, and to apply for a DBS enhanced disclosure.

What do you need to do next?

Watch out for a letter coming home next week, which gives full details of the process and how to apply.

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 ...



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	83.7
Fir Miss Lever-Stanton	84.1
Maple Miss Langshaw	96.0
Elm Miss Dickinson	92.4
Alder Mrs Sargison	91.0
Beech Mrs Heeley	90.7
Willow Mrs Mahar/ Miss Roberts	95.2
Ash Mrs Brady Duck	94.4
Birch Ms Riley	98.9
Cedar Mrs Lynas	90.9

Congratulations to Maple and Birch – great attendance this week!

Class Attendance Winners

Every Friday, we look back at the previous week's attendance, from Friday to Thursday and our top three classes are celebrated in assembly. This week's top 3 are:

Mainstream Classes

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

DSP Classes

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

Attendance for this year so far is...

92.3%

This week's attendance is...

91.6%



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

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

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

IRREGULAR ABSENCE

10

IN

10

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.

2 SESSIONS = 1 DAY

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**



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Congratulations

Reception	GB
Year 1	AP
Year 2	OW
Year 3	DS
Year 4	AB
Year 5	CR
Year 6	LC
Ash	LS
Birch	LJC
Cedar	EHo



**TT ROCKSTARS
CLASS OF THE WEEK**

Maple

**TT ROCKSTARS
STAR OF THE WEEK**

Sofia (Y3)

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

Isla Y6



Ms Grant's Spanish Star of the Week is...

Isabella Y6



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

Lucas Y6

