

Yew Tree Newsletter



DREAMBIG

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

Dear Yew Tree families,

Our Pupil Leadership Team, made up of children in Willow Class, have a number of roles across school during the school day. Over the past couple of weeks, we have met together and discussed a number of events across the year.

This week, the team have been thinking ahead to March and this year's World Book Day celebrations on Thursday 6th March. With many members of the community experiencing financial difficulties, due to the cost of living, the team have suggested a pre-loved fancy dress swap shop. The team's idea, is for children to bring clean, good quality fancy dress that either no longer fits or is no longer used at home, and be able to swap for another fancy-dress outfit to use on World Book Day this year. I'm sure this will help a number of our Yew Tree families, so please watch out for their posters around school soon.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs O'Hanlon

Knowsley Safari Park ...

This week we had a visit from Knowsley Safari Park who worked with Alder, Beech and Willow Class with their workshop, 'Knowsley in the Wild'...



Y3 visit to St Nic's...

Elm Class visited St Nicholas' Church this week to explore Rocks and Stones linked to their topic of the Stoneage...



The Sensory Hive Short Break Activity for Families



COFFEE, CHAT & CHILL
EVERY MONDAY
9.30-11AM
STARTS 30/9/24



POP IN EACH MONDAY FOR CUPPA AND CATCH UP
OPTIONAL SELF CARE ACTIVITY AVAILABLE
DRINKS AND BREAKFAST PROVIDED

£2 PER PERSON

THE SENSORY HIVE LTD, WEYMAN AVENUE,
WHISTON, MERSEYSIDE, L35 24W
WWW.THESENSORYHIVE.CO.UK

PART FUNDED BY KNOWSLEY COUNCIL SHORT BREAKS GRANT
BABIES AND TODDLERS WELCOME BUT WILL BE CHARGED AT £3 EACH TO
ACCESS THE SENSORY GYM (A WAIVER MUST BE COMPLETED AND CHILDREN

This service offers lovely informal activities for both parents and children. There is a soft play sensory gym available for children and they also offer hand scrubs and hand massages for parents as well as providing breakfast. In addition if any parents want advice or information relating to SEND, there will be someone available for them to chat with.

The drop-in sessions happen every Monday.



Instagram

[yewtreeprimaryacademy](https://www.instagram.com/yewtreeprimaryacademy)



<https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=yew%20tree%20primary%20academy>



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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 Carer Online Safety Information Session

Please find below the link to access the parent/carers session scheduled for **Wednesday 29th January 2025 – 9.30am – 10.15am.**

This session is a repeat session (last delivered September 2024) so if parents/carers attended that session, then they don't need to attend again.

[## Knowsley's Musical Mondays](https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_MjdmMjIwZTQtMjkyZC00MGJhLWlWl00WQtZmMzMdIhY2Q3MzFi%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22dcbd1ea5-3b10-49a2-bf8f-5fd59edcd762%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%225772fa8f-9814-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Free ensembles run on Monday evenings at St Edmund Arrowsmith Catholic Academy and all pupils from across Knowsley are welcome.

Numbers are growing and the team would love to welcome more!

Absolute beginners are welcome and instruments can be provided.

<https://www.knowsley.gov.uk/libraries-leisure-and-culture/knowsley-music-and-performing-arts-service>

Parent Governor Vacancy

Following the item in an early edition of our newsletter this term, a letter has been sent home this week to invite parents and carers to apply for the position of Parent Governor here at Yew Tree.

The letter explains what the role involves, including the time commitments during the school year, as well as explaining the process for those of you who are interested in applying.

The letter also contains some frequently asked questions (FAQs), but if you have any further questions about the role, then please contact us at school@yewtreeknowsley.co.uk

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 ...

Decide to lift people up rather than put them down



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

Choose one of your strengths and find a way to use it today



ACTION FOR HAPPINESS

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



Giving

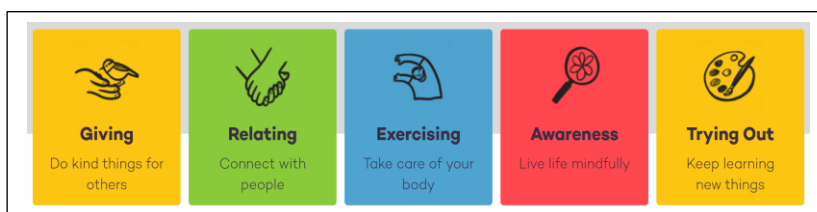
Do kind things for others

If you want to feel good, doing good is a great place to start.

Helping and being kind not only contributes to the happiness of others, it can also help us to feel happier ourselves! [1] Studies have shown that when we do kind things it can literally give our brain a boost, activating its 'reward centres' [2] and that feels good. It can take our minds off our own worries too.

Giving and kindness also help us feel connected to others which is important for our wellbeing and contributes to building stronger communities and a happier society for everyone. [3]

There are lots of different ways we can give and **help others**



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
Silver
Darcy
Josh



Weekly Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Oak Miss Hanlon	74.7
Fir Miss Lever-Stanton	86.8
Maple Miss Langshaw	96.7
Elm Miss Dickinson	92.8
Alder Mrs Sargison	89.3
Beech Mrs Heeley	88.7
Willow Mrs Mahar/ Miss Roberts	83.1
Ash Mrs Brady Duck	95.6
Birch Ms Riley	96.7
Cedar Mrs Lynas	100

Congratulations to Maple & Cedar – 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 – Alder

DSP Classes

- 1st – Cedar
- Joint 2nd – Ash & Birch

Attendance for this year so far is...

92.1%

This week's attendance is...

89.5%



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

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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

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**



MEMBER OF THE WAIDE DEACON TRUST



Congratulations

Reception	AO
Year 1	LC
Year 2	MJ
Year 3	EN
Year 4	L-MP
Year 5	EG
Year 6	RE
Ash	GM
Birch	CW
Cedar	JE



MATHS

TT Rockstars
Most Important
Players this week...

- Y2 Phillip
- Y3 Sofia
- Y4 Mollie
- Y5 Chris
- Y6 Harry

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

Anais – Y3



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

Albara – Y5

