

Yew Tree Newsletter



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

This half term, why not get your creativity flowing with ideas for this year's Halewood CultureFest Scarecrow Trail, running from Friday 14th to Sunday 23rd June. Our local community is extremely important to us and we love to take part in local events, so when we saw this, we just had to share it with you in plenty of time.

As part of the programme for Halewood Culture Fest 2024 plans are in place for a Scarecrow Trail around the area and they would like as many schools, community groups, churches and individuals as possible to be involved. Maps will be produced showing the locations of the scarecrows and a guided walk around the trail in the afternoon of Sunday 16 June is also in the planning.

There is no particular theme to the trail, so you are free to be as creative as you wish. We will be holding a design competition in school to create our school scarecrows, and winners will receive a prize alongside their scarecrows being created and take pride of place along our fences on Wood Road and The Avenue, as part of the community trail.

Look out for more details of the competition next half term. I can't wait to see your wonderful ideas! Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to seeing you when we return to school on Tuesday 20th February.

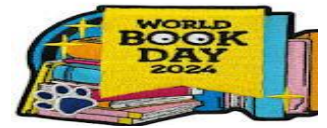
Mrs O'Hanlon



World Book Day 2024 – Save the Date

Thursday 7 March 2024

We're "Dreaming Big" This World Book Day!



The theme of our World Book Day this year, is to be aspirational. To show the children all the incredible opportunities available to them if they 'Dream Big'

Alongside a wealth of activities throughout the day, whole school costumes this year will be cosy nightwear: PJs, dressing gowns, slippers (supporting the theme of dreaming) or to dress up as a character/person who is inspirational to them.

If children choose to dress up as someone who is inspirational to them, then they will need to bring in a card with that person's name written on, as well as the reason why they are inspirational to them. If your child chooses the cosy nightwear option, please bring slippers in a separate bag and wear suitable shoes and outer clothing on the way to and from school, depending on the weather on the day.

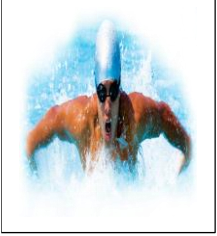
Further details about activities on the day, will be shared when the children return to school after half term.



Swimming Lessons at Volair Halewood



A reminder that class swimming lessons will start from next half term. These lessons take place Tuesday to Friday and each day children will need to remember to bring a swimming costumes/trunks, a clean towel, a swimming hat and goggles (if required) in a bag.



Please be aware of the weather conditions on the day and provide suitable clothing, as children walk to and from the pool.



Here are the list of dates we booked for next half term ...

**Maple Class – 20th to 23rd February
(1st day back)**

Elm Class – 27th Feb – 1st March

Safer Internet Day (SID) 2024

As part of our work during Children's Mental Health week and National Safer Internet Day, members of our School Council joined our Head Girl and Head Boy at Goodison Park on Tuesday this week.

Alongside a number of other schools, who also work with Everton in the Community, we spent the morning in the Captain's Lounge exploring this year's theme of 'Inspiring Change' with members of UK Safer Internet Centre.

We even had the chance to visit the Sky Sports Box too!

All involved were a real credit to themselves and their families.



Reception Phonics Workshop

in school on

Wednesday 21st February 1.30 to 3pm

We would like to invite parents and carers of children in Reception, to join in with our Phonics workshop.

You will receive ideas and activities that will help you to support your child with their reading and writing in their first year of school.

We will look at phonics in the Foundation Stage and how it is used to help your child learn to read and write.

Your child will then join you for the last 20 minutes of the session.

During the session there will be opportunities for you to ask any questions you may have.

Please pick up a form from the main office to save your place!

Phonics

Volunteers

What you need to do next...

- Contact school to collect an application form
01514778950
or
yewtree@knowsley.co.uk
- Complete the application form and return to the main school office.
- Receive an invitation to school for an informal chat.
- Complete the necessary safeguarding training, DBS checks and other paperwork.
- Enjoy your vital volunteering role within our wonderful school community.

Many thanks to all of you who have already offered your time and support to volunteer with us. If you are still interested in supporting our school, then please contact the main office.

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:

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

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.

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
Thursday 28th March	Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS and KS1 Easter Egg-stravaganza Family Competition KS2 School closes for Easter at 1.30pm

Advanced Notice

SATs week for year 6 will be week beginning 13th May 2024. Children will have plenty of support and preparation before the week arrives. Families are to ensure that their child is in school for this week, as always. no holidays will be permitted.

Weekly Attendance

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

05/02/24 – 09/02/24

Class	Attendance %
Oak Miss Hanlon	81.7
Fir Mrs Heeley	92.3
Maple Miss Langshaw	90.1
Elm Miss McConnon	93
Alder Mrs Sargison	90.4
Beech Mrs Mahar/ Miss Roberts	91
Willow Mr McNamara	90.7
Ash Mrs Brady Duck	100
Birch Mrs Gray	98.9
Cedar Mrs Jones	93.3

This week's attendance is...

91%

Attendance for this year so far is...

92.7%



Attendance Matters





Year 1	KG
Year 2	FR
Year 3	AE
Year 4	FB
Year 5	LF
Year 6	FP
Ash	FA
Birch	ZL
Cedar	TBC



Mr Rushton's Sports Star of the Week...

Sadie Yr2

...for her amazing throwing skills.

She also showed excellent fair play alongside honesty when playing by the rules and leading by example.

Ms Robert's Design and Technology of the Week...

Scarlett Yr5

...leading a group in creating a magnificent Doodler

Mr MacNamara's Geography Star of the Week...

Grace Yr6

...for her exceptional work about Rainforests