

Yew Tree Newsletter



04/09/2026



It has been fantastic to welcome the children back to school after the summer break. They have all come into school eager, enthusiastic and ready to learn.

This week, we have been focusing on creating our "**Tribal Classroom**". This is all about developing a strong team ethos within each classroom, where children feel that they belong, support one another and work together towards a shared goal.

We have been encouraging the children to think about what it means to be part of a team, how we treat one another and the important role that every member of our classroom community plays. It has been wonderful to see the children already beginning to build positive relationships and develop a real sense of belonging.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead!

New Staff

Welcome to Our New SEND Team

This year, we are delighted to welcome **two new members of staff to Yew Tree**, both will be working as SENDCOs. This reflects the increasing level of SEND need within our school and our commitment to ensuring that we have the right expertise and support in place for our children and families.

Miss Birkett joins us as **Assistant Headteacher and SENDCO**, taking a key leadership role in supporting our SEND provision across the school.

Mrs Wilson joins us as **SENDCO**. She will be working closely with staff to ensure that all children receive an inclusive approach to teaching and learning, with the right tools, strategies and support in place to help them access the curriculum and achieve their full potential.

We are delighted to welcome both Miss Birkett and Mrs Wilson to the Yew Tree team and look forward to the positive impact they will have on our children and our SEND provision.

If you need to contact either SENDCO please email - sendco@yewtree.oldham.sch.uk

Attendance

Last year, our attendance increased again to **94%**, bringing us almost in line with the Oldham average. This marks the **fourth consecutive year that attendance at Yew Tree has improved**, which is a fantastic achievement and something we are very proud of.

However, we will continue to strive to improve even further this year.

Attendance is an important part of school life. Being in school regularly gives children the opportunity to learn, develop and keep up with their peers. But attendance is about much more than just academic progress. Being in school allows children to build friendships, develop strong relationships, establish positive routines and, most importantly, have fun!

School is a great place to be, and every day really does matter.

We encourage all families to continue to support us by ensuring that children attend school regularly and arrive on time. Working together, we can give every child the best possible opportunity to learn, grow and enjoy their time at Yew Tree.

A letter will be sent out next week to explain the changes to the national guidance from this year.

A copy of this year's term dates has been included at the end of the newsletter

Uniform expectations

School Uniform Reminder

All of the children look very smart, and it has been lovely to see them looking so smart and ready for the new school year. Please can I remind parents that children are expected to wear the correct school uniform each day.

KS1

- Red jumper/cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

KS2

- Grey jumper/cardigan
- White polo shirt
- Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore

All children, across all year groups, should wear **black school shoes**.

Please also remember that **hooped earrings are not permitted in school** due to health and safety reasons. On PE days, children should come to school in their PE kit and should **not wear earrings**. If earrings cannot be removed, they must be fully covered for PE.

Thank you for your continued support in ensuring that all children come to school looking smart, safe and ready to learn.

Clubs

After-School Sports Clubs

*On Thursday 10th September, sign-up for our after-school clubs will go live on the **School Hub website**. If you do not have access to School Hub, please speak to the school office.*

- Places are **limited** and once a club is full, you will be unable to book.
- Clubs will run from **3.30pm to 4.15pm**.
- If your child does not attend on 2 consecutive occasions, without notifying staff, they will be removed from the club.

This term, we are offering the following clubs:

Monday - Year 5 / 6 football

Tuesday - Year 3 / 4 football

Wednesday - KS1 Multi Skills

Thursday - KS1 forest school

Friday - KS2 Dodge ball

PE days

Monday - Year 1

Tuesday - Year 3

Wednesday - Year 5

Thursday - Year 4 (Swimming) & Year 2

Friday - Year 6

*** Year 4 will swim from September to April, Year 5 will then swim from April till July**

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on their PE day. PE is a yellow tee shirt, black shorts, leggings or joggers depending on the weather.

Oldham SEND offer

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MY Schools Together 2026/27 Calendar

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