

Yew Tree Newsletter



22/05/2026

Incident Thursday 14th May

As you are aware, on Thursday 14th May a nursery child was hit by a car on Lancaster Street. Fortunately, the child is well and has now returned to school, but the incident could easily have had a very different outcome.

Following this incident, I have contacted all councillors in Chadderton, and they have agreed to meet with me to discuss ways of improving safety around school. They are supportive of the school exploring the possibility of introducing a "School Street". This would mean restricting vehicle access in the immediate area around school during certain times of the day.

We will also be discussing additional safety measures, including:

- making Lancaster Street and Arden Avenue a one-way system
- introducing speed reduction measures
- improving traffic flow around the school site

These changes would help us to keep all children and families safer during drop-off and collection times.

Until any long-term measures are introduced, I am asking for your support in helping to improve safety immediately.

Although Lancaster Street is currently not a one-way street, I would ask parents to treat it as such where possible. Earlier this week, after returning to school from an appointment, I experienced significant congestion caused by vehicles attempting to enter the road from both directions alongside double parking. A one-way approach from parents would greatly improve the flow of traffic.

I would also ask parents to:

- drive slowly and carefully around the school area, particularly on Lancaster Street and Alcester Street
- avoid dangerous or inconsiderate parking
- walk to school where possible, especially as the weather improves, to help reduce the number of vehicles around school

The safety of our children must be everyone's priority. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

PE days Summer 2

Please note that PE days will change for Summer 2 to allow children access to swimming lessons and the dance teacher.

Monday - Year 3

Tuesday - Reception and Year 5

Wednesday - Year 4 and Year 6

Thursday - Year 6 (swimming) and year 2

Friday - Nursery and Year 1

Please ensure children come to school dressed in their PE kits on their allocated day.

Sports day dates

Wednesday 17th June - UKS2 (Y5 and Y6)

Thursday 18th June - LKS2 (Y3 and Y4)

Monday 22nd June - EYFS (Nursery and Reception)

Wednesday 24th June - KS1 (Y1 and Y2) and Sapling Room

Wednesday 24th June - Acorn Room (KS1 Hall-2pm)

Friday 3rd July - The Hub (2pm)

Transition Day – Thursday 2nd July

On Thursday 2nd July, our Year 6 children will have the opportunity to visit their new high schools as part of their transition programme.

This will also be our whole-school transition day, where children will move up and spend time with their new teachers ready for the next academic year.

Reception and Nursery Open Afternoon

We are pleased to invite children who have been offered a place in Nursery or Reception for September 2026, along with their parents/carers, to attend our Open Afternoon. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to visit their new classroom, meet staff, and begin to familiarise themselves with their new environment ahead of starting school.

Nursery Open Afternoon will take place on Wednesday 24th June, from 2:00pm–4:00pm.

Reception Open Afternoon will take place on Thursday 25th June, from 2:00pm–4:00pm.

Year 6 leavers show

The Year 6 leavers assembly will take place on the 14th and 15th July. This year, the show will be held in the evening to ensure that parents do not need to take leave from work to attend.

More information will be sent out after half term.

[Fidget toys/ concentration aids and squishies](#)

We are seeing a rise in the number of children bringing squishies into class as concentration aids. All concentration aids will be provided by school, to children who need it, by Miss Greenacre.

[Dogs on the school ground](#)

Please can I remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds unless they are a registered assistance or service animal.

This is a health and safety issue. We have a number of children who have allergies, and some who are not used to dogs and may feel scared or anxious around them.

If you are walking to school with your dog, please remain outside of the school grounds at all times.

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