



The weekly newsletter for Tudor Grange Primary Academy Yew Tree composed by Mrs R Bloomfield, Principal



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## FUTURE KEY DATES

### Academic Year 2023/2024

KS1 Phonics Check - w/c 10/6/24

KS2 Tests - 13/5/24 to 16/5/24

### Academic Year 2024/25

KS1 Phonics Check - w/c 9/6/25

KS2 Tests - 12/5/25 to 11/5/25

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### 2023

10<sup>th</sup> November non-uniform day  
16<sup>th</sup> November non-uniform day  
30<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Fayre  
19<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Shop (am)  
20<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Shop (am)  
21<sup>st</sup> December Santa's Grotto

### 2024

6<sup>th</sup> February Parent Consultations  
8<sup>th</sup> February Parent Consultations  
11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> June Cycle Ready Year 6 (Level 3)

15<sup>th</sup> October Parent Consultations  
17<sup>th</sup> October Parent Consultations

### 2025

11<sup>th</sup> February Parent Consultations  
13<sup>th</sup> February Parent Consultations



## CLASS OF THE WEEK

### Ladybirds

for following routines and super listening.



## INSET DAYS

### 2023/2024

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Kaden, Ilsaf, Billie, Jensen, Akshath, Harper, Steven, Willow, Abbey, Loyal, Mr Alberici and Mrs Egan*



## MATHLETICS CLASS RESULTS

1<sup>st</sup>: Maple

2<sup>nd</sup>: Willow

3<sup>rd</sup>: Oak

Willow: 7330

Maple: 8894

Poplar: 4710

Elm: 2144

Sycamore: 1980

Oak: 6323

## MATHLETES OF THE WEEK

KS1: Adyant

KS2: Lilly

## ROCKSTAR OF THE WEEK

Bobby

## ATTENDANCE

It is only by working together that we can achieve our target of 96% attendance across school.

Year Group	% Attendance
Week commencing 16.10.2023	
Rowan (Rec)	96%
Willow (Yr. 1)	96%
Maple (Yr. 2)	96%
Poplar (Yr. 3)	95%
Elm (Yr. 4)	98%
Sycamore (Yr. 5)	93%
Oak (Yr. 6)	99%
Whole School	96%

More details to follow nearer to each of the events.

## STARS OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds: Archer  
Nursery: Phoebe  
Reception: Leo B  
Year 1: Elleen  
Year 2: Jenson  
Year 3: Alex  
Year 4: Arthur  
Year 5: Jackson  
Year 6: Ethan

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Be who you are and say what you feel, because those who mind don't matter, and those who matter don't mind.'

Dr. Seuss



## HOUSE POINTS

Turing 110  
Armstrong 90  
Nightingale 90  
Earhart 129

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## CLASS BLOGS

Visit our website to find out about all the fabulous things we have been doing in school. Follow the link to read our Class Blogs:

<https://www.yewtree.tgacademy.org.uk/news/>

## CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

Smile Education have invited school pupils to take part in a competition to design a Christmas Card. The overall winner will receive 10 cards featuring their own design, a £20 voucher and a framed print of their winning design. The winning school will receive a £100 voucher or a hamper of art supplies to the value of £100. If your child would like to enter, their design should be sent into the school office on the attached template.

## POPPY APPEAL

We are once again proud to be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal for 2023. Poppies, snap bands, zip pulls, wrist bands and reflectors will be available to purchase from the school office at break and lunch times during the w/c 6<sup>th</sup> November.

## MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

We kindly request that you endeavour to make any medical appointments for your child, around school hours. In the event of a medical appointment being booked in school hours, the office must be informed prior to the day of the appointment and proof of the appointment must be sent to the school office at

[Office@yewtree.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:Office@yewtree.tgacademy.org.uk)

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

There are still spaces available in the following free after school clubs for next half term:

Rising Stars Choir - Key Stage 2  
Computing - Years 5 & 6  
Multi Sports - Years 3 & 4

Please speak to the school office for details.

## ASPIRE ACTIVE CAMPS

Aspire are inviting pupils across Solihull to join them over October Half Term at their [Solihull Active Camp](#) at Tudor Grange Academy Solihull. They are running a free 'Open day' there on **Tuesday 31st October**. This is completely free and is a great opportunity for families to see what Active Camps are about! The open day includes a fancy-dress competition, inflatables, Halloween themed games and lots of sports as part of Multi Sports Academy. If you have any questions or need more information, please call 0121 663 1979.

## A CAREER IN TEACHING

Have you ever considered a career in teaching? Did you know that you can train to become a teacher through Tudor Grange Teaching School? Please see the attached flyer about our School Centred Initial Teacher Training- SCITT.

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

A reminder that Mrs Bloomfield has written to all parents this week regarding an upcoming vacancy for a Parent Governor on our school's Governing Body. If you wish to nominate yourself for this role, please complete the nomination form on Mrs Bloomfield's letter and return it to school for the attention of Mrs Claire Hawkes (Clerk to Governors) by 12 noon on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS YEARS 2-6: ENGLAND ROCKS

Between 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> November TTR is hosting a competition called 'England Rocks'. Pupils earn points for their class and school by playing any TTR game. Play each day between 7:30am and 7:30pm. There is a 1-hour time limit per person. The winning class will have the highest number of correct answers per pupil. The more children from each class playing, then the higher the class average will be! Please encourage your child to take part.

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## WORD OF THE WEEK

This week's word is **guffaw**. Please ask your child what it means and ask them to verbalise a sentence that includes the word to deepen their understanding.

## SPELLINGS OF THE WEEK

This week's words are:

- KS1:** improve  
**YR 3 & 4:** extreme  
**YR 5 & 6:** dictionary

Explore these words in more detail, understand the meaning and ask your child to use the word in a sentence.

## OPEN DAYS FOR NEW FAMILIES

There is one remaining open day for prospective parents, whose children are due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024, have now been arranged. The dates are as follows.

- 15<sup>th</sup> November 9:30 - 11:30am  
 15<sup>th</sup> November 6:00 - 7:00pm

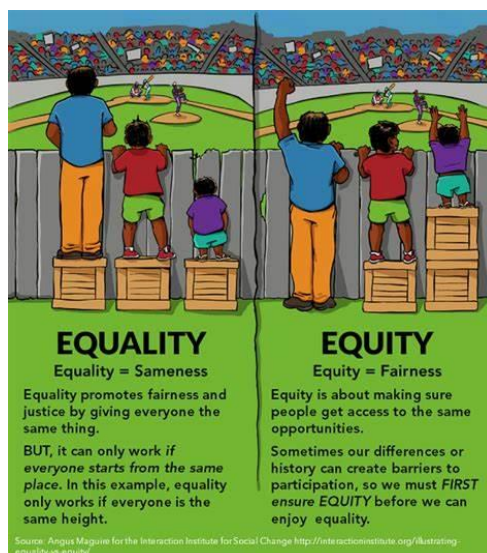
If you know of anyone that may be interested in coming to our open day, please let them know and ask them to telephone the school office for more details.

## BUG HOTEL DESIGN

Please see the attached flyer from Solihull Parish asking children to kindly design a bug hotel for St Alphege and St Helen's churches and for the chapel garden at St Michael's.

## INCLUSION

At TGPA Yew Tree, we pride ourselves on being an inclusive school, supporting a number of pupils with a variety of additional needs to have access to a broad and balanced curriculum and to ensure that they have every opportunity to reach their individual potential. As such, the provision that is in place is specific to each child's unique needs. The below image is a useful explanation of how we strive to achieve this.



## KILIMANJARO FUNDRAISER

There is still time to sponsor Mrs Hung in her climb of Kilimanjaro, who is kindly donating all of her sponsorship money to the PTA in support of school.

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/jacqueline-nkuzi-hung-1690385744306?checkoutMode=Headless?utm\\_source=whatsapp&utm\\_medium=socpledgemobile&utm\\_content=jaqueline-nkuzi-hung-1690385744306?checkoutMode=Headless&utm\\_campaign=post-pledgemobile&utm\\_term=ypJdZwEJ](https://www.justgiving.com/page/jacqueline-nkuzi-hung-1690385744306?checkoutMode=Headless?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=socpledgemobile&utm_content=jaqueline-nkuzi-hung-1690385744306?checkoutMode=Headless&utm_campaign=post-pledgemobile&utm_term=ypJdZwEJ)

## Office Hours

The School office is open from 8.00am to 4.00pm. If you need to speak to Mrs Bloomfield, your child's teacher, our SENDCo Mrs Painter, or any other member of staff, please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

## HALF TERM HOLIDAY

School closes today for the half term holiday and re-opens on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 8.45am. Mrs Bloomfield has been delighted with the children's hard work and behaviour this half term and is thrilled with the support from the PTA, who have enabled the children to have a fabulous Halloween Disco. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back for the productive and exciting weeks leading up to Christmas.