



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

16th November non-uniform day

30th November Christmas Fayre

19th December Christmas Shop (am)

20th December Christmas Shop (am)

21st December Santa's Grotto

2024

6th February Parent Consultations

8th February Parent Consultations

11th-12th June Cycle Ready Year 6
(Level 3)

15th October Parent Consultations

17th October Parent Consultations

2025

11th February Parent Consultations

13th February Parent Consultations

More details to follow nearer to each of the events.



CLASS OF THE WEEK

ELM

for their skillful building
in Design and Technology.



INSET DAYS

2023/2024

Monday 29th January 2024

Monday 8th April 2024

Friday 28th June 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024



MATHLETICS CLASS RESULTS

1st: Maple

2nd: Willow

3rd: Sycamore

Willow: 10837

Maple: 14132

Poplar: 170

Elm: 2170

Sycamore: 4910

Oak: 0

MATHLETES OF THE WEEK

KS1: Adyant

KS2: Robbie

ROCKSTAR OF THE WEEK

Arlo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*Jax, Aadhav, Aashwika,
Florence and Mrs Turner*

STARS OF THE WEEK

Ladybirds: Avaani
Nursery: Zinedine
Reception: Rayna
Year 1: Jaahnav
Year 2: Nancy
Year 3: Amaya
Year 4: Finley
Year 5: Lina
Year 6: Arthur

ATTENDANCE

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

Year Group	% Attendance
Week commencing 22.10.2023	
Rowan (Rec)	93%
Willow (Yr. 1)	88%
Maple (Yr. 2)	92%
Poplar (Yr. 3)	97%
Elm (Yr. 4)	95%
Sycamore (Yr. 5)	92%
Oak (Yr. 6)	88%
Whole School	92%

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

'Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, one teacher can change the world.'

Malala Yousafzai



HOUSE POINTS

Turing 85
Armstrong 72
Nightingale 67
Earhart 117

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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/>

YEAR 3 MATHS WORKSHOP

Miss Rowlands will be holding a workshop for Year 3 parents between 9:00-10:00 am on Monday 27th November. The workshop will focus on formal methods of addition and subtraction and will be held in the school hall. Parents of Year 3 parents should email the school office to book their place.

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS YEARS 2-6: ENGLAND ROCKS

Next week, between 14th - 16th 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.

RISING STARS CAROL FESTIVAL

Parents, carers and members of our school community are invited to attend the Rising Stars Carol Festival, which is taking place at St Alphege church on Wednesday 20th December at 6pm. Key Stage 2 Pupils from TGPA Yew Tree will be part of the choir and we are looking forward to watching them represent our school. There are still places available for Key Stage 2 pupils who would like to join the choir and rehearsals are held after school on a Thursday.

'GLORIA!' AUTUMN CONCERT.

Please see the attached flyer regarding the Gloria concert being held at St Alphege Church this Saturday at 7pm.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-Bullying week and this year's theme is 'Make a Noise About Bullying!' *The week will be kicked off with Odd Socks Day on Monday 13th November*, where adults and children in school are invited to wear odd socks to celebrate us all being unique.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

Computing - Years 5 & 6

Multi Sports - Years 3 & 4

Please speak to the school office for details.

NON-UNIFORM DAY

Please see the attached flyer regarding next week's non-uniform day in exchange for bottle donations for the Christmas Fayre.

TECH TIMEOUT TUESDAY

Mental Health First Aid England are partnering with Tech Timeout, a company that encourages businesses to consider the impact of digital technology on staff wellbeing. Tuesday 28th November, will be an opportunity for businesses to encourage their staff to disconnect, log-off and step away from their screens.

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.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

This week's word is **ghastly**. 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:** kind
YR 3 & 4: famous
YR 5 & 6: disastrous

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

CHRISTMAS NATIVITY

We are excitedly preparing for this year's Nativity performance and are looking forward to starting the rehearsals with EYFS and Key Stage 1 children. Details regarding performance dates and times will be issued next week, followed by information regarding ticket allocation and collection dates.

As always, there will not be a charge for tickets, but they are limited to 2 tickets PER FAMILY initially and these will be issued on a 'first come first served basis'. Please note that only 1 of these tickets will be issued per family for the evening performance.

NURSERY ADMISSIONS MEETING

We are hosting our Nursery admissions meeting for September 2024 on Wednesday 15th November at 5.30pm. If your child is 3 before 31st August they are eligible to start school nursery next September. This meeting will provide you with the necessary information and will then be followed by our open evening.

OPEN DAY FOR NEW FAMILIES

Our remaining open day for prospective parents, whose children are due to start Nursery or Reception in September 2024, will be held on:

- 15th November 9:30 - 11:30am
 15th 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.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Mrs Bloomfield wishes to share her thanks with everyone in school who has supported this year's Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal by purchasing items from the school office.

INTER-FAITH WEEK

Monday 12th November sees the start of Inter-Faith week which is designed to promote the awareness and understanding around all faiths, as well as strengthen the relationships between communities of differing faiths. Religious education lessons in school next week will be focusing on this theme.

GRAPES

As many of you will be aware, grapes can be a choking hazard for both adults and children. If you are sending grapes in for your child to have as a snack or as part of their packed lunch, can we please request that you cut them into quarters rather than halves, as we have been advised by medical professionals that this is the safer option. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS

Mrs Bloomfield and the TGPA Yew Tree staff wish to send huge congratulations to Jackie Hung, who reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro on Wednesday. Mrs Hung and her fellow climbers had to acclimatise to the changes in altitude and oxygen levels on the climb but are now safely back at ground level. Well done Mrs Hung, we are in awe of your achievement.