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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have all had a great week. It has certainly helped to have enjoyed the late summer sunshine! It is hard to believe that next week will be the third full week back, and in school this week, amongst other activities, we have been starting to prepare for our Harvest Festival. We have now confirmed the date with the church and we are pleased to tell you that our Harvest Festival will take place on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2pm - 3pm.** We hope that the new time this year will help to support working families a little bit more.

## Wild Tribe

It will be wonderful to see the return of Wild Tribe, led by Arena, who will provide curriculum enrichment sessions across KS1 and KS2 this term. The first sessions will be,

- KS1 (Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2) - **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October**
- KS2 (Yr 3, Yr 4, Yr 5) - **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October**
- Year 6 - **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> October**



There is much evidence to show that taking the curriculum outside can enhance the health and well-being of children and encourage them to be more active. The children learn to manage risks through the use of tools, work together through teamwork challenges, gain appreciation and respect for nature and the impact that humans have on the environment, and become more confident with raised self-esteem.

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## Next Steps, Year 6 Secondary Transfer 2024

Although the children have only just started in Year 6, the online application facility for transfer to secondary school is now available. You must apply by Thursday, 31 October 2024, at <https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/school-information/apply-for-a-school-place/apply-for-a-secondary-school-place/>

You can contact the Education helpline at 0345 155 1019 or email [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk), and an adviser will be happy to assist you. National Allocation Day is Monday, March 3, 2025.

## Starting school in September 2025

Applications for Reception school places for 2025 opens in November, with this in mind we will be holding two Foundation Stage open events as detailed in this poster.

If you know anyone who has a child starting school in September 2025, please let them know about these open events. We would love the opportunity to show people our wonderful Foundation Stage learning areas and all that it has to offer



## Yealmpton Primary School Foundation Stage

### School visit and tour

#### Are you starting school in September 2025?

We are excited to invite you and your parents/carers to one of the following sessions where you will be able to find out about our wonderful school and join in with our play activities.



Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October  
9:30 - 10:30 am



Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November  
4:00 - 5:00pm

- 🐝 Explore our exciting indoor and outdoor learning environment
- 🐝 Enjoy a tour around our school
- 🐝 Find out about our Early Years curriculum

Please visit our website to find out more about our school  
[www.yealmpton-primary.devon.sch.uk](http://www.yealmpton-primary.devon.sch.uk)

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## Attendance

As you know, it is so important that your child is in school and on time every day. Late marks will affect your child's percentage attendance rate. Each day really matters. The chart below really highlights the impact of days off.



Taking holidays during school time will only be authorised if they meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances. Please see the information poster regarding the fining system, which is in place in WeST schools.

It is essential that we know where your children are during term time, and it is a safeguarding issue if we don't. Therefore, if your child is ill please make sure that you phone or email the office to let us know on each morning of your child's absence.

**ATTENDANCE** **WHAT THE NEW RULES MEAN FOR ME**  
WITH EFFECT FROM 19 AUGUST 2024

**1** I'm a single parent of one child and we want to go on holiday for a week.  
Your holiday will not be authorised and you must talk to the school before you book anything. Because your child will miss 5 school days you will be given a penalty notice fine. The fine is £160 but if you pay it in 21 days it will be reduced to £80.

**£160**

**2** FOR EVERY CHILD A PENALTY IS GIVEN  
+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160  
4 children & 1 parent = £640  
Reduced to £320 if paid in 21 days

**3** IRREGULAR ATTENDANCE  
**10 IN 10**  
If your child is absent for 10 or more sessions in 10 weeks and their absences are unauthorised, the school will consider prosecution.  
**1 DAY = 2 SESSIONS**

**4** FOR A FAMILY OF TWO PARENTS  
+£160 +£160 +£160 +£160  
4 children & 2 parents = £1280  
Reduced to £640 if paid in 21 days

**5** If in any period of not more than 3 years, your child has a 2nd and 3rd leave of absence or pattern of irregular attendance...

**2ND TIME**  
2 parents and...  
1 child - £320  
2 children = £640  
3 children = £960  
4 children = £1280  
No discount for early payment

**3RD TIME**  
A penalty notice fine will not be given.  
Your case will be taken to court.  
A magistrate can fine each parent £2500 for each child.  
1 parent & 4 children = £10,000  
2 parents & 4 children = £20,000

**i** FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT [gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/working-together-to-improve-school-attendance)

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## Safeguarding

Just a reminder that our Designated Safeguarding leads at school are Mr Mitchell and Mrs Tomkins. Our Deputy Safeguarding Officer is Mrs James. If you need to speak to us regarding safeguarding please do not hesitate to contact us.



# Safeguarding Team



Mr M Mitchell  
Headteacher - DSL



Mrs J Tomkins  
Headteacher - DSL



Mrs J James  
SENDCo - DDSL

Mr Mitchell, Mrs Tomkins and Mrs James can be contacted via the school office at:  
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### School Council

A call for help!

Our wonderful new school councillors have been meeting to discuss our school grounds and what we could do to make them even better. One of the things that they have come up with is the state of the flower beds outside each classroom and the overgrown pond area. We are all really keen to tidy up these areas so that they can be enjoyed by the children again.



This is where school council would like your help.

We will be running a gardening morning on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October 10am - 12pm.**

We would be so grateful if you could grab your gardening gloves, trowel, secateurs and spade and join us for a few hours of weeding and pruning.

We are hoping that many hands could make light work!

### Dojo Star Learners

Congratulations to our Star Learners this week who received their certificates today in our first celebration assembly of the academic year



<b>Sycamore Class</b>	Zackery	Piper
<b>Beech Class</b>	Jamie	Aggie
<b>Chestnut Class</b>	Margot	Pixie
<b>Elm Class</b>	Finley	Louie
<b>Pine Class</b>	Poppy	Herbie
<b>Oak Class</b>	Seth	Darcey

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## Key Dates

Wild Tribe Key Stage 1	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October
Wild Tribe Key Stage 2	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October
Wild Tribe Year 6	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Children's Mental Health Day - Come to school in something yellow	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October
Gardening Morning	Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 10am - 12pm
Parent Forum	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October 9am - 10am
Harvest Festival	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2pm - 3pm

Dates for the Christmas activities will be added to the calendar next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

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Help Us Grow Trees

## Tree Seed Sunday

**Sunday 6 October**

Meet 11.00 am at the  
Rose & Crown, Yealmpton

Collect seeds for school and your  
community tree seed nursery

Dartington Morris  
Ben van Weede the Appalachian Fiddler  
Green Man face painting

**Everyone Welcome**

**Join us for a fun day of tree seed foraging**

Follow Yealm Estuary to Moor on Facebook or  
email [info@yemcorridor.com](mailto:info@yemcorridor.com)

Wear something green and bring a basket to collect  
your seeds in.



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