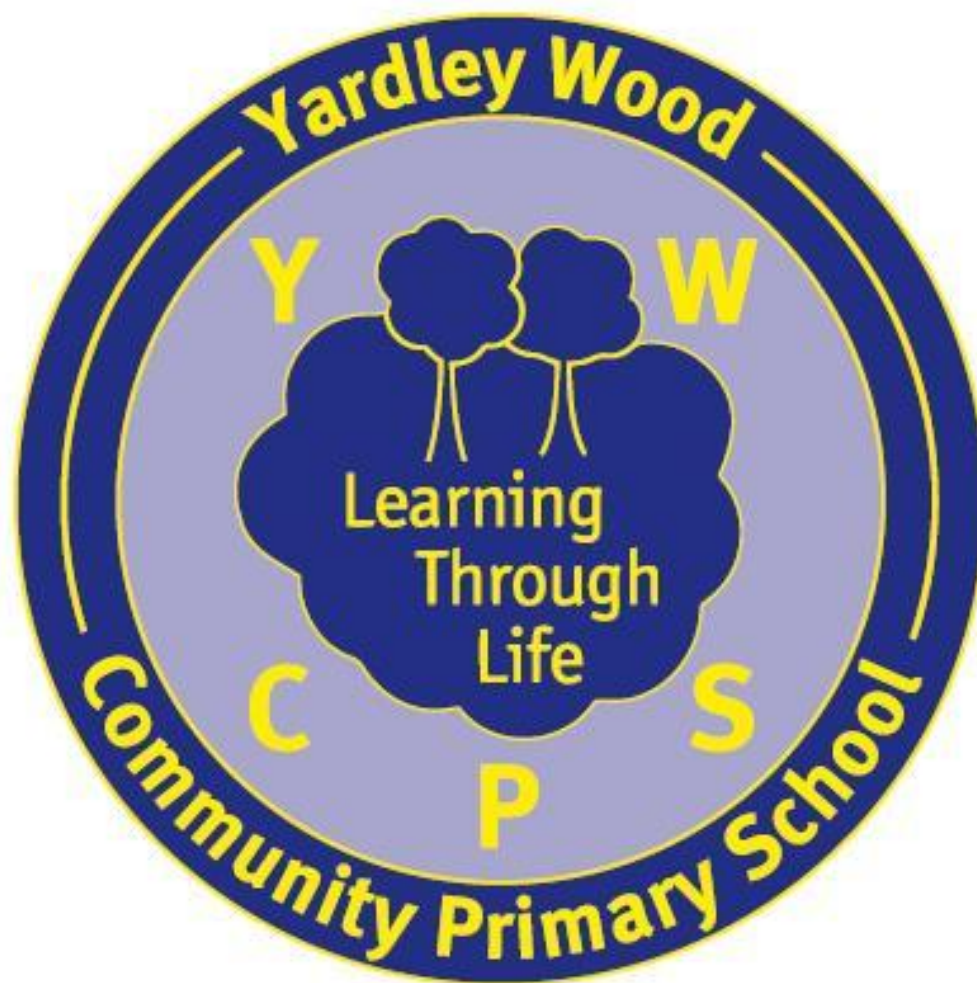




School Prospectus

2026-2027



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Head Teacher's Welcome



Mr Turner
Head Teacher

Welcome to Yardley Wood Community Primary School. We are an inclusive school, where we aim to provide a happy, caring and secure environment in which all of our pupils can thrive – both academically and socially. Yardley Wood Community Primary School's badge bears the motto 'Learning through Life,' reflecting both our vision to produce independent life-long learners. and our practical approach to a broad, balanced and meaningful curriculum. A dedicated staff, in partnership with parents, governors and the wider community, keep the school moving forward and aiming high.

I urge all parents who are looking for a great school for their children to come in and visit us. Our class blogs and BlueSky feeds on the school website can also give you a good idea of what we are all about.

Ben Turner

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Head Teacher: Mr. Ben Turner

Deputy Head Teacher: Miss K Palmer

Assistant Head Teacher: Miss R Walls (SENDCo/Lead DSL)

Chair of Governors: Mrs. Marion Atkin



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Vision and Values

Our shared School Vision at Yardley Wood Community Primary School is:

To provide a safe, welcoming and dynamic school community, built on positive relationships, where the value and potential of everyone is recognised and where the opportunities to explore, develop and un-lock these are not missed.

We have a shared vision for our school where everyone is valued, everyone is a learner and everyone is a teacher, in a place of safety where every person wants and provides the best for others and where we are building the skills, attributes and character for a future yet unknown.

Our shared YWCPS Values:

We value:

- Everyone as an individual and seek to develop their capability, confidence and self- esteem.
- Positive, constructive relationships.
- And welcome all, irrespective of gender, race, beliefs, social background or abilities – we don't 'tolerate' – we celebrate. Nobody is an outsider.
- Honesty, integrity, truthfulness and compassion.
- Courage, resilience and the empowerment of others.
- Personal endeavour and success and we value the power of teamwork.
- Positive behaviour, reflection, forgiveness and restorative behaviour when people make mistakes.
- Good manners, kind words and positive action.
- Cooperation, collaboration and community-spirit.
- Personal accountability and social responsibility.
- Creativity, taking risks, thinking differently and the freedom to explore and question everything
- Peace, love and understanding.
- Safeguarding.
- Kindness.
- Our children and each other.

"It's not enough to be kind. One should be kinder than needed..... we carry with us, as human beings, not just the capacity to be kind, but the very choice of kindness..... If every single person made it a rule that wherever you are, whenever you can, you will try to act a little kinder than is necessary - the world really would be a better place."

R.J Palacio



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Support for Parents & Pupils

Safeguarding

Yardley Wood Community Primary School is committed to the highest standards in safeguarding the children entrusted in our care. We have a designated safeguarding lead Miss Walls (DSL) who is supported by Mr Turner (Headteacher), Miss Palmer (Deputy Headteacher) and the Pastoral Team in school. More information about safeguarding is available on our school website –



Miss Palmer
Deputy Head

www.ydlywood.bham.sch.uk



DSL

The Pastoral Team

The school has a well-established system of Pastoral Support which underpins school life at Yardley Wood Community Primary School. The Pastoral Team in school - led by Miss Walls and supported by non-teaching support staff: Miss Ford (Pastoral Manager) and Miss Jakeways (Senior Learning Mentor), who work to support



Miss Ford

children and families with any additional needs they may have. Their work includes: providing family support; undertaking 1:1 and group sessions with children to support emotional health and wellbeing; managing attendance of pupils; supporting all staff in school to keep children safe and working in multi-agency teams to ensure the safeguarding of all pupils. Parents and carers are encouraged to speak



Miss Jakeways

with a member of the Pastoral Team about any concerns they may have about their child or any worries about their own circumstances which could affect their parenting. Someone from the Pastoral Team is always available in school to meet with parents/carers.

SENDCO



Yardley Wood Community Primary School has an Inclusion Lead, Miss Walls, who manages SEND support across school. There is a SENDCo Assistant, Mrs. Taylor who manages the SEND provision within the foundation stage. They ensure that all children with additional needs are supported in a way that is inclusive and supports them to make a good level of progress. Both Miss Walls



and Mrs. Taylor alongside teachers, teaching assistants and the Pastoral Team, support planning, assessment and review processes for children with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. They work closely with outside agencies and parents so that they can ensure staff are able to meet the needs of the pupils and make adaptations as required. School's SEND information report can be found under 'Key Information' on the school website.



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The School Day

We have an entrances on Ravenshill Road and School Road. Children can be dropped off and collected through both gates. These are closed at **9.00am** and you will need to bring your child to the smaller School Road entrance and sign in via the office. The Ravenshill Road gate and main School Road gate will re-open at the end of the school day and will be locked again at **3.30pm** – any late collections will need to be made from the office, via the entrance on School Road.

We have an accommodating start to the school day, with a 20 minute window for arrival. Please drop your child off in the school playground between **8.40am - 9.00am** each day. Staff are available on the school playground to welcome parents and children each morning. They can share any important information as well as deal with any concerns or pass on messages a parent may have for the class teacher. If your child arrives in school after 9.00am, please sign them in at the Reception Office using the sign in screen. You'll need the child's date of birth and class name to do this.

Punctuality

We expect all children to arrive to school on time. Punctuality is valued as a good habit, both for school and in the wider world of work. Arriving late is unsettling for your child and disruptive for their class. Arrivals after 9.30 am are classed as unauthorised absences and will affect your child's attendance record.

Poor punctuality can lead to your child...

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

There is a 15-minute playtime break in the morning and a 40 minute lunchtime. 'Brain breaks' are given throughout the day as well as opportunities for outdoor learning.

End of the school day:

Nursery and Reception:	3.10pm
Years 1 & 2:	3.15pm
Years 3 & 4:	3.20pm
Years 5 & 6:	3.25pm

We urge parents to collect their child/children on time at the end of the school day. Your child should be brought to school and collected by an adult. For safety reasons, we need to know who this will be. If there is any change in the routine, please let a member of staff know by **3pm**. Regular late collections may result in a fine.

Parents should be aware there is no official supervision for play in the playground or football area before school begins or after school ends.



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Attendance

Children are required to be in school every day as good attendance is essential if your child is going to make expected progress at school. We understand, however, there will be times where your child is not able to attend school due to illness.



Absences – Study bugs

We use an app called 'Studybugs' to enable parents/carers to report their child(ren)'s absence due to illness. Absences can be reported securely and help improve children's health with advice on various illnesses. Please download the free Studybugs app or, alternatively, register on the Studybugs website.

<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>

Alternatively, please call the school office on 0121 675 2456 before 9am on the **first day of absence**. Or email the school at enquiry@ydlywood.bham.sch.uk. If we do not hear from you and your child is not in school, you will receive a phone call from school and if no contact is made, this may be followed by a home visit. Your child's absence will be unauthorised for each day we have no contact.

Medical Appointments

Where possible, parents should try and book routine medical appointments in school holidays and out of school time. If your child has a medical appointment, please let school know beforehand and provide evidence of the appointment to the school office so we can authorise the absence.

Holidays

Please note we are not able to authorise **any** holidays in term time. If you take your child out of school during the school term for any length of time, Birmingham City Council may impose a fine and/or undertake legal proceedings. Term dates are at the back of this prospectus, on our website & on Birmingham City Council's website.

Attendance Strategy

We follow the 'Support First' strategy at Yardley Wood Community Primary School to promote and achieve good attendance. This BCC strategy for 2026-2029 has provided a welcome change from less supportive approaches and is available on-line:

https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/downloads/file/31507/birmingham_school_attendance_strategy_2026_to_2029

More information on attendance and policies is available on the school website.



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Wraparound Care at Yardley Wood Community Primary School

Breakfast Club

We run a school breakfast club which is open each day from 7.45am - 8.45am and is available to all children from Nursery to Year 6. It is run in the Sports Hall (accessed via the Ravenshill Road entrance) by school staff who will provide the children with toast/cereal & a drink for breakfast, as well as childcare until school starts.

The daily charge for breakfast club is £4.00 per child and £3.00 for any additional siblings. If you would like to send your child to breakfast club, you will need to make a booking for them each week on ParentPay.

If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements, please speak to school before making your initial booking.

ParentPay - Cashless Payment System



Here at Yardley Wood Community Primary School, we use a cashless payment system called 'ParentPay.' It is a secure and convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, clubs and other school items online. Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history for you to view at a later date.

Once your child starts here, you will be issued with log on details for ParentPay. You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password; you will be prompted to change these, and to keep them safe and secure. If you have more than one child at our school, or children at other ParentPay schools, you can create a single account login for all your children. Once you have activated your account you can make online payments straight away.



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School Uniform

We encourage all children to wear school uniform of:

- white polo shirt or shirt/blouse
- blue top (sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan)
- grey or black bottoms (skirt/trousers or pinafore)

During hot weather children may wear shorts or school summer dresses in blue and white.

Sweatshirts and cardigans with the school logo are available from Clive Mark School Wear in Kings Heath. Non-branded plain jumpers and sweatshirts in the school colour are more reasonably priced, and are available from all major supermarkets. We also have a sustainable uniform stand, where parents can take whatever they need at no cost, and can give us back any uniform that is too small. If you are ever worried about uniform items, please speak to a member of our Pastoral Team.

For safety reasons, children should wear flat, sensible footwear. If trainers are worn, they must be laced up and tied in the correct manner. We request that footwear is black and closed toe.

We ask that all uniform is labelled with your child's name. This particularly applies to outdoor clothes and PE kit which are often mislaid by children. Watches should also have a name or initials marked on them for identification.





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Clothing for PE

At Yardley Wood Community Primary School, Physical Education plays a very important role in the curriculum and helps to support the overall wellbeing of the pupils. Children are encouraged to become independent learners and have all of the essential items for this lesson. For health & safety reasons, our pupils must wear the correct PE kit during PE classes and, if applicable, will be provided with a kit for competitions (although trainers must be brought in from home). PE Kit, including trainers, should be worn to school on PE days. Please see class pages on our school website or speak to class teachers to find out your child's PE day.

Required items for PE:	Description:
Bottoms:	
Shorts <i>or</i>	Plain black or Navy Blue
Tracksuit bottoms <i>or</i>	Plain Black or Navy Blue
Leggings	Plain Black or Navy Blue
Tops:	
T-Shirt	Plain White
Jumper	Pupils can wear their school jumper/cardigan over PE kit when it is cold
Footwear:	
Trainers	Good ankle and arch support; appropriate cushioning; secure fastening; proper fit with room for growth
Pumps	Optional for indoor use only





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School meals

Pupils have the option to bring in a packed lunch from home or have a meal from school. All of our school meals are cooked freshly on site each day and are available to pupils in all year groups to order.

Sample menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers Pasta Bake	Spaghetti Bolognese Lamb Curry	Roast Chicken & stuffing Omelette	Cheese Flan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Baked Fish
Diced Potatoes Baked Beans Salad	Garlic Bread Rice Sweetcorn / Peas	Mashed Potato Roast Potato Broccoli Carrots	Wedges Sweetcorn	Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn
Chocolate sponge & custard	Apple Crumble & Custard	Ice cream Cookies	Chocolate Crunch & Custard	Ice Cream

A selection of cold sandwiches is available as an alternative to the main course. Fresh fruit & yoghurt is available daily

We request that parents notify school of any dietary requirements or allergies so that we can ensure your child has their needs met. If you wish to change your child's meal arrangements, please give one week's notice to the office.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a Universal Free School meal. However, if you are in receipt of certain benefits, school may be able to access some additional funding, so please still complete the free school meals application form. This form is available from the school office.

Dinner money should be paid on the first day of the school week and is currently £2.75 per day – £13.75 weekly (£2.45 for Nursery children - £12.45 weekly). We are a cashless school and all meal payments need to be made on ParentPay - your ParentPay log in details will be given to you once your child starts with us.

Please note we are a NUT FREE school

Please do not send your child in to school with any sort of nuts – including nuts in their raw form, chocolates bars with nuts in them, chocolate spread made with nuts or peanut butter/almond butter.



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If your child has any allergies or dietary requirements, please let the school office know.

More information about school meals is available on the school website.

Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026

Term Starts for Years 1 - 6: Thursday 3rd September 2026

(Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September are Teacher Training Days - School closed to pupils)

Reception Start Date – Monday 7th September 2026

Nursery – Start date Thursday 10th September 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October 2026 to Friday 30th October 2026

Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils – Monday 2nd November 2026

Term Ends: Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term 2027

Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils – Monday 4th January 2027

Term Starts for pupils: Tuesday 5th January 2027

Half Term: Monday 15th February 2027 to Friday 19th February 2027

Term Ends: Friday 25th March 2027

Summer Term 2027

Term Starts: Monday 12th April 2027

Bank Holiday – Monday 3rd May 2027 – School closed

Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils – Friday 28th May 2027

Half Term: Monday 31st May 2027 to Friday 4th June 2027

Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July 2027



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Other School closures

We will keep our school website updated with any additional school closures such as teacher training days and voting days. Please check regularly on www.ydlywood.bham.sch.uk

School Documents & Policies

The following documents are posted on the school website www.ydlywood.bham.sch.uk and are available in school for parents to see upon request:

Admissions information

Attendance

Current Curriculum

Information about SEND

Parent Code of Conduct

Pupil premium and Sports premium information

OFSTED Report

Recent national assessment information (A report comparing our End of Key stage test results with National results and other similar schools)

School Policies

We update our website regularly with information about school life and when policies change. Please access our website to find out more information about our school, staff, pupils and the wider commun