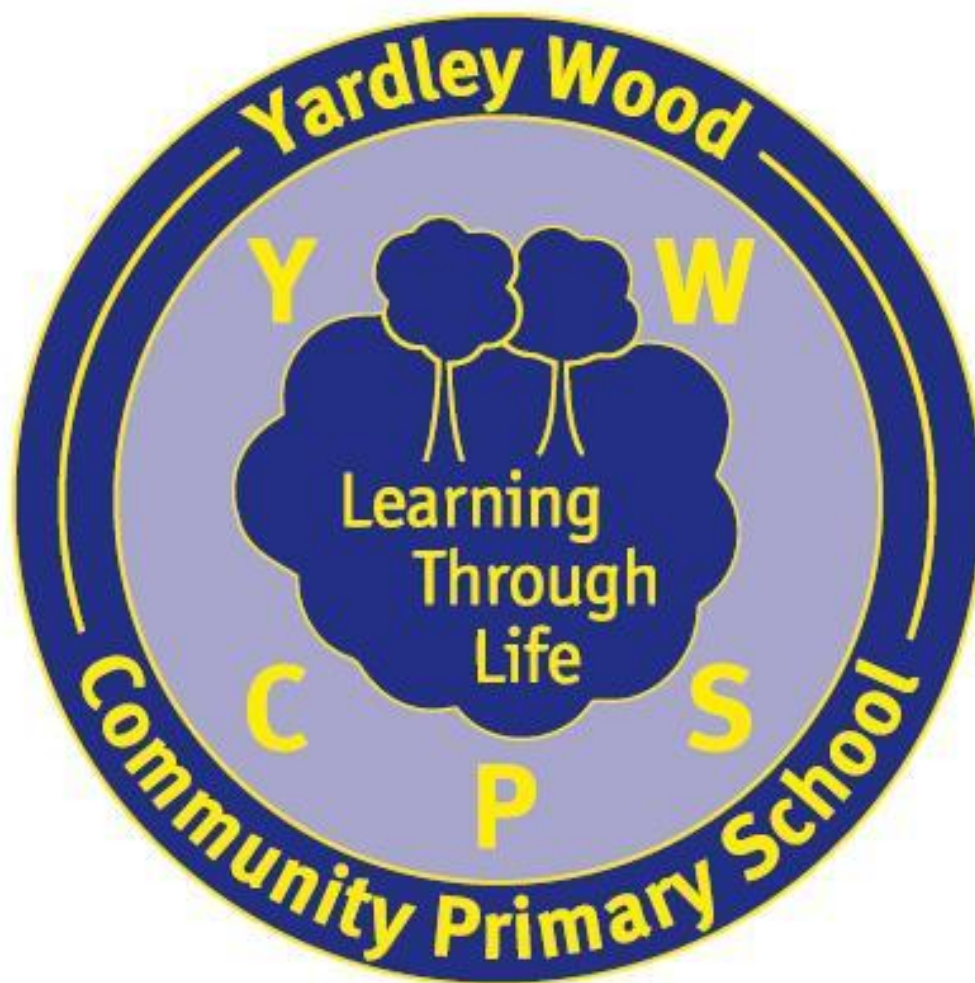




School Prospectus

2025-2026



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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD TEACHER



Mr Turner
Head Teacher

Welcome to Yardley Wood Community Primary School. The school has seen significant improvements over recent years and we are striving to raise standards for the children in our community. The school's ethos continues to emphasise academic standards, strong values and an enriched, creative and challenging curriculum that all children enjoy. When parents, pupils, staff and visitors enter our school, we celebrate the difference we can make and our achievements together.

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. All this is offered in a bright, spacious building which provides an exciting learning environment, with much to offer.

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 give you a good idea of what we're all about.

Ben Turner

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B14 4ER
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Head Teacher: Mr. Ben Turner

Deputy Head Teacher: Miss K Palmer

Assistant Head Teacher: Miss R Walls (SENDCo)

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



Miss Palmer
Deputy Head

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 -

www.ydlywood.bham.sch.uk



Miss Walls
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) - work



Miss Ford

to support children and families with any additional needs they may have. Their work includes: providing family support; undertaking 1:1 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.



Miss Jakeways

Parents and carers are encouraged to speak with a member of the Pastoral Team about any concerns they may have about their child or 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. Schools SEND information report can be found under 'Key Information' on the school website.



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The School Day

We have an entrance to school both on Ravenshill Road and on School Road. Children can be dropped off and collected through both gates – the gates on Ravenshill Road and School Road 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 if you are late or returning from an appointment. The Ravenshill Road gate and main School Road gate re-opens at the end of the school day and will be locked at **3.30pm** – any late collections will need to be made via the office on School Road.

We have a staggered start to the school day. Please drop your child off in the school playground between **8.40- 9.00am** each day. Class teachers are available on the school playground to welcome parents and children and share any important information as well as take information 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.

Punctuality

We expect all children to arrive at 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.

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 45-minute lunchtime. 'Brain breaks' are given throughout the day as well as opportunities for outdoor learning. An average of 5 hours will be spent each day on lessons.

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. Regular late collections may result in a fine. 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**.

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

If your child is absent from school due to illness, please call the school office on 0121 675 2456 before 9am on the **first day of absence**. Alternatively, you can email the school at enquiry@ydlywood.bham.sch.uk. If we do not hear from you when your child is not in school, your child's absence will be unauthorised for each day we have no contact.

Medical Appointments

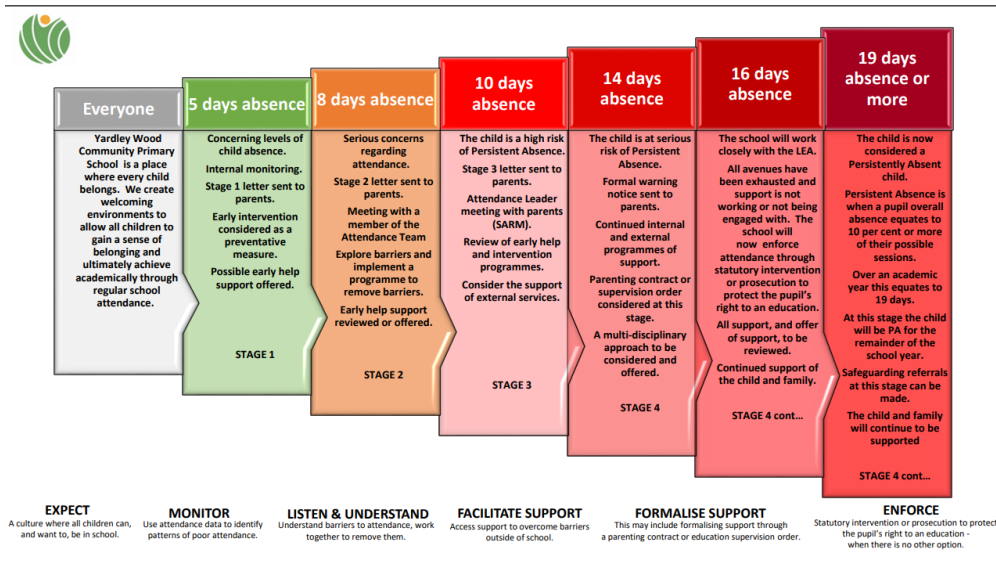
Where possible, parents should try and book routine medical appointments in school holidays and out of school time. If your child has a medical appointment, please let school know beforehand and bring the letter/text message to the school office so we can mark the appointment down as a medical appointment.

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, both on our & Birmingham City Council's website and are available upon request

Attendance Strategy

We use the 'Five foundations of Effective Attendance' at Yardley Wood Community Primary School to promote and achieve good attendance. An outline of this approach is detailed in this chart.



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 which 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; no card details are stored in any part of the system.

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.

There are details at the end of this uniform section which lets parents know which element of the school uniform is required and which items are optional.

If you would like to purchase a jumper/cardigan with our school logo (not compulsory), these 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. You may purchase uniform second-hand or from the charity shop if you prefer. If you are struggling to purchase 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 the 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 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 and hygiene, our pupils must wear the correct PE kit during regular PE classes and will be provided with a kit for competitions (although trainers must be brought in from home). We would strongly suggest that pupils keep their PE kit in school from Monday to Friday so it is always available in case changes to the timetable are made.

Required items for PE:	Description:
Bottoms:	
Shorts <i>or</i>	Plain black or Navy Blue (as seen in photos)
Tracksuit bottoms <i>or</i>	Plain Black
Leggings	Plain Black
Tops:	
T-Shirt	Plain White or Blue (as seen in photos)
Footwear:	
Trainers	Recommended for outdoor use only
Pumps	Recommended for indoor use only



Uniform Item	Required	Optional
Plain royal blue cardigan or jumper	✓	
Cardigan or jumper with school logo	✗	✓
Black or Grey Trousers/skirt/pinafore	✓	
Royal blue gingham summer dress	✗	✓
Plain white polo shirt or white shirt/blouse	✓	
Grey or black summer shorts	✗	✓
Polo shirt with school logo	✗	✓
Waterproof coat or Jacket	✓	
Sensible school shoes	✓	
P. E Kit		
Plain black joggers or PE shorts	✓	
Plain white t-shirt or polo shirt	✓	
PE Shorts with school logo	✗	✓
PE shirt with school logo	✗	✓

Please ensure you put your child's name in all uniform/PE Kit and coat



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School meals

Dinner money should be paid on the first day of the school week and is currently £2.70 per day – £13.50 weekly (£2.40 for Nursery children - £12 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.

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. These may be obtained from the School Office.

School meals are cooked on site. 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.

Sample menu

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fish Fingers Pasta Bake	Lasagne Spring Rolls	Roast Chicken & stuffing Omelette	Sweet & Sour Chicken Baked Flan	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Baked Fish
Diced Potatoes Baked Beans Salad	Garlic Bread Wedges Sweetcorn / Peas	Mashed Potato Roast Potato Broccoli Mixed Vegetables	Rice Naan Bread Mixed Vegetables	Chips Baked Beans Sweetcorn
Mousse	Peach Cobbler & Custard	Cornflake Tart & Custard	Chocolate Crunch	Ice Cream

A selection of cold sandwiches is available as an alternative to the main course

A fresh seasonable salad bar is available every day with freshly baked bread

A selection of fresh fruit & yoghurt is available daily

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.

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.



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Term Dates

Autumn Term 2025

Term Starts for Reception and Years 1 - 6: Wednesday 3rd September 2025

(Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd September are Teacher Training Days)

Nursery – Start date Monday 8th September 2025

Half Term: Monday 27th October 2025 to Friday 31st October 2025

Term Ends: Friday 19th December 2025

Spring Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 5th January 2026

Half Term: Monday 16th February 2026 to Friday 20th February 2026

Term Ends: Friday 27th March 2026

Summer Term 2026

Term Starts: Monday 13th April 2026

Bank Holiday – Monday 4th May 2026 – School closed

Teacher Training Day – School closed to pupils – Friday 22nd May 2026

Half Term: Monday 25th May 2026 to Friday 29th May 2026

Term Ends: Friday 17th July 2026

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



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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

COVID Information

Current Curriculum

Information about SEND

Parent Code of Conduct

Pupil premium and Sports premium information

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

School Policies

The OFSTED Report

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 community.