

Dear Parents / Carers

The spring term always seems to fly by and this spring term has been no exception. We have certainly crammed a lot into this term – trips, progress meetings, visitors, exhibitions and not to forget all the learning that the children have completed. As always, the children have been a **credit to our school** and I have felt very proud of all the members of Pear Tree at various points during this term. A particular highlight for me was the Science Fair and World Book Day all on the same day!

Eid Mubarak to all those who celebrated earlier this week and I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break and look forward to seeing you all back at school on the **22nd April 2025**. Mrs Bartlett and Mrs Badwal



Staffing Updates

As some of you may have seen last week, we have recently said **goodbye** to Mrs Ozmen and Mrs Daws in the school office.

However, with some goodbyes it means that we say **hello** to some new members of staff.

Mr Phillips will be joining us as **Site Manager** and **Mrs Derbyshire** will be starting as **School Operations Manager** after the Easter break. We are looking forward to welcoming them to the Pear Tree team!

Nut-Free School

We have a number of pupils in school who have severe allergic reactions to nuts and nut products. To help keep these children safe, we are asking that children **do not** bring nuts or nut products into school. This includes:

- Peanut Butter and Nutella sandwiches
- Some Cereal and Granola bars
- Chocolate containing nuts.

Please check ingredients carefully before sending into school.

Chocolate or sweets sent in for a child's birthday **MUST** be given to the school office so they can check for nut products and gelatine.



School Uniform Reminder

Please see page two for a reminder of our school uniform. We are starting to see jeans, hoodies and white trainers creeping in for some children. Please use the Easter holiday to make sure your child has the **right clothing for their week in school**.

A reminder also that jewellery should only be stud earrings, a non-smart watch and/or any religious jewellery. Hoop earrings are unsafe in school, as are necklaces and bracelets. Please save your nice jewellery to wear at the weekends.



Pear Tree Junior's attendance from September until April is 93%. All schools are aiming for 96% or above.

Thank you to all parents who are working with school on children's attendance. Attendance for each year group has increased from this time last year and is at the level it was at before Christmas.



We are aiming to reach 96% which is the government's target. Over the Spring term, meetings have been held with families to support with good attendance. Thank you to those families who have engaged

Uniform

It is important that your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for school. Our expectations are shown below. Activities may be withdrawn if children are wearing incorrect footwear.

Uniform

Look smart: Be the part
Your child is expected to wear uniform everyday
Wearing uniform will give you a sense of belonging and pride



PE Kit

Get fit and wear your kit!
Your child should wear school PE kit on their PE days. This should be blue, white and black!



Pear Tree Pride

We are very proud of our community and this page is here to celebrate our success. If you have anything you think should be added to this page, please contact the School Office.

Our annual **Science Fair** was another great success! The children were so proud of their investigations that they presented. The lucky winners who went on to represent the school at the Transform Science Showcase were **Nightingale** with their **Separating Liquid**. Thank you to **Mrs Jacques** for organising and to all the parents who attended throughout the day.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who joined us for our **Pupil Progress Meetings**. They were our most well-attended ever and we loved sharing the progress of the children with you.

We raised an amazing £147.60 for **Red Nose Day**. The children dressed in their pyjamas and bought sweet treats. Thank you to everyone who donated!

We have had some fantastic artists from the QUAD in to work with the children this term. They have worked so hard and created some amazing pieces! Make sure you visit the **Format Festival** at **Derby QUAD** which features artwork from our children celebrating their heritage.



Our **gold badge** winners are nominated by the year group for going above and beyond every day. A huge congratulations to **Rouqi Li, Maicon Unuigbe, Meivi Mrishaj** and **Evangeline Bermaa**.

Well done to these children for achieving their green Pear Tree badges this term. These children were chosen for a wide variety of reasons but they all show the Pear Tree Superhero Code and Powers every single day. You are all fantastic role models.



Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Nelly T, Samuel P, Stefan K	William C, Raghad A, Tamara K	Sorin U, Yahya N, Liliana B	Tesleemah A, Sara W, Yasmina Z
Eshaal F, Layyah M, Janko P	Anna-Maria D, Rebecca IL, Fatima H, Charlie W	Luis D, Mahreen BK, Kaeynat Z	Sebastian D, Martina M, Keyan D
Ayaan Z, Lewan A, Rufaidah H	M, Mustafa, Vanessa H, Omid A	Denisa D, Haydar A, Bryan G	Liliana B, Ondrej G, Kornelija S

Upcoming Events

Please see other dates for your diary on the next page of the newsletter. We hope to see you there!

Vaisakhi Celebrations

Vaisakhi celebrations will take place in school on the 22nd April. We are going to be creating with water colours to celebrate this festival. Due to the amount of space, we are going to make this a ticket only event. Letters have been sent with further details.



SATs disco for Year 6

On the 16th May there will be a SATs celebration disco for the Year 6 children at the Pakistani Centre



Birthday Parties

This year we have brought back birthday parties. They will take place in the Pakistani Centre every month. If your child had a birthday in April or May, they will have an invite to celebrate their birthday soon.

One adult per child will also be invited to the party. We look forward to playing party games and sharing some cake with you!



Diary Dates

A reminder that holidays should be booked during holidays periods (dates in yellow boxes). Any holidays taken in term time will be unauthorised and may result in a fine.



	Start	End	Inset days
Autumn 1	05.09.24	25.10.24	04.09.24 04.10.24
Half term: 26.10.24-01.11.24			
Autumn 2	04.11.24	20.12.24	none
Christmas: 23.12.24-03.01.25			
Spring 1	06.01.25	14.02.25	none
Half Term: 17.02.25-21.02.25			
Spring 2	25.02.25	04.04.25	24.02.25
Easter: 07.04.25-21.04.25			
Summer 1	22.04.25	23.05.25	none
Half Term: 26.05.25-30.5.25			
Summer 2	03.06.25	24.07.25	02.06.25 20.06.25

Summer 1 Dates and Events	
21.04.25	Bank Holiday
22.4.25	Return to school for Summer 1 Vaisakhi Workshops
05.05.25	Bank Holiday
12.5.25	SATs Week
16.5.25	Year 6 SATs disco
22.5.25 23.5.25	Recognition Assemblies
23.5.25	Last day of Summer 1

Summer 2 Dates and Events	
02.06.25	INSET – School Closed to pupils
03.06.25	Return to school for Summer 2
02.06.25- 13.06.25	Year 4 Multiplication Check
17.06.25	Year 4 Violin Concert
20.06.26	Culture Day INSET
16.6.25- 27.6.25	Assessment Weeks
27.6.25	Good To Be Me Day
01.07.25- 03.07.25	Transition Days
11.07.25	Reports out to children
22.07.24	Year 6 Performance
23.7.25 24.7.25	Recognition Assemblies
24.07.25	Last Day of Summer 2



PEAR TREE
COMMUNITY
JUNIOR SCHOOL

With trust & care we will grow & flourish





RAMFIT

- Dear Parent/Carer,
- We are excited to announce that RamFit will be holding a holiday club during the Easter holidays for primary school children aged 5 to 11, on the dates and times detailed below;
 - **Wednesday 9th April – 11am till 1pm**
 - **Wednesday 16th April – 11am till 1pm**
- The club will help children to develop their strength, coordination and overall fitness in a fun and safe environment through a series of games and activities using gym equipment. The club will also help children to improve key personal skills such as confidence, teamwork, communication and social skills, whilst also exposing them to a gym setting which some may not have experienced before.
- RamFit is a well established gym in Derby which offers a range of programmes and classes. The RamFit for kids classes are delivered by a qualified coach and personal trainer with over 20 years experience working with children with relevant up to date DBS, Safeguarding and First Aid qualifications.
- The cost for the club is **£12 per session** with a sibling discount on offer of £8 for any additional children. You can book a place for your child by visiting RamFit.co.uk or clicking on the link below;
- Children are required to bring a packed lunch and drinks on the day.
- **The address for the venue is RAMFIT, Unit 6 Shaftsbury Court, Cotton Brook Road, DE23 8YJ**
- If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us on the email address below.
- We look forward to seeing you and your child at the RamFit holiday club during the Easter holidays.