

EDITORIAL

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At Yew Tree, we believe every child has the potential to shine.

That's why we're thrilled to launch our "Future Stars" initiative – a celebration of the hard work, dedication and achievements of the children of our amazing staff team.

Whether it's topping the class, showing kindness, improving their confidence, or simply giving their best – every achievement matters.

This initiative is our way of saying thank you to our incredible team and celebrating the next generation – the future leaders, dreamers and doers.

Let's continue to support and encourage the young people in our lives to reach for the stars!

Here's to a bright future – together.

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CELEBRATING OUR FUTURE STARS – THEIR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS

A special initiative for the children of our amazing staff



We were excited to launch our brand-new initiative, *Future Stars*, designed to recognise and celebrate the children of our staff who are achieving great things in school and beyond.

As part of our commitment to supporting our team both in and out of the workplace, we wanted to shine a light on the achievements of their children. We believe that celebrating their successes, kindness and hard work is a wonderful way to recognise the next generation of Yew Tree's future stars.

From excellent school reports and academic achievements to personal milestones, acts of kindness and simply giving their very best, every achievement deserves to be celebrated.

The initiative was open to the children of all staff members who were of school age or aged 16 years and under. Staff were encouraged to share details of their children's achievements, and ten children were selected to attend a special celebration event in the garden, where we celebrated their hard work, dedication and kindness towards others.

A huge congratulations to all of our Future Stars! We are incredibly proud of each and every one of them and wish them every success for the future.

★ *A huge well done to all our Winners of the Stars of the Future Award*

It was lovely to hear of all the lovely feedback the children have received in their studies in the previous year. Each and every child had excelled and we are proud of each and everyone of them. Our Stars of 2026 where as Follows:

- ★ Elvis Tijo
- ★ Beracah Udom
- ★ Latisha Udom
- ★ Praise Udom
- ★ Lucian Stanca
- ★ Olivia Stanca
- ★ Casper Austin
- ★ Missy Austin
- ★ Daria Zavate
- ★ Nurshah Manha
- ★ Abdullah Al Warith

Don't worry if you missed out this year theres always next year. So remember to study hard and always excel to be your best.

SUPPORTING EXCELLENCE ON AND OFF THE JOB

At Yew Tree, we know that when our staff feel supported at home, they bring even more passion, care and positivity to their work. The Future Stars initiative is just one of the ways we show our appreciation and invest in the wellbeing of our team and their families.

This initiative is about creating a culture where we all celebrate one another's wins – big or small. Together, we make a difference.

Well done to every child who strives to be their best – we can't wait to celebrate you!



“*The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.*”

– Eleanor Roosevelt

Yew Tree Renovation Works

The renovation and improvement works at Yew Tree have been in full swing this month, with lots happening around the home!

We have recently had some much-needed work carried out on the roof, including the removal of moss and debris, helping to keep the building in good condition and protect it from the elements.

Our new air conditioning units have also been fitted on the first floor and in the Garden Lounge. We know what you might be thinking *air conditioning in September?! But these clever units don't just keep us cool in the summer; they can also provide warm air during the colder months, so we're looking forward to having some extra warmth when winter arrives!*

The installation of our new fire alarm system is also well underway and should be completed very soon. The new system will provide a much more precise indication of where a fire alarm has been activated, allowing us to pinpoint the location rather than simply identifying a zone. This will help us to respond and investigate more quickly should an alarm ever be triggered.

Of course, we will be keeping everything crossed that we never actually need to put it to the test!

There is plenty more happening around Yew Tree, and we look forward to sharing further updates as the improvements continue.

A New Look for Our Car Park Planters

You may have noticed that Luke, along with our wonderful volunteers Steve and Warren, have been busy getting to work on the planters in the car park.

The planters have certainly stood the test of time over the years, but they had started to look a little tired and worn. So, we thought it was time to give them some much-needed attention!

The aim is to create a lovely focal point at the entrance to Yew Tree, making the arrival area more welcoming and creating a pleasant little space where residents, families and visitors can sit and enjoy the surroundings when they visit us.

A little patience now will give us something lovely to enjoy for years to come!

We do apologise if you have noticed that parking is a little more limited than usual while the work is being carried out. We are doing our best to ensure that the area remains safe for everyone while Luke and the volunteers work their magic.

Thank you for your patience and understanding we can't wait to show you the finished result!



*Residents and Family Meeting will be held on the 21st September 2026 at 2pm. The Meeting will take place in the dining room.
Everyone Welcome*

What Would Your Dream Job Be?

For anyone who may have missed our post on Facebook, the Activities Team had a little bit of fun with our residents recently, asking them a very important question:



“If you could have any job in the world, what would your dream job be?”

Some of the answers were very interesting indeed!

Chloe and Kerry then got creative and used AI to create some fantastic photos showing our residents in their chosen dream careers. The results were brilliant and certainly gave us all a good laugh!

If you haven't already seen them, head over to our Facebook page and have a look you might be

surprised by some of the careers our residents chose!

And, of course, we couldn't let the residents have all the fun... here are some of the less “interesting” staff photos!

Who knew we had so many hidden talents at Yew Tree?



September Employee of Month

A huge congratulations to our Employee of the Month for September, Night Nurse Anca Talmaciu!

Anca has only been with Yew Tree for a short time, but she has already proven to be an excellent addition to our night staff team.

Her dedication, professionalism and commitment to providing excellent care have not gone unnoticed, and we are delighted to recognise her hard work.

Well done, Anca! We are so pleased to have you as part of the Yew Tree family and look forward to seeing all you continue to achieve.



Our Nursing Home

Activities Plan

September

Kind People ♥ Happy Moments ♥ Brighter Days

A month of friendship,
fun and happy memories

Week 2

Autumn Adventures

	Monday 7	Tuesday 8	Wednesday 9	Thursday 10	Friday 11	Saturday 12	Sunday 13
Morning (10:00am) ♥	Autumn Leaf Art 	Chair Exercises 	Nature Walk (Weather Permitting) 	Arts & Crafts 	Seasonal Quiz 	Music & Memories 	Church Service or Quiet Reflection 
Afternoon (2:30pm) ♥	Poetry & Reading Group 	Trevor 2:30pm 	Graham 2:30pm 	Games 	Film Friday 	Classic Film & Popcorn 	Sunday Social & Afternoon Tea 

Week 3

Music, Memories & Community

	Monday 14	Tuesday 15	Wednesday 16	Thursday 17	Friday 18	Saturday 19	Sunday 20
Morning (10:00am) ♥	Paulo Pinto 11:00am 	Music Bugs 10:00am 	Reminiscence Sharing 	Wellbeing (Quiz) 	Gentle Exercises 	Puzzle Morning 	Mindfulness & Relaxation 
Afternoon (2:30pm) ♥	George 2:30pm 	Bingo 	Dance Afternoon 	Melissa 2:30pm 	Film Friday 	Cards & Board Games 	Afternoon Tea & Chat 

Week 4

Celebration & Cosy Days

	Monday 21	Tuesday 22	Wednesday 23	Thursday 24	Friday 25	Saturday 26	Sunday 27
Morning (10:00am) ♥	Residents' Choice 	Gentle Exercises 	Sensory Activity 	Wellbeing Quiz 	Hand Massage & Pamper 	Suzie 2:00pm 	Optional Worship / Quiet Time 
Afternoon (2:30pm) ♥	Monthly Birthday Celebration 	Steve 2:30pm 	Clive Bond 2:30pm 	Tea Party 	Film Friday 	Games Afternoon 	Sunday Social & Reflection 
Morning (10:00am) ♥	Autumn Painting 	Music Bugs 10:00am 	Debbie Miles 11:00am 	 Same Faces New Memories Brighter Days Home Sweet Home			
Afternoon (2:30pm) ♥	Board Games 	Movie & Popcorn 	Pumpkin Decorating 				

Community ♥ Friendship ♥ Wellbeing ♥ Happiness