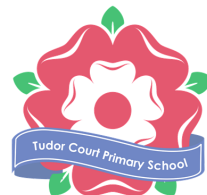


# Tudor Court Newsletter



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term.

Our Year 5 pupils have been extremely busy over the past couple of weeks. Before the half-term break, they took part in engaging Roots to Food Workshops, learning valuable skills in cooking and nutrition. This week, they had the wonderful opportunity to visit Kensington Palace, where they explored its rich history and royal heritage. We hope they had a fantastic time!

Children in Year 4 will soon be auditioning for roles in their upcoming Easter performances. Each class will have its own performance, and we look forward to seeing their hard work and talent shine on stage.

### **World Book Day – Thursday 7th March**

A reminder that next Thursday is World Book Day! This year, children will be wearing T-shirts they have decorated in school with quotes or pictures from a chosen book. This exciting activity has been shared with parents previously. To ensure its success, please make sure your child brings in a light-coloured T-shirt by Monday at the latest. We look forward to seeing their creative designs!

Children in Year 2 and above will attend an assembly with author Nicholas Kasperis on Wednesday 5th March. He will then visit the classes throughout the day to talk about writing and books, answering questions from the children. As in previous years, teachers will share a book with a class from a different year group during our Teacher Reading Swap time on World Book Day.

## Spring Term Parent Consultations

Our Spring term parent consultations will be taking place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th March. The booking system will remain open until Sunday 9th March and it would be great to see lots, if not all, our parents attend.

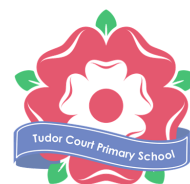
Many of our pupils have been working incredibly hard in preparation for the Thurrock Poetry Competition, which will be taking place over the next couple of weeks. In addition, we will be competing in the Thurrock Rotary Club Athletics competition next week. We wish all our pupils the very best of luck as they represent Tudor Court in these exciting events!

Thank you as always for your continued support.

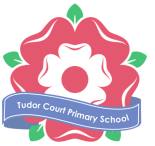
I hope you have a great weekend

*Phil Kyriacou*

**Head Teacher**



# Congratulations & Thank You....



## Attendance Trophy Awards

Well done to all of the classes who have won the Attendance Trophy!! Keep up the good work!

### Week Beginning 3rd February:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	3	Mrs Evans & Mrs Tighe	97.4	5th
1	7	Mrs Waller	91.5	7th
2	11	Mrs Payne	97.4	8th
3	14	Mrs Amin	100	9th
4	17	Miss Goldsmith / Mrs Burgess	100	9th
5	18 19	Mrs Pitchfork & Mrs Long	99.1	2nd 9th
6	23	Mrs Freese	98.3	4th

### Week Beginning 10th February:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	3	Mrs Evans	90.7	6th
1	7	Mrs Waller	97.9	8th
2	11	Mrs Payne	97.1	9th
3	14	Mrs Amin	96.6	9th
4	17	Miss Goldsmith / Mrs Burgess	98.7	6th
5	18 21	Mrs Pitchfork Ms Comley	99.3	4th 3rd
6	24	Miss Kirby & Mrs Burgess	96.3	11th



## Royal British Legion

Before the half term break, Joyce from the Royal British Legion attended our Year 6 Assembly to present us with the Shield for most money raised throughout the Poppy campaign for the Royal British Legion.

Thanks to your kind generosity, we raised an amazing £948 and this money helps support the Armed Forces community in many ways, including: Providing financial advice to veterans and helping veterans find housing and jobs.

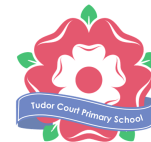


## Fundraiser for GOSH

On the last day of term Mrs Wright organised a staff coffee and cake morning to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. After a very enjoyable morning, we raised an amazing £100 for the hospital for sick children.



# News & Information....



## Pancake Day in Tudor Treasures

On Tuesday 4th April, the children who attend our Tudor Treasures after school club during the 3.00-5.00pm or 3.00-6.00pm session will be having a Pancake competition, with a prize for the best Pancake!!

If your child would like to attend, please book their place via the booking section in the Weduc app. We will post a photo of the child and winning pancake in our next newsletter!



## The School Day

We wanted to clarify details of the start of the school day. Please see times listed below:

**Classroom doors open**  
**8.40am**

**Children registered and ready to learn**  
**08.50am**

If you arrive at the school gate after 08.50am, you will be asked to go to the office and sign your child in on our Inventory System. They will then also receive a late mark.

**Arrive to School**  
**ON TIME!**



## Lost Property

In an aim to improve the appearance of our school reception area, we have moved our lost property bin to the Early Years Reception (Yellow Building).

**Lost Property has moved!**

## World Book Day

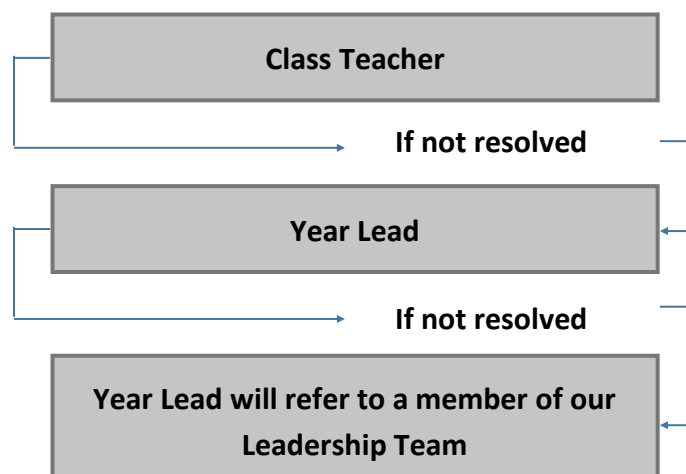
World Book Day is Thursday 6th March!!

If you have not done so already, the last day for children to bring their t-shirt in for decorating is Monday 3rd March. The children will be spending time during next week decorating their t-shirts and will wear them in school on Friday.



## Channels of Communication

If you would like to discuss any issues or concerns in regards to your child, please can we ask you to use the following chain of communication:





## **Tudor Treasures**

### **Breakfast & After School Club**

#### **Breakfast**

*Monday to Friday*  
*7.30am - 8.40am*

#### **After School**

*Monday to Friday*  
*3.00pm - 6.00pm*

*Children can enjoy a fun filled environment with fully trained staff.*

*To receive an information pack that includes:*

- *Our terms and conditions*
- *Session options*
- *Pricing*
- *Information on how to book your place*

*please email: [tudortreasures@tudorcourtprimary.com](mailto:tudortreasures@tudorcourtprimary.com)*





At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](https://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MARVEL RIVALS

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Marvel Rivals launched in December 2024 and amassed a player count of nearly 150,000 in mere weeks. This player versus player (PvP) shooter packs in a host of recognisable comic-book characters, pitting two teams of six against each other. Despite the game's cartoonish nature, there are several potential risks for parents and educators to be aware of.



### IN-GAME CHAT

Voice chat allows players to speak to teammates and opponents within the game, but in a competitive environment, some conversations can become unpleasant. Text chat is equally prominent among those playing on PC and will be shown on the side of the screen. Moderation on chats is relatively lax, so it's important to recognise that potentially inappropriate messages could arrive at any time.

### IN-GAME PURCHASES

While Marvel Rivals is free, there is an in-game store, selling character skins from recognisable movies and comic-book titles. Each season also includes a £10 Battle Pass (much like those seen in Fortnite and Call of Duty), offering a series of exclusive cosmetic items. These passes don't expire – but they can't be purchased once the next season rolls around, creating a fear of missing out.

### CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

With such a huge player base, it's impossible to predict whom your child will be teaming up with or playing against. They're virtually certain to run into strangers through voice and text chat, for starters. Most of these people will just be ordinary gamers enjoying the action, but there is the risk of some users behaving inappropriately with younger players – either intentionally, or because they don't realise that they're speaking to a child.

### VIOLENT CONTENT

There's no gore in Marvel Rivals, and the violence depicted is comparatively cartoonish – but the playable characters available vary between more traditional superheroes and supervillains, and figures like Black Widow and The Punisher, who use more realistic firearms. Given the game's nature as a shooter, this may make some parents and carers uncomfortable as some players will be firing these weapons at each other.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The game includes some innuendos and mature themes in the dialogue, which could expose youngsters to content unsuitable for their age, detracting from a safe and family-friendly gaming experience. As we mentioned previously, the content of the in-game chat could also be age-inappropriate, ranging from swearing to mature themes to potentially harmful content.

### FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

The inclusion of iconic characters might make Marvel Rivals appear more approachable than other games in the genre, with recognisable heroes and villains like Spider-Man and Venom. This could lead to more interest from younger players, increasing the likelihood of children playing the game without properly understanding the risks.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### FOLLOW ESRB RATINGS

The ESRB rating for Marvel Rivals says the game shouldn't be played by anyone under 13. Most children of that age will be able to appreciate the moral compass of the roster of characters (people can play as Hela, the Goddess of Death, for example), while also ensuring that the violence, however cartoonish, won't overwhelm them.



### FAMILIARISE YOURSELF

The game's inclusion of fan-favourite characters like Iron Man and the Hulk, plus its increasing popularity, means that younger Marvel fans will likely be eager to see what the fuss is about. Since it's free, consider playing Marvel Rivals yourself to gauge how you feel about a child playing it. Alternatively, you could let them play against the game's AI in Practice Mode, until they're old enough to compete online.

### MONITOR OR TURN OFF CHAT

Voice and text chat can both be adjusted within the in-game settings. If you're particularly concerned about exposing children and young people to them, however, you can disable both forms of chat in the game's settings. If a child wants to play alongside friends, remind them that they can use their console's party chat feature or host a call on a third-party service like Discord.



### DISCONNECT PAYMENT OPTIONS

Parents should ensure that no payment options – such as debit cards – are linked to the game, to prevent unauthorised purchases and charges. Children can be tempted by enticing in-game offers without fully understanding the costs. Removing payment methods avoids impulsive in-game spending and instils a sense of financial awareness, teaching young people to be careful with their money.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Games Editor at the Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, he has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar and plenty more.



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