

Tudor Court Newsletter

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Message from the Head Teacher

It has been another wonderful week in school – full of sunshine, smiles, and lots of learning!

Our Year 1 children had an amazing time on their trip to Hertfordshire Zoo earlier this week. They enjoyed seeing all the animals up close and learning lots about their habitats and behaviours.

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to the Tower of London yesterday, a brilliant way to bring their history learning to life! Last week our Year 3 children had a wonderful day at the Tutankhamun Experience at the Excel centre, this was a fantastic Immersive opportunity for them all.



Today has been a particularly fun one, as we've celebrated Breaking the Rules Day! It's been lovely to see so many children taking part and having fun while raising money for our brilliant FTCA– from wild hairstyles to wearing their own clothes, there's been lots of laughter across the school.

Last Friday, we said goodbye to Mrs Wheatley, our Office Manager and wish her all the very best in her new career. Recruitment for her replacement has now concluded, and I look forward to sharing the outcome with you in the coming days.

Our Year 6 children are continuing to work incredibly hard as they prepare for their SATs tests, which will take place during the week beginning Monday 12th May. We're so proud of their focus and determination. Keep it up, Year 6!

Next week, we're very excited to be hosting a VE Day Tea Party on Thursday 8th May. It promises to be a lovely opportunity for children to learn about this important moment in history and enjoy a celebratory afternoon together.

Finally, we hope you all enjoy the long weekend, fingers crossed the sunshine continues!

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Phil Kyriacou

Head Teacher



School News



Attendance Trophy Awards

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

Week Beginning 28th April:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	4	Ms Green	100	10th
1	7	Mrs Waller	99.1	12th
2	10	Miss Lavinier	100	6th
3	13	Mrs Leach	100	8th
4	15	Mrs Sukutiene	98.3	10th
5	21	Miss Comley	98.3	8th
6	22	Mrs Elmaghraby / Mrs Clark	100	4th

Friends of Tudor Court

The FTCA would like to give a big thank you to the staff at Howden who donated a whopping 52 prizes for our Easter Fun Events.

Healthy snacks initiative

We're pleased to see that many of our children are now enjoying more fruit and vegetables at playtime, showing improved focus in their learning and helping to reduce litter on the playground.

We recognise that this change has been an adjustment for some, and we value the feedback received from parents — which is currently under review.

As a reminder, the permitted snacks include: fresh fruit, vegetables, dried fruit (such as apricots, mango, raisins, or sultanas), and yoghurt.



Well Done...

Congratulations to Aara Valentina Patel who secured a silver medal at the Welsh and British Jujitsu Nationals held in Wales this April.



Good Work!

Huge congratulations to Miss Wright for completing the London Landmarks half marathon and raising money for Great Ormond Street hospital!



Congratulations

Congratulations to Amelia Kellard on coming 32nd in Essex Cross Country!



News & Information



Year 6 Secondary Schools

Please can we ask all our Year 6 parents to inform us on which secondary school their children will be attending in September



Please complete our google form by clicking on the following link if you have not done so already:

[Year 6 Secondary School Allocation](#)

Mobile Phones

The school office have been receiving a large amount of mobile phones from our Year 5 and 6 children recently. Please can we remind parents that children should only bring a mobile phone to school if they go home alone.

Children do not have access to their phones at all during the school day. Please can we kindly request that you do not send them in unless they are leaving school alone.



New Payment System

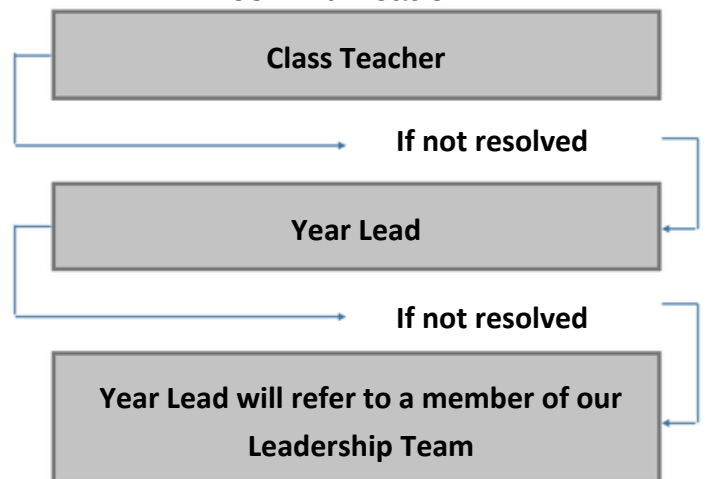
We are really pleased to announce that our new payment system - ParentPay is now up and running and parents can now pay for meals, trips and Tudor Treasures as before via the Weduc app.

We understand that there is a small quantity of parents who are experiencing some issues but please be assured that these have been forwarded to ParentPay and we will inform you as soon as we have information.



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:



Reminder...



PE Uniform Expectations

We have noticed an increase in children arriving to school in the incorrect PE kit, this includes football tops, coloured hoodies and bright t shirts.

This is not the correct PE uniform. Please see the list of acceptable kit below:

Black Tracksuit Black Shorts Blue PE T Shirt

Please support the school by sending your child in with the correct uniform.





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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about MAKING FRIENDS ONLINE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

In today's digital world, it's increasingly common for children to form friendships with people they've never met in person. While online connections can offer children a sense of belonging, they also carry significant risks. Around 19% of children aged 10 to 15 in England and Wales have chatted online with someone they've never met face to face. This guide offers expert advice for parents and educators on helping children navigate online friendships safely.

ONLINE GROOMING THREATS

Predators can use games, chat apps or social media platforms to build relationships with children and gain their trust. This may quickly develop into grooming or exploitation. Between April 2017 and March 2023, UK police recorded nearly 34,000 online grooming offences – an 82% increase in just five years.

EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Children may encounter distressing or explicit material while interacting with online contacts – especially via TikTok, Instagram or Snapchat. This is evidenced in a survey by the Children's Commissioner for England, which found that 45% of children aged 8 to 17 had seen content online that made them feel uncomfortable, worried or upset.

PRIVACY AND DATA RISKS

Children and young people often overshare personal details – such as where they live or go to school – without understanding the consequences. In fact, 4.4% of 10 to 15-year-olds in the UK have met up in real life with someone they'd only spoken to online.

COMPROMISED PERSONAL SAFETY

Meeting an online 'friend' in real life risks placing a child in serious danger. From abduction to coercion, the consequences can be devastating. Reports of children being harmed after such meetings are becoming increasingly common in the UK, highlighting the need for safeguarding intervention.

PSYCHOLOGICAL DISTRESS

Online harm – such as cyberbullying, grooming or exposure to disturbing content – can lead to long-term emotional issues, including anxiety, depression and PTSD. 'Sextortion' gangs, who threaten to release sexual information about a person unless they pay them money, have reportedly targeted children as young as 11, leaving them traumatised and ashamed.

LONG-TERM REPERCUSSIONS

Children exposed to harmful online relationships early on may develop unhealthy beliefs about relationships, consent, or self-worth. In a recent case, a 26-year-old posed as a girl on Snapchat to befriend children aged 10 to 16, manipulating them into sexual activity and causing profound emotional distress. One 12-year-old tragically died by suicide, highlighting the long-term psychological harm online friendships with strangers can cause.

26 FRIENDS
ONLINE NOW

Advice for Parents & Educators

TEACH SAFE ONLINE HABITS

Help children understand how to use privacy settings, protect their personal information, spot fake profiles, and report anything suspicious or concerning, like pressure tactics. Encourage them to think critically about what they share – and whom they're talking to.

KEEP CONVERSATIONS OPEN

Let children know they can talk to you about their online life. Avoid reacting with anger or judgement, as this may prevent them from opening up in the future. A child who feels listened to is more likely to disclose problems before they escalate.

ENCOURAGE REAL-WORLD CONNECTIONS

Support children in building friendships through school, clubs, hobbies and activities in the real world. Strong offline relationships help reduce children's reliance on online platforms for social interaction, and can help them develop resilience and social confidence.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Parental control settings on devices, games and apps can help manage screen time, filter out inappropriate content, and monitor activity. While no system is perfect, they provide a valuable layer of protection as children explore digital spaces.

Meet Our Expert

Gabriella Russo is a safeguarding consultant with over 30 years' experience in supporting children, families, and adults across education, local authority, and mental health settings – both in the UK (including at Parliamentary level) and internationally.



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