

Tudor Court Newsletter

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Message from the Head Teacher

Welcome back to the new school year at Tudor Court. A special welcome to all of the new families who have joined us this September, we are delighted to have you as part of our community.

The term has started really positively, with a number of children already receiving a Headteacher's Award for their fantastic work. Our new House system, decided by last year's elections, is now in place and we are pleased to announce the appointment of our new **House Captains:**

Blanke: Zaynah-Hiba & Yasir

Francis: Alesia & Aman

Shakespeare: Amiah & Mark

Tudor: Casey & Usman

There will be a House Letter coming out next week where the Captains will introduce themselves, share their plans for the year ahead and also explain the significance of their house names.

Our new lunchtime arrangements have been a great success, and it has been wonderful to see the children enjoying their time mixing with other year groups and the opportunity to see siblings. We will continue to monitor the changes and make tweaks where needed. As part of this, we are very pleased to be reinstating Playground Pals for the first time since before Covid. This initiative gives children in Year 6 the opportunity to organise games for younger pupils and to support our Play Leaders and the wider lunchtime team.



You will also have received an invitation to your **Year Group Parent Information Evening**. I strongly encourage you to attend, as these sessions provide important information about expectations for the year, key messages, and details of upcoming trips and events.

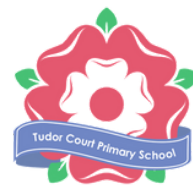


Date	Time	Year Group	Place
Monday 29 th September	15.15-16.15	Year 1	Foundation Stage Hall
Monday 29 th September	16.30-17.15	Year 6	Foundation Stage Hall
Tuesday 30 th September	15.15-16.15	Reception	Foundation Stage Hall
Wednesday 01 st October	15.15-16.15	Year 3	Foundation Stage Hall
Wednesday 01 st October	16.30-17.15	Year 5	Foundation Stage Hall
Thursday 02 nd October	15.15-16.15	Year 4	Foundation Stage Hall
Friday 03 rd October	15.15-16.15	Year 2	Foundation Stage Hall

I am very much looking forward to another successful year at Tudor Court and to working in partnership with you to achieve the best possible outcomes for all of our children.

Enjoy the weekend.

Phil Kyriacou
Head Teacher





TUDOR TREASURES BREAKFAST & AFTERSCHOOL CLUB RECEPTION TO YEAR 6

**SIBLING DISCOUNTS OFFERED
PAY AS YOU GO – JUST BOOK BY 6PM THE DAY BEFORE**

**Breakfast Club – Start the day
with a smile
7.30am – 8.40am
£6.00 per session**

- Healthy breakfast in a friendly, sociable setting
- Daily choices include cereal, toast, fruit & juice
- "Treat Fridays" – crumpets, croissants & more!
- Fun activities and time to play with friends

**Afterschool Club – A fun, safe place
after school
3.00pm – 6.00pm
From £5.00 per session**

- Wide range of indoor and outdoor activities
- Opportunity to socialise with friends afterschool
- Light meal served daily
- Fruit squash with food

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about APPLE IPADS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Tablets remain a staple of children's digital lives – and Apple's iPad is by far the most popular model. According to Ofcom, over half of younger children regularly use a tablet to play games, watch online content or access apps. With their broad functionality, iPads can be helpful tools, but without supervision, they may expose children to risks ranging from inappropriate content to screen overuse.

COSTLY TO REPAIR

Unlike some child-friendly tablets, the iPad is not built for rough handling. Its slim design and high cost mean that a drop or spill can result in a costly repair. If a child is using the device regularly, a sturdy case and screen protector are strongly recommended to help prevent accidental damage.

DATA PRIVACY

While Apple is known for strong privacy protections, a recent study found that many iOS apps aimed at children still share personal data. Over 40% of the tested apps sent at least one piece of user information to third parties, raising concerns about advertising and analytics being targeted at underage users.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

The App Store and Safari browser provide almost unrestricted access to online material. Children may stumble upon age-inappropriate content, whether through apps, advertisements or online searches. Even recommended content algorithms can surface unsuitable material.

BYPASSING RESTRICTIONS

Siri – Apple's voice assistant – can potentially override restrictions, especially with the newer text-based commands introduced through Apple Intelligence. Without safeguards in place, children may inadvertently access inappropriate topics simply by asking a question, bypassing certain filters previously set by adults.

SCREEN ADDICTION

iPads can be highly immersive, and excessive screen time may affect a child's emotional and behavioural development. Signs of overuse might include mood swings, irritability, and difficulty focusing on non-digital activities.

REDUCED ATTENTION & COGNITIVE IMPACT

Prolonged use of tablets has been linked with reduced memory, slower processing speeds and difficulties in concentrating. Research shows that children who spend excessive time gaming or consuming media on tablets may struggle with language development and executive functioning over time.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY SHARING

Family Sharing allows you to create a dedicated Apple ID for your child and manage their activity. You can approve purchases, control what content they can access, and set time limits – all done remotely from your own device. It's a simple but powerful way to maintain oversight.

FILTER APPS, WEBSITES & IN-APP PURCHASES

Parental controls in iOS let you block explicit content in Safari, restrict app downloads, and manage in-app purchase permissions. You can also filter websites automatically to prevent access to adult material and disable the installation of certain app types completely.

USE SCREEN TIME FEATURES EFFECTIVELY

Tools like Downtime and App Limits can reduce device overuse. Downtime allows you to block access during key times – such as before bed or during homework – while App Limits sets daily time caps on specific games or apps. Alerts help children anticipate when their time is almost up.

PREVENT UNAPPROVED SPENDING

Children can accidentally (or intentionally) make purchases within apps. Activating Ask to Buy under Family Sharing ensures you receive a notification to approve any app or in-app purchase. This stops surprise charges and allows you to discuss purchases together before they're made.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is a seasoned technology journalist with over a decade of experience. Formerly a senior cybersecurity reporter at TechCrunch, Carly now writes for publications including WIRED, Forbes, TechRadar, and Tes. With a deep understanding of online safety, she brings a valuable perspective to parenting in the digital age.



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