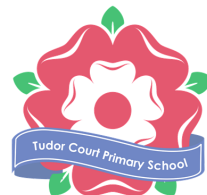


# Tudor Court Newsletter



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## Message from the Head Teacher

Dear Parents, Pupils and Staff,

A belated Happy New Year and welcome back! On behalf of all our staff, I would like to thank all of the parents and children for the generous and thoughtful Christmas gifts. It has been a fantastic start to 2025 with the children diving into their learning with enthusiasm and energy. We are thrilled to see them enjoying their lessons and making great strides in their progress.

Our school choir has been hard at work preparing for the Young Voices performance at the O2 Arena in London, which is happening this Tuesday! The children have been practising tirelessly and are excited to showcase their talents on such a prestigious stage. We wish them the best of luck, and we know they will represent Tudor Court with pride.

On Monday, I had the privilege of welcoming Councillor Vikki Hartstean, the Portfolio Holder for Education, along with Malcolm Taylor, Head of Service for Specialist Provision and Principal Educational Psychologist at Thurrock Children's Services. The focus of their visit was on inclusion in mainstream schools. It was a wonderful opportunity to highlight the good practices we have in place at Tudor Court, as well as to discuss the current challenges facing schools in this area. We are committed to making sure every child feels valued and supported, and it was great to share our work with them.

Our FTCA committee will meet on Monday 20th January to review the success of our Christmas Bazar and discuss plans for the year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and volunteers who contributed to making the event a success. We look forward to building on this success and continuing to strengthen our school community in 2025.

I am excited to announce that Tudor Treasures, our Wraparound provision, is now up and running! The service has already received some really positive feedback from both children and parents who have attended. It is fantastic to see so many families taking advantage of this new offering.

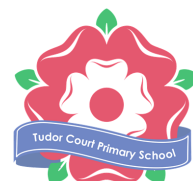
As we begin the new year, we remain committed to providing the best possible learning environment for your children. We are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities and challenges that 2025 will bring.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

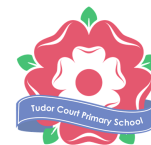
I hope you have a great weekend

*Phil Kyriacou*

**Head Teacher**



# Congratulations....



## Attendance Trophy Awards

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

### Week Beginning 6th January:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	4	Ms Green	98.3	6th
1	7	Mrs Waller	98.7	6th
2	11	Mrs Payne	100	5th
3	12	Mrs Arnell & Mrs Puhlhofer	96.3	3rd
4	15	Mrs Sukutiene	100	7th
5	21	Ms Comley	95.1	4th
6	24	Miss Kirby and Mrs Burgess	97.1	9th

### Week Beginning 13th January:

Year	Class	Teacher	%	Wins
R	4	Ms Green	99.3	7th
1	8	Mrs Espin	98.7	6th
2	11	Mrs Payne	100	6th
3	14	Mrs Amin	98.6	7th
4	16	Mrs Field	99.0	5th
5	19	Mrs Long	98.9	7th
6	24	Miss Kirby / Mrs Burgess	99.7	10th



## Manol - Class 24

Congratulations to Manol who has recently won a silver medal in the 200m butterfly. Manol is a part of Thurrock Swimming Club and his parents are very proud of his recent achievements and wanted to share them with us.

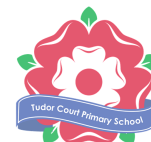


## Arturo - Class 25

Arturo (Class 25) recently took part in the Chirpy Parade at Tottenham Hotspur Football Club before the game against Wolves.



# News & Information....



## Mr Elliot - Tech Tips

### What Parents Need to Know about JusTalk Kids



JusTalk Kids is an alternative version of the JusTalk app, aimed at an audience aged 13 and under. As that upper age limit suggests, this social networking platform is intended to be suitable for youngsters, providing them with a space of their own to interact with a community their own age.

Unfortunately, there are still risks associated with JusTalk Kids, so it is vitally important for parents to understand the potential dangers for those who use the app. The guide at the end of the newsletter delves into the most prominent online safety concerns of JusTalk Kids, while also letting you know how to ensure that children can be protected, should they wish to create an account.

## Tudor Court Nursery Admissions 2025

If you would like to apply for a space in the Tudor Court Nursery for September 2025, please complete a Nursery Registration Form which can be collected from our school office. Please also share this information with your friends and family.

Children are eligible to apply for a space in the September after their 3rd Birthday and our Nursery Admissions are done directly through Tudor Court Primary School and not Thurrock Admissions.

If you have any questions or queries, please email:

[admissions@tudorcourtprimary.com](mailto:admissions@tudorcourtprimary.com)

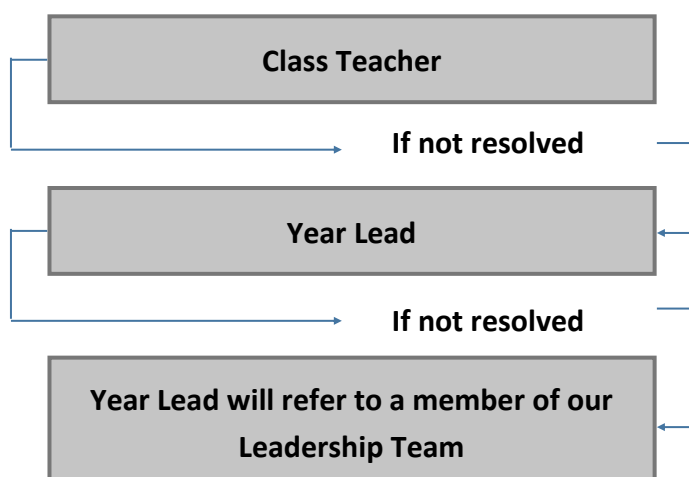
**The Closing Date for applications is:**

**28th February 2025**

# Nursery

## 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:



## The School Day

We have been asked 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!**





## **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)*



# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about JUSTALK KIDS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

JusTalk Kids is a child's version of the JusTalk app – a highly popular social networking platform – designed for users up to 13 years of age, allowing them to video call, message and participate in group chats. While adults can link their own JusTalk account to their child's and make use of parental controls, it's important to understand the risks associated with the app.

### SUBSCRIPTION FOR PREMIUM ACCESS

While JusTalk Kids is free, there's the option to subscribe to a kids' premium account or a premium family account. At a cost, this feature allows children to have access to more fun features such as games they can play with others in a call; exclusive stickers; a badge denoting them as a premium subscriber; and exclusive ringtones and themes.

### RESISTANCE TO CONTROLS

JusTalk Kids endeavours to allow children the sense of having a chat-based app while allowing parents to set controls (within the app or from their own adult JusTalk account). The basis behind this is positive; however, some children are challenging their parents by refusing to use JusTalk Kids, preferring to use the adult version without any restrictions in place.

### KNOWING THE PARENT PASSCODE

After downloading JusTalk Kids, parents can set a passcode which users must enter to add contacts. The parental controls help to manage which content can be viewed and who children can add as a contact: this then allows children to chat with friends in a controlled environment. However, prospective contacts don't have to know a specific username. In theory, someone could type in a random name and then add them as a friend.

### POTENTIAL DATA LEAKS

JusTalk and JusTalk Kids claim to be secure and encrypted, going so far as to state that even the developers themselves won't access your data. However, a security lapse in 2022 highlighted that messages were not in fact encrypted – leading to concerns around the security of the app and the transparency of the development team.

### CYBERBULLYING

Online chats can provide a sense of anonymity, leading some users to post things which they wouldn't normally say in person. Combined with the option of group chats, there's a risk that young people might join in with this kind of behaviour, escalating it further and potentially turning what should be a fun experience into something deeply negative.

### TOO MUCH SCREEN TIME

A report by the UK Parliament Education Committee highlighted a 52% increase in children's screen time between 2020 and 2022 – as well as finding that 25% of children used their smartphones in a manner consistent with screen addiction. Introducing children to social networking apps when they're too young can lead to bad digital habits and a reliance on technology from an early age.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### JUSTIFY THE CONTROLS

If parents allow their child to use JusTalk Kids, they should explain that they're putting parental controls in place to make the app safer. Make sure the child knows not to put their full name on the account and doesn't use a photo of themselves as their profile picture. This type of open discussion will help to ensure that a child is aware of the app's potential risks and knows how to reduce them.

### TALK ABOUT ONLINE FRIENDSHIPS

Young children could be excited to use this app. However, highlight that they must do so in a positive, respectful and responsible manner. While it can be easy to get caught up in a group chat, it's important to talk to others politely and call out any unpleasant behaviour. Discuss the importance of limiting their contacts to people they know in real life and use parental controls to enforce this.

### DOS AND DON'TS OF SHARING

Some children might not understand the potential dangers of oversharing online. Set clear guidelines around what *is* and *isn't* safe to share on the internet, and discuss the concept of a digital footprint. Children need to understand that the things they say and share online can never be completely erased. Even if they delete it themselves, it can be saved and distributed by others.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION

Apps like JusTalk can sometimes lend themselves to bullying behaviours. Parents should monitor what their child is sending and receiving, check in with them regularly and encourage them to share their feelings (both positive and negative) at home. Remind them that they can block a contact if someone is treating them disrespectfully.

### Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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