

Tudor Primary School



'Enabling Dreams, Building Futures, Inspiring Minds'

4th December 2025

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's always a WONDERFUL time of the year 😊

Our last newsletter shared some **wonderful feedback from a county advisor**. When schools receive such important 'inspection' visits, we really hope that they recognise the **positive work that is going on at Tudor**. Throughout my time as headteacher at Tudor I have been keen for as many 'outside' eyes as possible to look at our provision as **we must always keep growing, progressing and evolving as a school to meet the needs of our community**. An enhanced focus for all schools in Hertfordshire (and nationally) is how we support our most vulnerable pupils (and families). **Tudor Primary remains well regarded in this area** and the report that we have just received from the school effectiveness team further evidences this. **The comments on the right make incredibly pleasing reading**. School evaluation and monitoring must always be rigorous and we can always rely on the CHILDREN to share what they actually think. And they are certainly not shy in sharing! The **BEST part** of my job is when children want to share work that they are proud of...

National comparisons- Whilst we are not in an Ofsted 'window', **we continue receive academic comparison data about our performance**. As parents (and children!) know, headteachers can become a little obsessed by data and I am determined for Tudor to be able to EVIDENCE high standards. **The screenshot on the right is of 12 key areas for children's academic outcomes and it's fantastic to see!** It shows how our performance over the last 3 years is incredibly strong- especially for children being able to achieve the HIGHEST levels. Tudor really sets the standard here. We have a duty to enable all children to flourish.

Remember that this is a comparison against EVERY school nationally and to have nearly HALF of the measures in the top category is AWESOME! **WELL DONE ALL!**

Don't forget those important dates- LOTS GOING ON in the final weeks of 2025!

On the right is a list of those EXTRA key dates that parents need to be aware of. We look forward to sharing the enjoyment of our festive celebrations with you. Check your emails for ticket information...



'Support plans, with precise targets for improvement, are put in place for pupils with additional needs'

'Clubs are popular, and the additional learning time supports pupils in making good progress and in being ready to learn at the start of the school day'

'All of the pupils were highly engaged'

'Bespoke word-building support that was enabling him to meet his EHCP targets'

'Pupils used the scaffolds that were provided'

'Teaching was interactive, with teachers encouraging choral response and partner talk'

'Teachers showed their strong subject knowledge and explained the learning very well'

'(Pupils) enjoy school because they have friends to play with, they enjoy their lessons'

'They understand their lessons because of the way their teachers explain the learning'

'They are confident about putting their hand up or asking their teacher or TA'

'They know they are improving because their teacher ticks their work and says positive things to them in class'

'...precisely targeted to address the gaps in their learning'

'Use of in the moment feedback to support pupils in understanding and succeeding'

'High-quality modelling and scaffolds support all pupils to be successful'

'Teachers are using social and emotional strategies to support pupils in being ready to learn'

'Pupils were engaged in their learning, demonstrating positive behaviour and attitudes'

'Leaders have a strong understanding of the needs of pupils'

'Leaders...support pupils to achieve their potential'



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Nursery and Reception Christmas Performance-
Friday 12th December- 10am

Year 1/ Year 2 Christmas Performances-
Tues 9th and Thurs 11th December- 9.30am

Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper Day-
Wednesday 10th December

School Christmas Craft Fayre (R-Y6)-
Tuesday 16th December- 2.30pm-3.30pm

Inclusion at Tudor Primary- a message from Miss Reading- our Leader for Inclusion:

Dacorum Community Trust is a small charity with the purpose of providing practical support for people experiencing financial hardship in Dacorum. They are able to help in a variety of ways depending on individual circumstances. For more information about the support they are able to provide and details of how to apply please follow the link: <https://www.dctrust.org.uk/> Please remember that if you have been provided with a code for the 2025 Winter HAPpy Camps booking are now open and can be made using the following link: <https://sportinherts.org.uk/happy>

The Hangout continues to be very popular- LOTS going on...

Tomorrow's Christmas Movie Night is already sold out but we are delighted to share that **we have organised two separate parties**. As the poster shares, these will be on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th December. **If parents want to book the Hangout Christmas Parties**, make sure your wraparound care accounts are topped up with the appropriate amounts (£12 or £15) and then EMAIL in to admin@tudor.herts.sch.uk to book as the system currently is not accepting bookings for these dates.



A message from the office team- PE joggers- PE joggers will no longer be available to purchase from the school office. School uniform suppliers have raised the prices of these items, and we do not feel we should ask parents to pay the increased prices that companies are asking for something that is only worn for such a short time before it is grown out of. In order to keep our uniform offering the best value for parents, joggers worn for PE can be purchased from any high street shop/supermarket/online. Please ensure that these are royal or navy blue only.

Using the right channels of communication- we are ALL #TeamTudor

The most important decisions in school are often the most important ones. Whilst it is **rewarding to be able to share positive news about the social and academic success of the children**, it remains frustrating for all school leaders when we become aware of assumptions/ misinformation that has been shared regarding school practice. This could be anything from why we chose to cease to offer certain music provision to decisions and/ or approaches to homework. Thankfully **the VAST majority of parents do engage appropriately (and using the correct channels)- thank you all for your continued partnership.** My work as a leader within behaviour in Dacorum means that I support many other headteachers and many report that having to respond to issues within parent WhatsApp groups remains a frustrating issue. **Let's be proud of the level of interest in OUR school though:** the number of families seeking school spaces at Tudor is, in the words of county admissions, 'OUTRAGEOUS'! **Thank you to all of you who recognise (and SHARE) that super deal that the Tudorites get...**



Whilst we know that the children are excited during December, school becomes a hive of activity. We hope those families that attended the **Friends of Tudor Christmas Fayre** had a fun time- THANK YOU and WELL DONE to the Mrs Hayes and the Tudor Owls who worked hard on their stall. **The Tudor Choir continues to perform well** and they will be sharing their talents in the local area soon- from opening new buildings to entertaining the residents of Mountbatten Lodge, **their talent must be shared!** Also, **has your child entered the Tudor book review competition yet?** There are big money prizes to be won! Entrance forms are available for different year groups in the library.

We want to report stories of success for our football teams (including the girls' team) but, disappointingly, a number of other schools have been postponing matches recently. On a sporting front, though, **well done to 1P and 1O who came 1st and 3rd respectively out of 10 teams in the recent year 1 sports festival.** We do like to be competitive (and successful) at Tudor. It's not just in the classroom that the children can EXCEL!



Book Review



Mr Weightman #TeamTudor