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*I have come that they may have life,
and have it to the full.*

John 10:10

Hello from Maple Class!

We have had a wonderful start to the year and a very busy term so far. We have already had our first Year 2 trip and we were lucky enough to go to The Castle School for a sports festival. We had fun with all our year 2 friends playing games and learning new skills.

In art, we have been using our drawing skills to create patterns and shapes using a range of mediums. We are a very creative bunch!

In music, we have been lucky enough to have weekly music lessons on Tuesday with Mrs Tudor. All of our Y2 friends from Elm have been coming over every Tuesday afternoon to learn the toot with us. It has been so much fun learning a new instrument with all of our friends!





Year 4 Invasion Festival on Monday saw us take part in frisbee, handball, catchball and football. Everyone had lots of fun and ultimate frisbee was our favourite!

Parents' evenings:

On Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th October, it is parents' evenings. This is a chance for you to talk to your child's class teacher and hear how they have settled in and discuss their progress. Please make sure you sign up for a slot on Scopay. Bookings for this will open next Wednesday. The meetings will take place in your child's classroom and there will be a seat outside the classroom where you can wait.



Dear Parents,

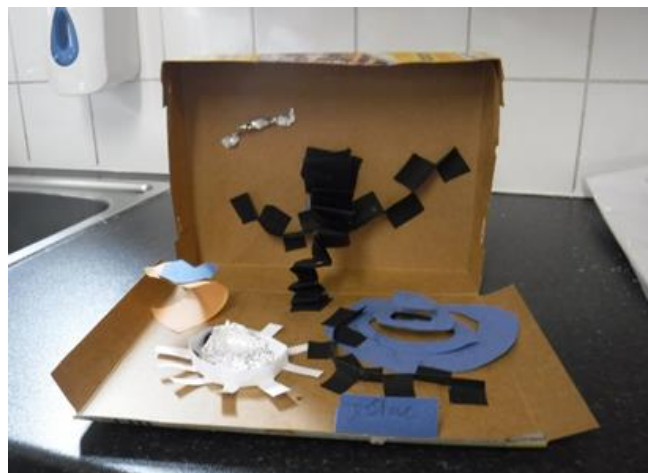
*Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Wednesday 16th October**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk*

If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Many thanks.



Oak Class had a fantastic art day on Thursday. They learnt many different 3D paper techniques, including making spirals, fringes, flaps, rolls and zig zags. This inspired them to create a few new techniques of their own. They then used what they had learned to design and then make the inside of a robot head. Our work was based around the character of Roz, the robot in The Wild Robot book by Peter Brown.



**2024 SOMERSET SAINT FLU VACCINATION WALK IN CLINICS FOR ALL SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN
(From Reception up to and including Year 11)**

All clinics below are for the FLU Nasal spray vaccination and are walk ins (No appointment needed). If your child requires the FLU inactivated injection please contact 0300 323 0032 to arrange an appointment.

DAY	DATE	TIME OPEN	LOCATION
Wednesday	16 th October 2024	14:00–17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Wednesday	30 th October 2024	09:00-15:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Saturday	16 th November 2024	09:30–15:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Monday	16 th December 2024	14:00-17:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)
Monday	30 th December 2024	09:30–14:00	Community Families Hub East Reach House, East Reach, Taunton TA1 3EN (Entrance via the rear of the building)



ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Rowan Class!

LUNCHTIME AWARD

The class who received the most lunchtime tokens for kindness, respect and good behaviour this week are:

Oak Class!

Autumn Term – Important dates

October 2024

Mon 14th & Tues 15th

Wednesday 16th

Friday 18th

Mon 21st & Tues 22nd

Wednesday 23rd

Thursday 24th

Friday 25th

Mon 28th to Fri 1st Nov

November 2024

Friday 8th

Monday 11th

Wednesday 13th

Friday 15th

Friday 15th

Wednesday 20th

Thursday 21st

Friday 29th

Bikeability Y6 – group 2

Open the Book Assembly

School Tour for children starting school in Sept 2025 2pm

Bikeability Y6 – group 3

Parents Evening

Non-School Uniform Day – bring a teddy for the Christmas Fair

Parents Evening

INSET – school closed

HALF TERM

Yew Class Assembly

Remembrance Service (school only)

Parent Book Look 3.30pm – 5.00pm

Children in Need

PINS Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm

Open the Book Assembly

Parent Workshops 4.30pm – 6.30pm

Non- School Uniform Day – bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair

TSF Christmas Fair 3.00pm

Y5 & Y6 to Queens College – Harry Potter & the Cursed Child



If you are interested in your child learning French or Spanish, please contact Alyson:

alysondavenport@hotmail.com



Parent/Carer Survey on Wraparound & Holiday Provision in Somerset

Calling all parents and carers of primary school aged children in Somerset!

Did you know that the local authority has a duty to make sure there are enough childcare places in your area? We would like to hear your experiences and needs for wraparound and holiday childcare, ranging from those who use it daily, to those who do not use it at all.

Please complete the short survey by midday on 1st November: [Click here to complete the survey](#)

If you have any queries please contact educationplaces@somerset.gov.uk

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school. If you have a concern, you can speak to any of the school's designated and trained Child Protection officers: Miss Grammer, Mrs Cerullo, Mr Bottomley or Mrs Crudge. Alternatively, you can ring Childrens Social Care on: 0300 123 2224 or Email childrens@somerset.gov.uk

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about IN-GAME CHAT

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Video games are continuing to grow in popularity – including, of course, among children and young people – and the emergence of gaming communities has been accelerated by the inclusion of chat functionality across many different titles. While in-game chat isn't inherently a bad thing, it can create some concerns about online safety and the people that children might be interacting with.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF CHAT

There are a number of ways that gamers commonly chat with one another online. As the name would suggest, in-game chat happens within the game itself. There's also party chat: a group voice conversation that console users can have with anyone on the same platform. This tends to be more commonly used by players who already know each other. Finally, many gamers – especially on PC – will chat via a third-party app such as Discord.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Whether it's text- or voice-based, in-game chat is frequently open to all players to use. Many games default to making it an opt-in function, but some don't, meaning a child could start seeing messages within the game from people they're playing with, regardless of whether they know those individuals or not. While most strangers won't necessarily have ill intent, there are some who may behave inappropriately when chatting to a child – intentionally or otherwise.

DANGER OF GROOMING

It's been reported that some young gamers have encountered older players online who pretend to be a lower age to manipulate children, sending gifts in exchange for chatting and sending photos. Just as on any messaging platform, it's good to advise young people to avoid speaking to strangers; emphasise that they shouldn't accept gifts from anyone online that they don't know.

BULLYING AND ABUSE

While some in-game chat can turn toxic because of how a match plays out, others turn that way because of people who engage in trolling – in essence, behaving in an offensive and abusive way simply to cause pain or get a rise out of whoever they're talking to. These 'trolls' often lean on racial slurs, anti-LGBT sentiment and other hateful rhetoric; they normally feel most confident preying on younger, more impressionable gamers.

POTENTIAL FOR PRIVATE CHAT

If a player would like a re-match with a stranger after meeting them in the game, they can send a friend request, or use the party chat together in the future. For the most part, this is harmless – but it might lead to messages being exchanged in private. This could then escalate to the sharing of private information, and potentially attempts to manipulate or scam younger players.

COMPETITIVE ATMOSPHERE

Certain games are very competitive, and players can sometimes get upset if they feel a teammate is underperforming, an opponent won unfairly, or they're just a bad loser. This can lead to unpleasant messages that stray away from playful 'trash talk' and wander into the territory of bullying. Some players have been known to get incredibly abusive in situations like this, and the impact of this on a young gamer's emotional wellbeing could be severe.

Advice for Parents & Educators

LOCK-DOWN IN-GAME CHAT

In-game chat can often be disabled in the game's settings. This allows children to play without risk of contact from strangers – but it will need to be done in each individual game. Text chat appears in the corner of the screen in many titles, so it's normally easy to take a quick glance and see what's being said. With voice chat, explain to children what behaviour is inappropriate, so they can spot the dangers themselves.

REPORT POTENTIAL OFFENDERS

Most games offer a robust means of reporting other players, so you can flag an account as potentially harmful. This normally leads to the account not being matched with yours in the future and, if that person's conduct breaks any of the game's rules, they may be banned from playing entirely. This is done within the game itself, so each title has a slightly different process, but these tend to be designed for simplicity.

CONSIDER OTHER CHAT OPTIONS

If a child wants to play with people they know, consider using party chat or a third-party service like Discord. This allows everyone involved to chat on a private server and even enjoy each other's company while playing different games. It's also far more secure, as anyone looking to join will need to request and be granted access – normally by whoever is hosting the chat.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

Make sure children understand the differences between being competitive and being abusive. Talk about what constitutes unusual or inappropriate behaviour from strangers online. Be clear that if anything ever concerns or worries them, they should tell a trusted adult as soon as possible. Empower children to identify the risks of in-game chat for themselves and reassure them they won't get in trouble for seeking help if anything goes wrong.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Editor in Chief of GGRcon and has been working in the games media industry for five years. He's also a parent and therefore understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his work has been published at sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



The National College®

Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/in-game-chat

TRULL SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

BINGO NIGHT

Friday 18th
October

Come and join us for a night of bingo and help us raise funds for our new non-fiction books for the children


£10 PER PERSON <small>IN ADVANCE FROM SCHOOL OR PAYPAL</small>	TRULL SCHOOL TA3 7JZ	PROSECCO BAR <small>CASH ONLY</small>	PRIZES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES
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Doors open 7pm

ADULTS ONLY




the Trull PLAYERS



The Wizard's story, the Witches' story and Dorothy's story, all together for the first time

Wednesday 4th - Saturday 7th December
7.30pm/2.30pm Sat Matinee | Trull Memorial Hall

Tickets on sale from Monday 14th October £12 Adult, £6 Child
Available at www.trullplayers.org.uk
or by calling 07724 104196



Family service



Interactive Family Centred For All Ages

2nd Sunday of the month
Starting at 10:15 am
with sausage sandwiches

Trull Church Community Centre





TRULL SCOUT GROUP FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2024

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2024

6.30pm start (gates open 5.30pm)

King George V Playing Field, Trull

£5.00 16 years and over

£3.00 4 – 15 years

FREE 3 and under

** CASH ONLY **

Hot dogs and drinks available
(cash preferred)

NO PARKING in the village available

For safety reasons, please do not bring sparklers to the display



October Dates
21st - 24th
28th - 31st

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ACTIVITY
CAMP

Ages
4 - 13

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£47.50

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Art Hopper Events

Late Create Christmas

A festive evening of craft, expert tuition, conversation and laughter



Friday 6 December
Tuesday 10 December
6.15pm - 9pm
Trull Church Community
Centre, Taunton
£32

All craft materials, two 1
hour workshops with
professional artist
teachers, booking fees, hot
drinks and festive nibbles
are all included in ticket
price. No surprise extras.



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