



# Trull C of E VA Primary School

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## Oak Class News

We have been working extremely hard in Oak Class this term. The first week back, we had a Design and Technology week, where we used linked levers to make a moving picture. We had to work accurately and be resilient because lots of our ideas didn't work perfectly the first time. We helped each other overcome these problems in a really responsible way and were so proud of our final results.

We have also been doing really well with our swimming. We are all making great progress and becoming more confident and refining our breathing techniques and strokes.

Our teachers are very proud of us!



*I have come that they may have life,  
and have it to the full.  
John 10:10*





Thank you to members of the church who joined us on Monday and Tuesday this week for Spirituality through Play.



On Wednesday, Year 5 went to a Strike/Field festival at Castle School. They had a lot of fun!



**Well done Ash class for putting on a wonderful assembly this morning!**



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit [nationalcollege.com](http://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about CLICKBAIT

Clickbait is a controversial online marketing strategy which uses sensationalist (and frequently misleading) headlines to encourage engagement with an article, image or video – often playing on users' emotions and curiosity, while much of the actual content is of questionable accuracy. Clickbait is also sometimes used to disguise scams, phishing sites and malware.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### HARMFUL MISINFORMATION

Clickbait tends to play fast and loose with the truth, opting for eye-catching content over objectivity. This is particularly dangerous for younger internet users, who are generally more susceptible to that type of material. A child could be presented with fake news, misleading articles and – in some cases – outright lies without fully understanding what they're viewing and why it's harmful.

### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Due to the misleading nature of many examples of clickbait, what may seem to be innocuous and child friendly could actually contain age-inappropriate material such as extremist political views or violent, pornographic or sexually explicit content. This is clearly a hazard for young people, who could be upset, disturbed or influenced by exposure to such subject matter.

### HIDDEN MALWARE

While most clickbait is simply trying to promote engagement to earn companies' additional revenue, some of it does redirect to dubious sites with the potential to infect devices with viruses or malware. This could put a child's sensitive data – such as their name, their location and their date of birth – at risk of being accessed and exploited by malicious hackers.

### PRIVACY PROBLEMS

Some clickbait leads to sites which could coax a child into volunteering their personal data – using pop-ups to ask them for their email address and phone number, for example, in exchange for accessing additional content or subscribing to various services. Normally, this harvested information is then sold to third parties, who often utilise it for targeted adverts and other sales schemes.

### A DRAINING DISTRACTION

Clickbait encourages spiralling consumption of online content, which could really result in a young person spending hours scrolling aimlessly instead of doing something productive or interacting with family and friends. This can leave them tired, apathetic and lacking focus – and, in the long term, can negatively impact their social skills, education and mental wellbeing.

### IMPACT ON BEHAVIOUR

Depending on the type of clickbait a child is interacting with, you might notice negative changes in their behaviour. Weight loss scams, for example, are common among clickbait and have the potential to influence eating habits and body image – while deliberately inflammatory 'rage bait' articles can leave impressionable young people feeling irritable, restless or argumentative.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### START A CONVERSATION

The sheer volume of clickbait can make protecting children against it quite challenging. It's vital to talk to young people regularly about the types of content they encounter online, so that they understand the risks of engaging with clickbait. If you're still concerned, it may also be wise to keep an eye on children's online activity to ensure they're not being tempted by clickbait headlines.

### PROMOTE CRITICAL THINKING

Encouraging children to question the legitimacy of sensational headlines and too-good-to-be-true promises will help them to become savvier online – and far less likely to be drawn in by clickbait content. These critical thinking skills will also serve to protect them in other areas of the digital world where misinformation is becoming increasingly common.

### SPOT THE TELLTALE SIGNS

There are certain common elements in clickbait, including headlines and images that use shock and outrage to grab people's attention – as well as numbered lists, such as '8 Facts You Won't Believe Are True'. Some clickbait combines several of these tactics to snag users' interest. Learn to recognise these techniques for yourself so you can teach children to notice them as well.

### TAKE CONTROL

Many parents opt to place limits on how long their children can spend online each day, which obviously reduces the chance of exposure to clickbait. Alternatively, most internet-enabled devices have built-in controls that allow parents to manage what sort of online content their child can access – including filtering by age, which can screen out a percentage of inappropriate material.

### Meet Our Expert

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## Important dates

### May

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BANK HOLIDAY
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Sports Festival
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Class Residential
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	SATs week
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Willow Class Assembly
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 – The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe – Queen’s Height and Weight checks for Year R and Year 6 (more information to follow)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Tempest photography – Year 6 leavers and class photos
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup>	HALF TERM

### June

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	2024/2025 Reception parents meeting 6pm
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Willow Class – Coldharbour Mill
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Oak Class assembly
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Maple Class assembly
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Parent Book look (after school)
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day

### July

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Music Week
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Back up Sports Day
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production (more info to follow)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production (more info to follow)
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Party in the Park
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Residential to Charterhouse
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Choir to Bridgwater Singing Festival
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Service



### ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Maple Class!

## Polite reminder

*We have received some complaints of smoking close to the school gates. Please can we ask that you refrain from smoking close to school. Many thanks.*

## Trull Parish Lands Community Fund

### Do you have worries about money?

*School clothes to buy... washing machine or car broken down...*

*"How am I going to pay for it?"*

*Sometimes things happen, and we need a little extra money to help us through.*

The Charity seeks to provide financial assistance for specific needs for those on low income living in the Trull and Comeytrowe area. The Trustees would very much welcome any applications for assistance.

Please don't hesitate to ask for an application form from the church office or speak directly to Rev Andy Wadsworth.

The Trustees also welcome applications from students in tertiary education. These are considered early in each academic year.

*Please note that the Charity only serves a specific geographical area.*

churchoffice@trullchurch.co.uk





**PREMIER EDUCATION  
TAUNTON HOLIDAY  
CAMPS**



Tuesday 28th, Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May 2024  
Venue: Parkfield Primary School  
Time: 9:00am- 4.00pm Price: £21.00 each day

**MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAYS**



**Our 'famous' Sports:**

**Dodgeball**- Working as a team, children will work together to try and hit the other team with their dodgeballs!

**Nerf Games**- Children will be split into teams where they will build unbreakable forts to take cover from the other teams!

**Taekwondo**- Patterns, hand attacks, blocks and self defence are just a handful of taekwondo techniques children will learn from our coach Sharon!



**Other activities :**

**Dance/gym/yoga**- Children will get to express movement through our dance and gym sessions!

**Arts and crafts**- A chance for children to take a break from all the running around and relax!

**Football**- One of the more classic sports we run. Children will be put in teams to play a 5-aside tournament.

**Please bring a packed lunch and soft drinks! Please wear sports/casual clothes.**

**Be sure to:**

Like and follow our Premier Education Taunton Instagram and facebook page!



Childcare vouchers accepted

**How to book:**

Online- [www.premier-education.com](http://www.premier-education.com)  
Call Andrew- 07776 108281



£21.00 for all day!

**PREMIER EDUCATION  
TAUNTON HOLIDAY  
CAMPS**



9.00am-3:30pm

Tuesday 28th Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th May  
Venue: Holy Trinity PS, South Street  
Taunton TA1 3AF

**MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITY DAY**



**What we'll be getting up to:**

**Team building**- Children will be put into various teams where they will work together to complete challenges.

**Gymnastics**- Children will get to practice on all the equipment in our gym sessions!

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Present  
**The Brothers Grimm**  
Spectaculathon  
Written by Don Zolidis  
Directed by Chris Johnstone  
Trull Memorial Hall  
16th 17th 18th May  
£7  
Call 07724 104196  
or visit  
[Trullplayers.org.uk](http://Trullplayers.org.uk)  
doors open 7pm  
7.30pm start


