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Willow Class News

We had a very busy Spring Term 1! We have been learning about North America in our geography lessons. We are now able to find North America on a world map, we can name some of the 23 countries which make up the continent, we know some famous landmarks (both human and physical features) and we have learnt about native American tribes!

As well as learning about North America, we have been learning about materials in science and understanding how different materials can help us in our daily lives.

In English, we've been learning about the book 'The Nowhere Emporium'. Once we learnt about it, we tried to write our own mystery stories. We will be bringing these home soon!

However, normal lessons haven't been our only occupation! We have been doing clubs like Band Club, where children bring in their own instruments and organise themselves to perform a song. We also have our own Drama Club, where the children have been working hard to perform their own version of the Wizard of Oz! These are just a few examples of fun things that we have done so far this term.

We hope you have enjoyed reading about what we have done in Willow Class and we hope you have a good weekend! 😊

Written by Josie & Ollie

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



Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to welcome you all back to the new half term. It has been lovely seeing the children all return and some early signs of Spring! I hope you all enjoyed the half term break and the children have come back excited for a busy and eventful half term ahead.

We have a very exciting couple of weeks ahead of us here in school, with World Book Day taking place on Thursday and then an action-packed STEM Week and a book fair the following week.

As you may have spotted today if you came into Reception, today will be Mrs Pengelly's last day with us before she begins her maternity leave. I am sure you will join us all in wishing her the best of luck and we look forward to meeting her new arrival!

Please enjoy the weekend and the sunshine whilst it lasts.

Best wishes,
Luke Bottomley

STEM Week 2025

Exciting children about Science, Technology, Engineering & Maths

On the 10th March, we are excited to tell you that Steam.Co's Rocket Kids Tour are coming to visit us for a day of excitement, designing & making and rocket launches.

Thank you to the TSF and you for funding this visit!



During the week we will have visits from people working in medicine, food production and new businesses. We will also have some sessions learning about CAD and 3D printing, and learning how to write code to control micro-bits. Classes will be planning their own investigations and making projects.

Watch this space to see how we got on!





This week in Forest Church, we learned the story
'Jesus at the Temple' (Matthew 21:12-16).

We enjoyed acting out the story and learning about keeping promises and how powerful our voices are, even when we are children. Our favourite quote was 'God loves to hear big truths coming out of little mouths'.



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](https://thenationalcollege.com).

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SCAMS AND FAKE NEWS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

"Fake news" refers to falsified or misleading material presented as a legitimate account of events. It's often used by malicious actors online to push an agenda, or even by criminals as a way of making scams more persuasive. Scammers can trick us into handing over personal information, security details and even our hard-earned cash.

"CLICKBAIT" PHISHING SCAMS

A message arrives saying "have you seen this video of yourself?" or you might be sent an attention-grabbing headline about a celebrity that's been shared on social media. This kind of "bait" is produced by scammers to drive us to click on an unsafe link, where malware could be downloaded to our devices. These scams rely on our curiosity and our "need-to-know" instinct.

SALES, DEALS & DISCOUNTS

Some scams appear as adverts, offering a chance to buy something – such as designer products, expensive gadgets or tickets to a popular show – at a reduced price. Such plays often include a time limit or countdown, urging us to hurry so we don't miss out on the deal. This pressure encourages us to input personal details or payment information before pausing to check if it's legitimate.

YOU'RE A WINNER!

This kind of scam involves fake giveaways, opportunities or freebies. It could be a message saying we've won a prize draw or competition. Or it could be a gift, free trial, bonus credit, and so on. It might claim that a package or refund is waiting. All these techniques are used to prompt us to share our personal information, thinking that there's something to be gained by doing so.

FALSE FRIENDSHIPS

Scammers often pretend to be someone they're not to gain their victims' trust. They might attempt to convince any children they connect with that they're a child of similar age with shared interests. Warning signs include a high volume of messages (often with an intense tone), secrecy, inappropriate levels of intimacy, guilt tripping, emotional manipulation, threats or blackmail.

PANIC MODE

To trigger a sense of panic, scammers may claim that a child's account has been hacked, or a virus has been installed on their device, or any number of other scary scenarios. They may claim to be able to fix the problem or offer a solution – if the child hands over control of the device or sensitive information. Similar scams involve impersonating a friend or relative, claiming that they're in trouble and need help.

FAKE CELEBRITY ENDORSEMENTS

Impersonating influential people online is a common tactic for scammers, who can use technology to create fake photos, audio and even videos that look authentic. These can be used to convince us, for example, to buy products, sign up for so-called "business opportunities" or invest in cryptocurrency schemes – all of which are false or otherwise malicious. Many scams also involve the impersonation of popular companies' social media accounts, as well as those of individuals.

Advice for Parents & Educators

STAY INFORMED

Stay up to date with the latest information and best practice on cyber-security. See what scam stories are reported in the news and make note of what tactics were used. Keep up with young people's digital lives: talk about what they're doing online and use properly endorsed resources to learn what risks certain sites and apps pose to their younger users.

ENCOURAGE HEALTHY SCEPTICISM

Most scams rely on emotional or psychological manipulation, tapping into our human instincts – whether that's to keep ourselves safe, help others, find answers, make friends, avoid looking out or to secure something we really want. Encourage children to recognise that pressure to act and to always consult with an adult – especially if what's on offer sounds too good to be true.

TALK TOGETHER

Chat often and openly with young people about fake news, online scams and how they both work. Encourage them to talk to you about anything they're unsure of or worried about online. If a child claims to have been scammed, don't pass judgement. Warning the victim may deter young people from asking you for help. Remember: adults are scammed just as often, if not more.

BE PROACTIVE

Children increasingly use digital devices for education, socialising, shopping and play. Don't wait for a problem to arise before you discuss the risk of scams, fake information and fake news. Highlight what to look out for and clearly communicate under what circumstances the child ought to speak to an adult. Finally, ensure that they're aware of the support services that are available to them (such as Childline).

Meet Our Expert

Dr Holly Powell-Jones is the founder of Online Media Law UK and a leading expert in digital safety, media law and young people. Her PhD investigates children's understandings of risk online. She works with schools, businesses, and universities to provide award-winning education on the criminal, legal and ethical considerations for the digital age. Visit OnlineMediaLaw.co.uk for more.



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Spring Term – Important Dates

March

Tuesday 4 th March	Reception Vision screening
Thursday 6 th	World Book Day
Wednesday 12 th – Friday 14 th	Scholastic Book Fair (after school)
Thursday 13 th	Y3 Trip to Cheddar
Wednesday 19 th	Open the Book Assembly
Friday 21 st	Ash Class Assembly
Friday 28 th	Oak Class Assembly

April

Tuesday 1 st	Castle in the Community Concert rehearsal
Wednesday 2 nd	Castle in the Community Concert
Friday 4 th	Easter Hat Parade
	TSF Uniform sale

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

YEW CLASS!

ATTENDANCE

The classes with the best attendance this week are:

BEECH AND MAPLE CLASS!

Parking restrictions Tuesday 4th March

Due to a private event taking place at the Memorial Hall on Tuesday 4th March, the Memorial Hall car park will be fenced off in the morning. Please only park in the Church end of the car park, or consider parking elsewhere. Please walk or cycle if at all possible.

Many thanks

ChatHealth 5-19 (School Nurses) Health and wellbeing, Information, advice and guidance

Description

A text service for parent and carers to confidentially ask for help about a range of issues from a school nurse. From parent advice and support to healthy lifestyles, school transitioning to emotional health. The service is staffed by qualified school nurses who have a wealth of experience of working with young people and parents.

Disclaimer: this is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday between 9am and 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of a safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.

Contact details

Telephone 07480 635515



The poster features a dark blue background with two yellow stars in the top corners. At the top, the text 'MULTI-SPORT' is in blue and orange, with a row of sports balls (basketball, tennis ball, soccer ball, baseball, volleyball, football) below it. Underneath, 'ACTIVITY CAMP' is written in blue and orange. A yellow starburst on the left says 'Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!'. A large white circle in the center contains a red circle with a silhouette of a person and the text 'MAD DODGEBALL'. To the left of the circle are a baseball bat and a soccer ball. To the right are a basketball hoop and cricket stumps. At the bottom left, text lists dates, times, and costs. At the bottom right, a blue starburst says 'OPEN TO CURRENT YEAR 3-YEAR 6 CHILDREN'. A small asterisk note is at the bottom left.

MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!

DODGEBALL

EASTER HOLIDAYS
Monday 14th April 2025
Tuesday 15th April 2025
(Please note this is the second week of the Easter break)

08:30 – 16:00

£25 per day

Trull C of E VA Primary School
Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell
Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews

OPEN TO CURRENT YEAR 3-YEAR 6 CHILDREN

* Max 24 children per day, minimum of 15 for club to run.

Art Hopper Events

Late Create Spring

An evening of craft workshops led by local makers and artists



Friday 4 April
6.15pm - 9pm
Trull Church Community Centre, Taunton
£32

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



SCAN ME

www.arthopperevents.co.uk



CAN I APPLY FOR MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL, AND CAN I LODGE MORE THAN ONE APPEAL?

There aren't any places at my preferred school, what can I do now?

I'VE MOVED INTO THE AREA AND NEED HELP FINDING A SCHOOL FOR MY CHILD.

IS THERE ANYONE THAT CAN SUPPORT ME PREPARING FOR MY APPEAL?

CHOICE ADVICE

Somerset Choice Advice is a free and impartial service which supports families with advice and practical support through the school admission and appeals processes. This service exists to ensure that parents can play an active and informed role in securing a school place for their child

Call us on 01823 356 903

Fill in our online form
www.somerset.gov.uk/choice-advice

Contact us via email
choiceadvice@somerset.gov.uk
or scan the QR code



TRULL VILLAGE MEMORIAL HALL

PANCAKES GALORE

A selection of freshly cooked savoury and sweet pancakes prepared by
TRULL TRENDLES W.I.

(GF Available)



Come and join us for our

Annual Pancake Lunch on Shrove Tuesday

Tuesday 4th March 2025 12 noon to 1.30pm



STAGE COACH
TAUNTON

ENROL TODAY

EASTER MAD ON MUSICALS

EASTER WORKSHOP

7th - 9th April for 5-18 year olds
at Parkfield Primary School



Scan the QR code or visit www.stagecoach.co.uk/taunton to enrol.

FOR KIDS WHO LOVE TO ACT, SING & DANCE