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ELM CLASS NEWS

We have been writing stories based on 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson.

To help us prepare for writing a passage about a campfire... we had a campfire! As you can see from the photographs, we invited Beech class to join us and we all had a lovely hour outside in the sun thinking about words and phrases for our writing.

As a special treat the teachers roasted some marshmallows for us and we enjoyed eating them with our friends.

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



ASH CLASS ASSEMBLY



What a wonderful end to a very busy week! Ash Class took part in their first whole school class assembly. The children shared a variety of the things they have been learning during this half term. They showed their artwork and writing, and acted out the story of 'A Squash and A Squeeze'. Over this half term we have enjoyed taking part in STEM Week and World Book Day. We especially enjoyed meeting our school guinea pigs Bramble and Bluebell as a part of our 'Animal' topic.



At Forest Church this week, we shared the story of Jesus praying in the garden (Luke 22:39-46, Mark 14:32-41).

We spent some time in our Forest Church space writing prayers and thinking about how Jesus would have felt.



This week, some of the children in Forest School have been making toys from nature. They have made stickmen and straw dolls.



Trull School has a new art gallery to exhibit the wonderful artwork created by each class. Our first exhibition showcases the lovely figurative drawing done of Mr Vining, one of our site team. Well done all who got to exhibit their work. We hope you like the new gallery.





Netball

Congratulations to our netball team who came 4th in the Taunton finals this week and will now progress on to the County finals in April.



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you again to everyone who supported the Book Fair last week. We have been given rewards for the school that total nearly £1,000!



We are pleased to announce the arrival of a baby girl to Mr & Mrs Pengelly on Tuesday evening.



Spring Term – Important Dates

March

Friday 28th

Oak Class Assembly (*no need to book but we ask just 1 parent attends due to space in the hall*)

April

Tuesday 1st

Castle in the Community Concert rehearsal 9.10am

Wednesday 2nd

Castle in the Community Concert 6.30pm

Friday 4th

Easter Hat Parade

TSF Uniform sale

School breaks up for Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd April

School reopens

Wednesday 23rd April

Y5 Residential Meeting at 6.00pm

Tuesday 29th April

Bag to School Collection

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

ELM CLASS!

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

YEW CLASS!



**Thank you to everyone
who has donated to
Comic Relief today.
We have raised**

£180.81



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

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.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. The UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging, but for the time being, this controversial feature remains.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency' in a chat room where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user they want to message. Therefore, if a child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that the child might be added to a group chat or community (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allow news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a 'Forwarded many times' label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original – and might not be entirely factual, either.

CHAT LOCK AND SECRET CODES

In 2023, WhatsApp introduced a feature that lets users keep their chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind their phone's passcode, fingerprint or face ID. There is an additional feature – 'Secret Code' – where users set a unique password for locked chats. Unfortunately, this creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of.

VIEW ONCE CONTENT

The ability to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate material or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't reopen them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this disappearing content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing protection of privacy.

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's Live Location feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child is safe while out, for example. However, anyone in a user's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or pathways that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Educators

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage children to treat unexpected messages with caution; get them to consider whether it sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change a child's WhatsApp settings to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval. You can give permission to My Contacts or My Contacts except... Additionally, if a child needs to use Live Location, emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Check in with the child about how they're using WhatsApp, making sure they know you only have their safety at heart. If you spot a Locked Chats folder, you might want to talk about the sort of content they've stored in there, who they're talking to, and why they want to keep these chats hidden. Also, if children send any View Once content, it could be helpful to ask them why.

DISCUSS GROUP CHATS

Make children aware that there could be members of a group that they don't know well and that words can be misinterpreted. Encourage them to leave a good impression, to avoid joining in if conversations turn towards bullying, and to respond to such situations in an appropriate way. Make sure they know that it's 'OK' to leave a group chat if it makes them uncomfortable – or for any reason, in fact.

THINK BEFORE SHARING

Help children understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content that a user wants to be shared more widely, even publicly on social media. Encourage children to consider how an impulsive message or forwarding might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

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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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 large yellow starburst on the left contains the text 'Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt!'. In the center is a large white circle containing a red circle with a silhouette of a person holding a ball, the text 'MAD', and '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. Below the circle, the text 'EASTER HOLIDAYS' is in red, followed by 'Monday 14th April 2025' and 'Tuesday 15th April 2025' in red. Below that, '(Please note this is the second week of the Easter break)' is in black. '08:30 – 16:00' is in green, and '£25 per day' is in purple. 'Trull C of E VA Primary School' is in green, 'Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell' is in blue, and 'Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews' is in blue. A blue starburst on the right contains the text 'OPEN TO CURRENT YEAR 3-YEAR 6 CHILDREN'. At the bottom left, '* Max 24 children per day, minimum of 15 for club to run.' is in black.

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

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Places still available but we need to know by next week if your child wishes to attend.



Spring Timetable

all sessions delivered live online via zoom £24 each 90 minutes long
book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Anxiety Explained	18 MAR 7pm
What is ACT?	20 Mar 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 MAR 10am
Supporting Healthy Sleep	24 MAR 7pm
Decreasing Depression	25 MAR 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	25 MAR 7pm
AUTISM: Improving Communication	2 APR 10am
Supporting a Child with ADHD	3 APR 10am
Improving Family Communication	3 APR 7pm
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	7 APR 10am
Facing Defiance	7 APR 7pm
Anxiety-Based School Avoidance	8 APR 10AM
Understanding Anger	8 APR 7pm
Anxiety Explained	14 APR 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	14 APR 7pm



Spring 2025

Newsletter

FACE delivers online support via zoom for parents across the UK
Talks are 90 minutes long, £24 each - Book Online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk



Schools can now buy a

FACE School Annual Membership
which means **ALL parents** and **ALL staff**
get unlimited **FREE access** to **ALL 16** parent talks

Thursday
24th April
19:00 - 20:00

FREE



Responding to Angry Behaviour

What can we do in the moment?

Tuesday
18th March

10:00 - 11:30
£24



Anxiety Explained

Anxiety, especially in our young is rising.
This session explains what it is, why it happens and how you can help.

Thursday
3rd April

10:00 - 11:30
£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Challenging the stereotypes and giving practical interventions. Clear explanation of the condition in all its forms and extremely useful advice.

Tuesday
3rd April

19:00 - 20:30
£24



Improving Family Communication

How to reduce the shouting and arguing and start the talking.

facefamilyadvice.co.uk

info@facefamilyadvice.co.uk

COFFEE, CHAT & SUPPORT

Dad Chat

MONDAY 24TH MARCH
7PM - THE CRICKETERS



Child does not need a diagnosis to access this group. Everyone welcome

Discuss tools and strategies

Support & a safe place to vent

Chat to other dads/grandads/carers of SEN children

No judgment

Beer, fun and support

ALL WELCOME




FREE

WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS

TOPIC: Resilience

This is a 2 hr workshop facilitated by Young Somerset. It is an opportunity to meet other parents, share common concerns and to discuss what helps young people to develop resilience. Tea, coffee and biscuits provided.

Thursday 26th March 6pm to 8pm
Or
Thursday 21st May 6pm to 8pm

To sign up please contact
Wellbeing@youngsomerset.org.uk

Bold and Brave Gift Shop
14 Riverside Place, St James St, Taunton, TA1 1JH



**PARENT LED
KIDS WELCOME**



For parents & carers of children/young people on the autism spectrum & ADHD.
All welcome whether you have a diagnosis, are on the pathway or just want to learn more about autism/ADHD.




Find us on facebook

A weekly drop in between 9:30 -12, kids welcome, Parking near tea and coffee available from Bar x

This will be a safe place to find support, a place to vent or just a coffee with like minded parents and friends.

For more info text: 07983465478

9:30-12
Taunton

EVERY WEDNESDAY

Cosy Club
Taunton




**SHEPPY'S
GENERAL STORE**

EASTER ON THE FARM

BOOK NOW!

- ✓ Orchard Trail Adventure & Creative Crafting Station 5th - 20th April £3.50
- ✓ Meet Taylor the Sheppy's Bunny and BBQ Picnic 21st April £10.00
- ✓ Paper Plate Competition through out the holidays

Scan me 

For Tickets



EASTER ACTIVITY CAMPS

£25 PER DAY

**VENUE:
TAUNTON VALE SPORTS CLUB**

**DATE:
14TH - 17TH APRIL 2025
9AM-3PM**

5-13 YEARS



BOOK ONLINE AT
WWW.PRO-COACHING.CO.UK
OR SCAN THE QR CODE.




