



# Trull C of E VA Primary School

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## Maple Class News

Maple class has made a bright and enthusiastic start to the summer term! As part of our school's 150th anniversary celebrations, we've been diving into the decades of the 50s and 60s.

We've loved exploring what life was like during this time - from writing our own reports to listening to the iconic music of the era. We've even been learning dance moves like the Twist, Hand Jive and having lots of fun in the process!

Our classroom has been buzzing with curiosity as we examine exciting artefacts from the past, helping us to understand how much has changed (and what has stayed the same). A highlight of our learning so far was a visit from Mr Spiller (senior), who gave us a wonderful insight into what Trull school life was like during the 50s. He answered all our questions and brought the era to life in a special way.

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



## Oak Class

Oak class enjoyed their first Outdoor Education lesson. They are learning about Ancient Egypt and began by mummifying tomatoes! They had to scoop out the internal 'organs', fill the body with salt and then pack it in sand. We will be looking at them again later on in the year.



## Dance Competition



On Thursday, we held the first ever inter-house dance competition for the year 5 and 6's. The standard was so high from all the competitors and the final results were very close. The overall winners were Gatchell and a special mention goes to Bonnie, Florence and Harry from Cotlake house who received the highest individual score for their routine.



### Cricket

On Monday our boys and girls cricket teams travelled to Taunton Deane Cricket Club to compete in the Taunton finals. The boys and girls both narrowly missed out on qualifying for the county competition as they both finished third. A great effort from both teams, playing some very competitive cricket and showing great spirit throughout.



On Tuesday, Chance to Shine came in to school and every one from year 1 up were lucky enough to play some cricket. Malcolm from Chance to Shine taught us all the skills we need to be good cricketers and the importance of team work and communication in cricket and outside cricket. If your child was inspired by their session then there is an array of local clubs that run All Stars and Dynamo Cricket which is a great way for them to get involved and get active. Find your local club here: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/all-stars>



## Year 5 Football Tournament

We started by first kicking the ball around, then we went to our first game of the tournament which we lost. Although we lost most of the games, we had a great time. We are looking forward to the next tournament in October!

By Rowan & Tobias



## Author Visit

Year 5 were invited to Kings Hall this morning to listen to a talk by author Abi Elphinstone. She has written 14 children's books including her Dream Snatcher trilogy and her latest series, Ember Spark.

She spoke with passion about how she started writing and where she gets her ideas from. She told the children to 'be curious, get outside and never be afraid to fail'.



## Summer Term – Important Dates

Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> – Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Y5 residential to Wildside
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Rowan Class Assembly
w/c 12 <sup>th</sup> May	SATS Week
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Rowan Class trip to Wessex Water
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Willow Class Assembly
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Open the Book Assembly (parents welcome)
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Ash Class Multi Skills at The Castle School
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Tempest Class Photos and Y6 Photos
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Tempest Whole School Photograph
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Beech Class Assembly

### ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

**Ash Class!**

### LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

**KSI – Ash Class!**

**KS2 – Oak Class!**

Avon & Somerset Police Cyber Protect Team are running some free online safety sessions on MS Teams. There are sessions specifically for women and girls, primary parents and secondary parents. For more information or to book, please visit this

link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/avon-and-somerset-police-cyber-protect-team-31823825249?>



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](mailto: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](http://nationalcollege.com).

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ZEPETO

AGE RESTRICTION  
**14+**

ZEPETO is a fast-growing app blending social networking with a virtual world experience – attracting around 20 million monthly users, with 15% from Europe. Players create 3D avatars to explore immersive environments, play games and interact with others; however, with minimal safety controls, anonymous chat and monetised content, ZEPETO poses a number of online safety concerns that parents and educators should be aware of.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### NO PARENTAL CONTROLS

Although ZEPETO is intended for users aged 14 and up, it lacks built-in parental controls or age verification, instead relying on safety features on the device it's played on. This lack of a parental controls feature raises concerns about whom children may be interacting with on the platform.

#### INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

As a mix between a virtual world and a social media platform, ZEPETO features a wide range of user-generated content. Some areas may reference mature themes, such as TV series aimed at adults, or include inappropriate material created by other users – all of which children may stumble across without warning.

#### STRANGER DANGER

By default, users can message and interact with anyone else. This open communication creates an environment where predatory individuals can pose as peers to gain trust, potentially leading to grooming, scams, and exploitation, such as blackmail.

Hi there...

#### CYBERBULLYING RISKS

As with many social platforms, children can be targeted for bullying, harassment or exclusion by both strangers and their peers. Unfiltered chat and avatar-based interaction can allow bullying and other forms of harassment to continue, impacting children's wellbeing and mental health.

#### ADDICTIVE GAMEPLAY

Daily log-in rewards, such as coins, and in-game incentives can encourage compulsive behaviour, with some users feeling pressure to check in constantly to avoid missing out. This can lead to excessive screen time and conflict with schoolwork or offline hobbies or commitments.

#### SPENDING REAL MONEY

While the game is free to play, ZEPETO includes a store offering virtual clothing and accessories for avatars. These items are bought with 'ZEMs' – a paid currency – and the appeal of exclusive items or branded collaborations can make it easy for children to overspend.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### ENABLE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Visit the child's profile settings to restrict who can send messages – options include Everyone, Followers Only, or No-one. Encourage children to avoid sharing any personal information on their profile, as this is visible even on private accounts.

#### LIMIT IN-APP TIME

Use parental controls on Android (Google Family Link) or iOS (Screen Time) to restrict app usage by setting hours or daily limits. Encouraging breaks can help children develop healthier habits and reduce app dependency.

#### CONTROL SPENDING

To prevent accidental purchases, set up purchase approval systems such as Apple's Ask to Buy or Google's Purchase Approvals. Alternatively, consider removing payment methods or using pre-paid cards with set budgets.

#### HAVE REGULAR CONVERSATIONS

Talk openly with children about whom they interact with online and the kinds of things they see or experience. Encourage them to speak up if someone makes them uncomfortable or if they come across inappropriate content. Teach them how to recognise red-flag behaviours such as asking for secrets, giving gifts, or requesting personal information.

### Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, The Telegraph, The Evening Standard, The Guardian and The New Statesman.



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## Bookings Now Open Half Term Holidays and Summer Holidays



**MULTI-SPORT  
ACTIVITY CAMP**

**HALF TERM HOLIDAYS**  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2025

**SUMMER HOLIDAYS**  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**08:30 – 16:00**

**£25 per day**  
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**Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell**  
**Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews**

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