



Ash Class News

It has been a wonderfully busy few weeks in Ash Class!

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

The children have been making the most of the sunny weather by getting stuck into lots of outdoor activities. They've enjoyed potting and planting seeds, cooking up creative concoctions in the mud kitchen, and staying cool with plenty of water play. Building dens has also been a big hit—there's been no shortage of imagination and teamwork on display!

In class, our *Minibeast* topic has led us to explore the fascinating life cycles of frogs and butterflies. The children have loved watching our very own tadpoles and caterpillars grow and transform—it's been a truly magical learning experience.

We ended the week with a special moment, watching our friends in Year 6 celebrate the end of their SATS on the school field. Ash Class were full of smiles as they cheered them on. We are so proud of our older pupils and hope they enjoyed every minute of their fun afternoon!





Rowan Class Trip to Wessex Water

A great day was had on Tuesday! We were river dipping, dam building, den building and taking a tour of the habitats around the reservoir. All of this helped support our learning about rivers, the water cycle and habitats.

Rowan Class were amazing: curious, polite and enthusiastic!





Forest Church



This week in Forest Church, we retold the story of Noah's Ark. We worked as a team and used sticks to create our own ark. We then walked the animals onto the ark. We had a lovely time talking about the message in the story.

The children thought that it was important to look after our world, everything and everyone in it.



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

Summer Term – Important Dates

May

Mon 19 th May	Spirituality Through Play Day KS2
Tues 20 th May	Spirituality Through Play Day KS1
Wed 21 st May	Open the Book Assembly (parents welcome)
Thurs 22 nd May	Ash Class Multi Skills at The Castle School
Thurs 22 nd May	Tempest Class Photos and Y6 Photos
Fri 23 rd May	Tempest Whole School Photograph
Fri 23 rd May	Beech Class Assembly
Fri 23 rd May	School breaks up

June

Mon 2 nd June	School reopens
Wed 4 th June	New parents meeting for children starting in Sept 25
Thurs 5 th June	Willow Class Strike & Field

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Maple Class!

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

will be announced on Monday!



**MULTI-SPORT
ACTIVITY CAMP**

HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 27th May 2025

SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Thursday 24th July 2025
Friday 25th July 2025

08:30 – 16:00

£25 per day
Troll C of E VA Primary School

Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell
Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews

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

DODGEBALL

OPEN TO CURRENT
YEAR 3 - YEAR 6
CHILDREN

**Bookings Now Open
Half Term Holidays and
Summer Holidays**

**NOW OPEN TO ALL
CHILDREN IN YEAR 2**

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 SEARCH ENGINES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Search engines are an integral part of everyday life – with Google alone processing around 100,000 searches every second. Search engines use algorithms to predict which results will be useful to us, though this can expose children to inappropriate content, misinformation and even scams. This guide explains the risks associated with search engines and offers practical advice to help safeguard young users online.

MANIPULATED SEARCH RESULTS

Although search engines take site reputation into account, trustworthiness isn't the main factor. Instead, they use algorithms that can be gamed via tactics like search engine optimisation (SEO), which is big business. As a result, users may encounter misleading content and low-quality commercial products that appear more credible than they actually are.

MISINFORMATION AND DISINFORMATION

Search engines index billions of web pages – and not all of them are factual or safe. Children might stumble across false information or even deliberate disinformation, especially when searching for trending topics or controversial issues.

ENGINES BEYOND GOOGLE

Even if Google's SafeSearch is enabled, children may use lesser-known search engines that don't have similar protections. Some of these alternatives are less effective at blocking unsavoury content – sometimes by design – making it easier for children to encounter harmful or explicit material. Parental controls may also struggle to detect and block these sites.

FUNNY JOKES

ILLEGAL CONTENT CAN SURFACE

Search engines are designed to retrieve content based on keywords – not to judge whether that content is lawful. As a result, even illegal or harmful material can appear in search results. Children might assume that anything found through search engines must be safe, just because they're so widely used. This misunderstanding can lead to accidental exposure to seriously inappropriate content.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EXPOSURE

Although parental controls like Google's SafeSearch exist, they aren't foolproof, and search engines may bypass them. Young users may still see inappropriate images or content, especially in image searches, even though they may not be able to click on the results. Some niche search engines lack even basic filtering, posing further risks.

UNRELIABLE AI SUMMARIES

Some search engines now offer AI-generated answers at the top of results. While these can be helpful as webpage summaries, they're not always accurate. There have been instances where AI summaries have presented false or even dangerous information, reinforcing the need for critical thinking.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

While no parental controls tool is perfect, this software can help reduce the likelihood of inappropriate content appearing in search results. Use tools like Google Family Link to set search restrictions and monitor your child's browsing activity.

IDENTIFY AND AVOID ADVERTS

One of the ways search engines generate revenue is by showing adverts to their users. Sponsored search results are labelled, but they're not always easy to spot and can sometimes be malicious. Show your child how to distinguish between paid ads and organic search results – explain why some ads might be misleading or unsafe.

QUESTION AI-GENERATED CONTENT

While AI content is generated quickly and often appears legitimate, teach children that, just because an AI summary is well presented, it doesn't mean it's accurate. Encourage them to review the sources behind AI summaries and check the information with reputable sites or fact-checkers.

PROMOTE DIGITAL LITERACY

Encourage children to question the motivation behind online content and develop critical thinking, as not all sites can be trusted. Some deliberately misinform users in order to sell products or promote misinformation. Developing a critical mindset is one of the best defences against these tactics.

Meet Our Expert

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1-2 Aug 2025
Vivary Park
Taunton

Taunton
flower show

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
Get involved in TFS 2025

Design a badge
Get your creative juices flowing and design a badge for everyone who enters the competitions!

Ready, Steady, Garden!
Compete in our Ready, Steady, Garden competition where teams compete to make the best planter in 45 minutes.

Competitions
Download our Competition Schedule, full of classes and events just for kids.

Join us at the show!
Children FREE with a paying adult and all activities in the show are free for children
Discounted tickets available online until 25th July
www.tauntonfs.co.uk



Art Hopper Events

LATE CREATE : MAKE & MINGLE

Relaxed summer evening of crafting, cake & creativity. Five project stations to explore, you can make at your own pace. No pressure, just a joyful, sociable night of making— unwind & try something new.

Friday 13 June
7pm - 9pm
£17.50
Trull Community Centre, Taunton TA3 7JZ





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Dates for your diary:

- Monday 16th June: TSF Meeting 7.30pm at the Winchester Arms (rearranged from 9/6)
- W/C 9th June Teddy Donations for the Summer Fair into School – Please can you make sure they are washed and good quality.
- Friday 20th June Non School Uniform Day – Bring a bottle for our bottle tombola at the Summer fair
- Saturday 21st June 2025: Summer Fair
- Friday 18th July 2025: Summer Disco (More details to follow)
- Friday 17th October 2025: Bag2school collection



GIRLS

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NEW GIRLS DEV GROUPS**
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