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*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 wish you all a wonderful break and I hope it is an opportunity to recharge before the final half term of the year.

It is amazing to think how much we have packed into such a short half term and the next one promises to be just as busy! We hope you will be able to join us for our Summer Fete and our Open Days in June, where we will be looking back at the past 150 years of Trull School.

The children have worked incredibly hard over the past 5 weeks, learning about different eras and the history of the school, as well as enjoying our Spirituality Through Play days.

Away from school, I know there is a lot of concern around secondary school places, particularly in light of recent information being released.

I will be offering a Q&A opportunity in school on Thursday 5th June at 6pm to provide some information regarding the current situation with places for secondary schools. I would like to stress that I do not have all the answers, but I will be able to provide you with some information and will endeavour to answer questions you may have. I anticipate this may be more aimed at KS2 parents, however anybody is welcome to attend if you have questions or would like more information.

I hope you all have a wonderful half term; thank you all for your support throughout this year and I look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 2nd June.

Many thanks,
Luke Bottomley



Willow Class - Wildside Residential



Two weeks ago, we went on our first residential trip to Wildside!

On the Thursday, we arrived at school full of excitement with our enormous bags and enjoyed the journey with our friends. Once we arrived, we were greeted by the Wildside Team and settled into our home for the next two days. We were incredibly lucky to have delicious meals during our stay as well as plenty of hot chocolate and biscuits! We all enjoyed the different games and activities we played in the meadow and the woods. During our stay, we looked after the animals including sheep, lambs, pigs and chickens. It was fun learning about the animals and having a go at feeding them. The most popular activity from the two days was the river walk. Despite it being very cold, we had a great time fully submerging ourselves under the water! One of the best experiences at Wildside, was the night walk! We watched bats flying through the woods in the moonlight and followed a glowstick trail out of the woods which led us back to camp. On the Friday, the fun continued!

These are just a few details about our amazing residential trip - thank you if you came to watch the Willow Class assembly last Friday.

Written by Willow Class



All of the photos and videos of our Wildside Residential are being uploaded onto the Willow Class page - these will appear when our new website goes live after the half-term break! 😊



Y6 End of SATS Celebrations!



Archive Explorers

Rowan Class had a visit from Eve from the Somerset Archives this week.

She had found us lots of historical documents linked to Trull and its Edwardian history. We spent time looking at them and working out what the documents told us. There were parish records of marriages and births, records of a nursery in Wild Oak House, sale details of Chilliswood House, leaflets and tickets for Suffragette meetings, plans of the school and village, and many more.

It was a fascinating visit, that really got us thinking!





KS1 Spirituality Through Play 2025



Forest Church



Our last Forest Church session was lead by Meme and Emily this week.

For our last session, we enjoyed some delicious cake together and reflected upon how Christianity isn't just the icing on top of life, it isn't something extra like a nice topping. It's the way we treat others, spend time with God and care for the world around us.

It was lovely to be together , enjoying the peace of the outdoors for the last time this year.



Rounders

Some fantastic rounders yesterday at the Year 5 & 6 friendly tournament! Everyone had a great time and played so well!

Trull A won all three of their matches.



Trull 1 had mixed results but had great fun. They won one and lost two. They played really well and played some good rounders!



Summer Term – Important Dates

June

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| 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 Festival |
| | Q&A Session regarding Secondary School @ 6.00pm |
| 9 th – 13 th June | Teddy donations for Summer Fair |
| Thurs 12 th June | Y1 Multi Skills Festival |
| 16 th , 18 th & 20 th June | Y6 £10 Challenge after school |
| Tues 17 th June | Y6 Diocese of Bath & Wells Celebration Service at Taunton Minster |
| Fri 20 th June | 150 Years Exhibition 4.30pm – 8.00pm |
| Sat 21 st June | 150 Years Exhibition & Summer Fair 11.00am – 2.00pm |

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Beech Class!

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

Rowan Class!



The tadpoles in Ash Class are turning into froglets and will soon be returned to the Forest School pond

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 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 optimization (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.

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.

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.

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

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



BLAGDON HILL



Summer FETE

AND DOG SHOW



SATURDAY 31st MAY

STARTING AT 2pm

FUN DOG SHOW



SATURDAY 31st MAY 2025

AT THE ANNUAL SUMMER FETE
at Fineshaster & Angerdolph Playing Fields, South to Sea on
BLAGDON HILL, TAUNTON

(The Playing Fields are to the right of the car park at Blagdon Hill from the direction of Taunton)

STARTS AT 2.00 PM

SHOW CLASSES

1. Best Dog/Child Handler Combination (for children 12 years and under)
2. Most Obedient Dog (any age)
3. The Dog Most Like Its Handler
4. Prettiest Bitch
Most Handsome Dog
5. The Dog with the Waggiest Tail

Entry Fee: £3.00 per dog per class
Prizes to 4th place in all classes
A special treatie might be awarded by extending effort or entertainment

21st June 2025
Trull Memorial Hall



the Trull PLAYERS

SUMMER SHINDIG

25

Join us for the second Trull Player's Summer Shindig, a fantastic evening of live music and dancing. Tickets and more info:
www.trullplayers.org.uk

HELP US CELEBRATE 150 YEARS OF TRULL SCHOOL!

We need your help to create a special LEGO display to commemorate this amazing milestone!

We are going to use LEGO figures to create a unique 3D model of our classes and our school community.

What to do:

- Bring in a LEGO figure that represents you.
- It must be JUST a LEGO figure - we do not have enough room for any accessories.
- You can create your own using what you already have at home or bring in a figure that you already have. Don't feel you have to go out and buy a new one.
- No LEGO Friends figures please!
- You do not need to label it, but remember which figure is yours.
- Please give it your class teacher ☺



PLEASE CAN WE HAVE ALL LEGO FIGURES BY MONDAY 2ND JUNE



Supporting your Neurodivergent Child

Online | June – July 2025

Learner led, inclusive support in parenting and caring for children with neurodiversity.

Taster – 3rd June – 12.30 – 2.30pm
 Starter – Tuesday 10th June – 15th July 2025
 12.30 – 2.30pm | 6 sessions

Please see our website for eligibility information

Scan the QR code to sign up



Book online, or call us
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Understanding Autism Course

Online | July

Neurodiversity Awareness – Understanding Autism

Each week you will learn about a different aspect of autism, including the characteristics of autism, how autism affects executive functioning skills and how autism and anxiety are linked.

Learn in a supportive, confidential and respectful online space with plenty of time for discussion and self-reflection.

- Autism Characteristics and Assessment Criteria
- Autism and Executive Function
- Autism and Anxiety

Scan the QR code to sign up



Friday 18 July – 1 August
 9:30am - 12pm | 3 sessions

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Empowering Neurodiversity in Somerset

Tuesday, 24th June 2025

9am to 5pm

Taunton Racecourse

Join us for a day celebrating neurodiversity in Somerset.

What to Expect:

- Inspiring talks on a variety of neurodiverse subjects
- Information stands from groups & services
- Interactive experiences

A welcoming space for parents, carers, staff & anyone interested in learning more about neurodiversity

- £5 per ticket (includes drinks & buffet lunch)
- Booking is essential - spaces are limited.





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