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

Oak Class

Oak Class have had a brilliant summer term.

We have enjoyed our Outdoor Education all about Ancient Egypt, especially when we used face paints to make ourselves look like people who lived back then!

We loved learning about the history of our school and were thrilled to discover that Oak classroom is the original school room, dating from 1875. Dressing up as Victorian children was good fun although we didn't enjoy having lessons Victorian style as we all had to do the same thing at the same time and do lots of repeating facts.

We are currently tackling fractions and planning a story all about a magical object.



Year 6 £10 Challenge

Thank you to everyone who supported the year 6s in the young enterprise stalls last week and at the school fete. The children really appreciated your support. We raised £1,332.71 which will be split between the TSF and Love Musgrove. A special mention to EBF who's stall was the most successful raising an incredible £337.47.



Huge well done to our year 5/6 rounders team. They narrowly missed out on qualifying for the next round but are an excellent team and one that has performed brilliantly.



Y4 Cross Country at Kings Hall



On Monday we were visited by Somerset Council's Road Safety Team who came and gave each class a talk on how to stay safe.

Sponsored Reading

Here are some photos from our Years 4 & 5 Sponsored Read last week. The current total stands at £350 towards our table tennis equipment. If you have any more sponsorship monies, please bring into school by the end of next week.

Thank you to everyone who took part!



Year 1
Multi Sports Festival
at The Castle School



Summer Term – Important Dates

June

Fri 27th & Mon 30th June INSET – School Closed

July

Tues 1st & Wed 2nd July

Y6 Transition Days

Tues 1st July

Y5 Schools Cricket Day

Wed 2nd July

‘Move Up’ Morning

Thurs 3rd July

Quadkids at Castle School

Fri 4th July

EYFS Sports Day – School Field : 9.00am -10.15am

KS1 Sports Day – School Field : 10.30am-12.00noon

KS2 Sports Day – KGV Field : 1.00pm-3.00pm

Mon 7th to Fri 11th July

Music Week

Mon 7th to Wed 9th July

Y6 Residential to Kilve

Wed 9th July

Music Concert : 5.30pm on School Field

Thurs 10th July

Parent Workshops from 4.30pm – further details to follow

Fri 11th July

Dance Club Assembly

Y1 trip to Woodlands

A Celebration of the Arts : 6.30pm at Queens College Theatre

Mon 14th July

Talk re Secondary School Places : 6.00pm

Tues 15th July

Choir to Bridgwater Singing Festival

Fri 18th July

Y2 trip to Noah’s Ark Zoo

KS1 Disco : 5.30pm-6.30pm – details soon

KS2 Disco : 6.45pm-7.45pm – details soon

Wed 23rd July

Leavers Service : 2.00pm

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Rowan Class!

Secondary School Places Meeting

On Monday 14th July at 6pm, Amelia Walker (Service Director Education for Somerset Council) and Lorraine Heath (CEO of Blackdown Education Partnership) and other Council employees will be at Trull School to talk and answer questions about secondary school places. This evening is open to all families, not just Year 6 parents, as this will affect all families in the future.

We have been overwhelmed with the amount of parents who have signed up to attend and now have a waiting list. If you have signed up for both parents to attend but are happy with just one of you now attending, can you please email the school office so we can void one of your tickets and make more available.

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 MINECRAFT



Still the best-selling game of all time, Minecraft is a bastion of creativity and community, with hundreds of millions of players building and crafting in its almost endless world. The popularity of Minecraft among gamers of all ages means it's important to remain informed about the game, including how to play it safely and whether it's suitable for the children in your care. That's why we've created this guide explaining the risks associated with Minecraft and how to ensure a purely enjoyable gaming experience.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SCARY ELEMENTS

While Minecraft can be seen as a kind of 'digital LEGO', certain game modes include creatures accompanied by eerie sound effects. These can be a bit too frightening for some younger players, potentially leading to distressing in-game combat and other encounters – although the combat is quite basic and free from any real depiction of violence.

GRIEFING

Some players in Minecraft take pleasure in deliberately damaging or destroying another person's creations. This behaviour, known as 'griefing', is a form of bullying – it intentionally ruins someone else's experience by erasing hours of their work and forcing them to start over. Many public servers regard griefing as a serious offence and often ban those who engage in it.

ADDICTIVENESS

Minecraft's focus on creativity means that, as with any creative endeavour it can be easy to get carried away. If your child is finding it difficult to manage their time because they're drawn in by Minecraft's gameplay loop of resource gathering and building elaborate projects, it could have a knock-on effect on their social interactions and schoolwork.

PUBLIC SERVERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

With public servers being so easily accessible in Minecraft, it's highly likely that children will end up chatting with strangers through the in-game text chat. Some servers even place an emphasis on social interaction, actively encouraging communication between players. While there's nothing inherently wrong with this, it does carry certain risks. In addition to the concerns around speaking with strangers online, players who host their own servers may have their IP addresses exposed, posing a further security concern.

ADDITIONAL PURCHASES

Minecraft is available as a free trial on a variety of devices; however, the full game requires a one-off purchase. After that, players have the option to buy additional cosmetic upgrades or subscribe to Minecraft Realms. Realms is an entirely optional subscription service that allows users to run their own private server to play with friends. Without proper supervision, younger players may end up making unintended or excessive purchases.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CHOOSE THE RIGHT MODE

Selecting Creative or Peaceful mode allows children to play Minecraft without having to contend with enemies. It's also a great way for you to get used to playing the game with them, since the difficulty level is far lower. This allows you to work together on a long-term project, creating something special without the threat of enemies and creatures attacking you or damaging your building.

HOST A PRIVATE SERVER

The easiest way to find a safe server for children to play on is to make one yourself. Hosting a server prevents strangers from finding it, unless they've been given its address and password. A private server also lets you control who's allowed to enter and – if necessary – ban anyone who shouldn't be there. This is the closest equivalent to parental controls in Minecraft. Hosting a private server, however, will cost a monthly fee.

TALK ABOUT STRANGERS

At some point in their lives, almost everyone will make contact with a stranger online. Talking to children about online safety, therefore, is essential – as is having a plan for dealing with any hostile or difficult people. It's important that a child knows never to tell a stranger about themselves online and that they should come to you straight away if they do encounter a problem.

RESEARCH CONTENT CREATORS

Much of Minecraft's early stages can be an exercise in frustration for players who don't know where to start. Thankfully, there's a wealth of material online and in video format to help you learn the basics. Just be mindful that some of this content may not be appropriate for children, so you should consider watching it yourself first.

PLAY MINECRAFT WITH YOUR CHILD

As a creative building tool, Minecraft makes it great fun for children to team up and construct vast buildings accompanied by imaginative landscapes, much like working with LEGO or model kits. Playing in a game mode that includes enemies can encourage critical thinking and teamwork; however, you should consider which game mode is appropriate for the child in your care.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Gaming Editor at the Daily Star, and has worked in games media for more than 6 years. A long-time gaming enthusiast, he is also a parent and therefore a keen advocate of online safety for children of all ages.





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Open Events 2025

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Daytime

Tuesday 9th, Tuesday 16th and Thursday 18th September - 9.30am to 11am

Email office@castle.bep.ac to secure your place.

Evening

Wednesday 10th September

Open Evening 6pm to 8pm

TRULL TENNIS CLUB CLUB TASTER SESSIONS JULY 2025



Juniors

Friday 11th 5pm - 6pm

Sat 12th - 10am - 11am

Adults

Wednesday 9th 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Saturday 12th 2pm - 3pm

Players of all abilities are invited to come and hit a few balls with the club coach and other members.

Wear trainers



Racquets can be provided.

Call Janet on 07801450355 for more info

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/trulltennisclub>

TRULL TENNIS CLUB
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SUMMER TENNIS CAMP



22ND - 24TH JULY

29TH - 31ST JULY

12TH - 14TH AUGUST

19TH - 21ST AUGUST

10.30AM - 2.30PM

£20 PER DAY

AGES 5-15YRS

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT JON WARREN ON 075 18989621
JONWARRENTENNIS@HOTMAIL.COM
[HTTPS://CLUBSPARK.LTA.ORG.UK/TRULLTENNISCLUB](https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/trulltennisclub)

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Taunton & Holford

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- Where is it held?
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 - Holy Trinity Primary School, Taunton TA1 2AP
 - Parkfield Primary School, Taunton TA1 4RT
 - St James Church School, Taunton TA1 5DZ
 - Stainley View Primary School, Holford TA1 0BL
- When is it?
 - Thursday 24th July - Friday 25th August, 9am - 3pm
 - Please check individual venues for exact opening dates
- Who can attend? Children aged 4-11 who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals
- How do I book? Visit www.playwaze.com, search for your venue/dates, then enter your HHH code at the checkout stage
- Can't find your code? Please speak to your child's school office
- Have questions or need help booking? Contact us on courses@premier-education.com or 0202 922820

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 PLenty of WATER
 SUSTAINABLE CLOTHING
 LEADS of ENERGY

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TAUNTON VALE

4TH - 8TH AUG
 18TH - 22ND AUG

9AM - 3PM
 5-13 YEARS

DELICIOUS LUNCHES AND SNACKS

FUN SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, AND MORE!

SUMMER CRAFTS

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June/ July 2025

Understanding Autism Online 18 July - 31 July (Fri), 09:30-12:00

The Neurodivergent Journal - Reflect, Create, Connect
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* See website for Eligibility

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