



# Trull C of E VA Primary School

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## What a Wonderful Week in Ash Class!

We have had such an exciting week full of creativity, discovery and imagination in Ash Class!

As part of our Art learning, we drew beautiful portraits of Mrs Heywood dressed in traditional Malaysian costume. The children paid great attention to detail and enjoyed exploring the colours and patterns.

In RE, we held our very own *Ash Class Baptism*! The children loved taking part in this special pretend ceremony and learning more about its meaning and symbolism.

Then, just when we thought the week couldn't get more exciting... we received an unexpected message from *pirates*! 🏴‍☠️ This led to a flurry of map-making, pirate hats, eye patches, colourful parrots and even telescopes. The classroom has been filled with laughter, costumes and plenty of imaginative play. But the big question is...

**Did we find the golden coins?.....**

You'll have to ask a pirate from Ash Class to find out! 😊

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





## Dance Club

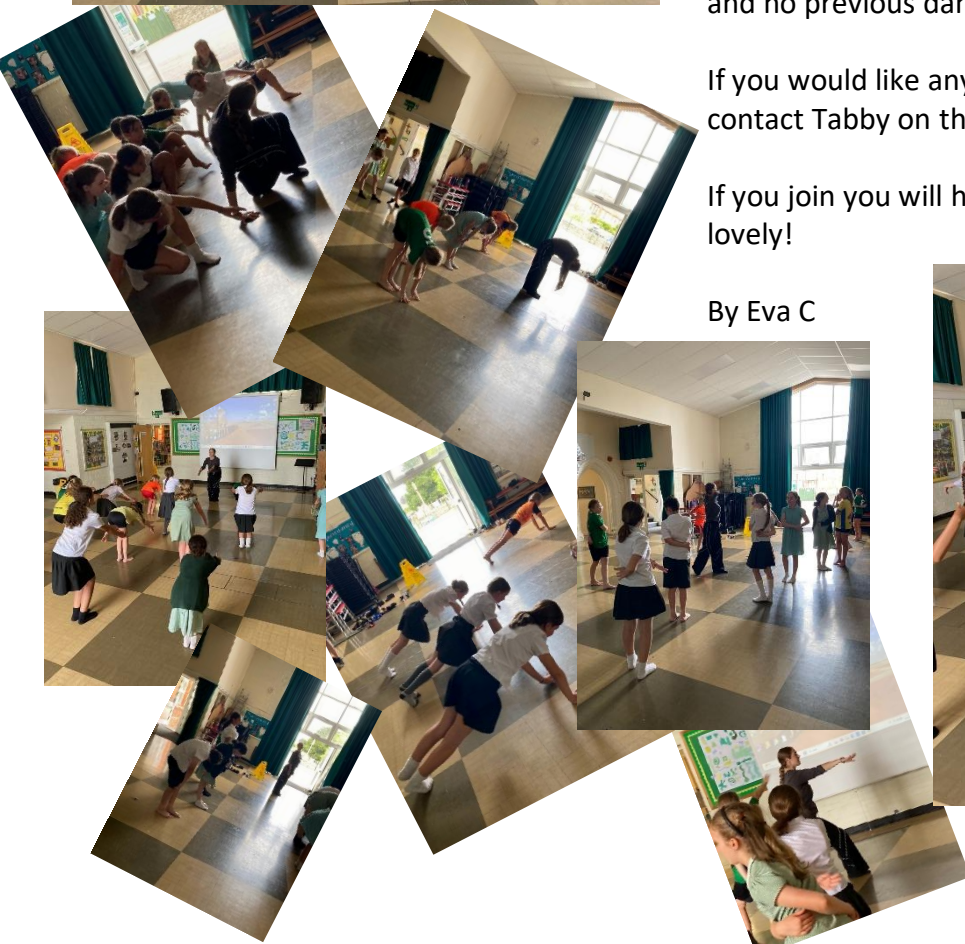
On Wednesday afternoon, Dance Club were lucky enough to have a visit from a qualified dance teacher called Tabby from Merge Dance Company. She taught us a contemporary dance routine which we enjoyed as it was a new genre for us to learn.

Tabby is starting a new contemporary dance class for ages 8-12 on Saturday mornings in Taunton and no previous dance experience is necessary!

If you would like any further information please contact Tabby on the details below.

If you join you will have lots of fun and Tabby is lovely!

By Eva C



Sign up for Merge Dance Company's new contemporary class!

Saturdays 12.30 – 1.15 MAD Hub, Taunton

Email: [mergedancecompany.org@gmail.com](mailto:mergedancecompany.org@gmail.com)

Instagram: merge\_dance\_company

For ages 8-12, no previous dance experience necessary

# A Celebration of the Arts



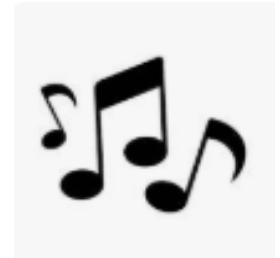
What a few weeks it has been! It was such a privilege to celebrate the successes of our incredibly talented children last week during the outdoor showcase and the Festival of the Arts at Queen's College.

It was a wonderful reminder of the breadth and depth of talent we have within our school and of the bravery and dedication of those children willing to stand up and perform in front of such a large audience.

The concert on Friday was a fantastic finale to our Music Week; seeing the work of our artists, as well as our wonderful choir, orchestra, dance club, singing club and class groups performing was an incredibly proud and emotional evening. The feedback from recent events has been overwhelming and such a wonderful way to remind ourselves of the progress made this year.

Thank you for your continued support and for the time you put in to help our pupils thrive. A massive thank you to Mrs Tudor, Mrs Heywood, Mr Davis, Mrs Andrews, Mr Bowen, Mrs Bottomley and all of the other staff who gave up so much time to make it a success.

*Luke Bottomley  
Headteacher*



## Summer Term – Important Dates

### July

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> July Leavers Service : 2.00pm  
Summer Holidays begin at 3.15pm

### September

Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept INSET  
Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Sept INSET  
YR Meet the Teacher Meetings  
Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> Sept School starts Y1-Y6  
YR Meet the Teacher Meetings

### ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

**Elm Class!**

### **Trull's Civil Parish Needs You — Have Your Say in Shaping the Future!**

Are you passionate about your community and keen to make a positive impact where you live? The Parish Council has formed a subgroup to take forward its Neighbourhood Plan and we need involvement from younger adults and parents with school-aged children to ensure their needs and aspirations are taken into account — we'd love your insights!

Can you help us explore whether our Neighbourhood Plan still reflects your priorities and the changes that may be needed to do so — from housing and green spaces to local facilities, services and the environment.

If you live in Trull's Civil Parish and are interested in joining the conversation or just want to learn more, please email [clerk@trullpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@trullpc.org.uk).

Your voice and that of your peers matters!

*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 AI-ENABLED SCAMS

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Artificial intelligence (AI) is quickly becoming a widely used tool, with lots of positive applications being discussed and developed. Sadly, however, as with most technology tools, there are those who will seek to use it for malicious and dishonest practices, with children and other vulnerable groups particularly at risk.

### PHISHING EMAILS: BETTER & QUICKER

Phishing scams – emails designed to trick people into handing over login details or money – are not new, and do not rely on AI; however, AI has made them far more dangerous. Criminals can now generate highly convincing emails at speed, mimicking an organisation's tone, branding and language with ease. This makes phishing attempts harder to spot, especially for young people who may not yet know what to look out for.

### ONLINE MARKETPLACE FRAUD

Online marketplaces are now a common way to buy and sell everything, from second-hand clothes to cars. Criminals are exploiting this by using AI to enhance or completely fake product photos and videos, and pressure buyers into paying deposits or full amounts upfront. These tactics are becoming more advanced, making it vital to pause, check, and verify the sale before parting with any money.

### VOICE IMPERSONATION

AI can now realistically impersonate a person's voice when given a small sample of someone's speech patterns. This is especially concerning where voice has been enabled as an alternative to password-based logins. One such example was the use of AI deepfake audio as part of a fake kidnapping scam: the criminals used an AI voice clone of a 15-year-old to convince her parents she had been kidnapped and elicit a ransom.

### EMPLOYMENT SCAMS

Using AI, criminals can create fake online profiles that seem completely real. These synthetic identities can chat with young people about fake job offers, asking for money to secure a visa or paperwork. In 2025, The Guardian reported a scam targeting young people with promises of quick cash, posing as TikTok staff.

### INFLUENCER & INVESTMENT SCAMS

AI tools now make it easy to manipulate video and audio, with technology available that can generate entirely fake content using the likeness of celebrities or influencers. Criminals are using this to create convincing videos of well-known figures promoting fake products or services, which young people can be particularly susceptible to. Cryptocurrency scams are a common tactic, luring people into investing in schemes that do not exist. Once payment is made, the criminal simply disappears with the money.

### ROMANCE SCAMS & SEXTORTION

AI chat bots can now mimic real conversations, often accompanied with realistic fake photos and videos, which makes it easier for criminals to build trust with young people – among other things, this can lead to fraud or sextortion. In 2024, the NCA's CEOP safety centre received 380 reports of sextortion. Alarmingly, in the first five months alone, police received an average of 117 monthly reports involving under-18s, showing how serious and targeted this threat has become.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### THINK CRITICALLY

The key to addressing the increasing growth of AI-enabled scams is to think critically and show caution. Inform children that if something is too good to be true, then it probably is. Encourage them to stop and carefully consider what they are seeing and reading before taking any action. For example, if a social media post expresses urgency, proceed with caution; if content seems unusual, even from a known person, it may be that their account has been hacked.

### USE TRUSTWORTHY SITES AND SERVICES

Online marketplaces are useful when buying and selling items; however, where possible, encourage children to use reputable companies and their online shopping sites. These companies are likely to have more sophisticated cyber-security safeguards in place, underpinned by consumer legislation, enabling them to control how products and services are displayed and traded on their sites.

### SEEK TO VERIFY

Criminals may breach an influencer's account or spread misinformation and fake content; however, their approach will generally be limited to a single account, site or service. Where possible, show children how to verify information to check its legitimacy before proceeding. Small actions, such as phoning the person who is the subject of a suspicious email, or checking content via an individual or company website or social media sites can make the difference. The greater the risk, the more effort we should expend to confirm whether the information presented is true or false.

### REPORT IT

As the sophistication of scams increases, the likelihood of being tricked by them also increases, especially when not paying attention or acting quickly. It is important that young people know how to report incidents as they happen. Show children how to report their concerns to the social media site, Action Fraud, banks, and other individuals or organisations linked or involved. If you are unsure of the most effective reporting channel, contact Action Fraud.

### Meet Our Expert

Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at Millfield, a large independent boarding school in Somerset, as well as a member of the Digital Futures Group, Vice Chair of the ISC Digital Advisory Group and an Association of Network Managers in Education (ANME) Ambassador.



# TURN UP & PLAY TENNIS

Vivary Park Tennis Courts, TA1 3SX

**4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> August**

10am-12pm (ages 5-11)  
1pm-3pm (ages 12-18)

**Bring a friend!**

**EQUIPMENT PROVIDED**

**FREE!** No Booking Required



for more info email  
hbullock@SASP.co.uk

## Summer Holiday Camps

### Taunton

28<sup>th</sup> July - 29<sup>th</sup> August

- Creech St Michael Rec centre
- Lynford Park Primary

Presentation ceremony on the final day

**£20** Per day  
**10%** Whole week discount  
**15%** Sibling discount

Happy Healthy Holidays **FREE** Places

- Register for our community now
- Booking goes live at 10.00am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> June

inspiredschools.co.uk/parents

https://inspiredschools.ipalbookings.com

SCAN ME

For paid places

Limited free places available for children on benefit related free school meals

## Stagecoach Taunton

Delve into the creative arts with our combined singing, dancing and drama classes.

### Holiday Workshops

No experience necessary, our super-creative team have put together these courses which are suitable for the total novice through to those that live and breathe the performing arts.

"Show in A Week" 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> August - Parkfield Primary School, Taunton  
10am - 4pm, Ages 4-18 Years.  
4-18 years £210 (Sibling discount: £189)  
4 year olds \*£140

\*OPSTED stipulate that we can only have four year olds for a maximum of four hours per day.  
Available to book online. Scan the QR code for more info.

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stagecoach.co.uk/taunton

07842 944 697

taunton@stagecoach.co.uk

## Fun in the sun!

### Summer Holiday Activity Sessions

## FC TOOLBOX

Sign up for SMS updates

Afternoon game sessions are planned for the Summer Holidays.

Boys and Girls

KS1 & KS2

Day, location and time sent via SMS at the start of each week.

EMAIL: neil.white@fctoolbox.com

TEXT: 07977 915 965



# SUMMER OFFER FOR TEACHERS

To celebrate our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary at South West Lakes Trust we are offering a 25% discount for teachers and their families on camping as well as watersport equipment hire and launch at all five of our Activity Centres during the school summer holidays!

Available at:  
 Roadford Lake (Devon/Cornwall border)  
 Sibbyack Lake (East Cornwall)  
 Sithians Lake (West Cornwall)  
 Tamar Lakes (North Cornwall)  
 Wimbleball Lake (Somerset, Exmoor)

**25% OFF**  
 CAMPING, WATERSPORT EQUIPMENT HIRE & LAUNCH

Use code **SCHOOL25** when booking online\*

Either use your school email address to book or show your school ID on arrival.

#ItsYourOutdoor  
**01566 771930**  
[swlakestrust.org.uk/activities](http://swlakestrust.org.uk/activities)

\*The 25% off discount only applies to the hire of equipment from our own stock. It does not apply to the hire of equipment from other providers. This offer is available to teachers and their families only. It is not available to other groups. There may be certain restrictions apply to this offer.

### Schools & Scouts

Visit Wimbleball with your group for an amazing adventure!  
 Group sizes 1-120 people  
 Subsidised prices for camping & activities.  
 Available March - October



Wimbleball Lake is full of opportunities - explore nine miles of footpaths, high ropes, dark skies, watersports and more!

Enquire now [wimbleball@swlakestrust.org.uk](mailto:wimbleball@swlakestrust.org.uk) | 01566 371466

## Holidays at Wimbleball Lake Activity Centre

Meet our friendly team of instructors and jump into action!

Instructor led activities are available from age 9+ and adults  
 Pre-booking is essential | 2-hour sessions: £37pp, 1-hour sessions: £23  
 Children under 8 can go on hired equipment with friends and family

Programme available 26<sup>th</sup> July - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	Sun
Children's Multi Activity Week, 18hrs - 4pm, £250 Available start dates: 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 25 <sup>th</sup> of August						
Have a Go SUP 18hrs - 12pm	Children's Multi Activity Day 18hrs - 4pm Available on: 26 <sup>th</sup> July 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Have a Go SUP 18hrs - 12pm	Children's Multi Activity Day 18hrs - 4pm Available on: 31 <sup>st</sup> July 29 <sup>th</sup> August	Have a Go Kayak 18hrs - 12pm	Have a Go SUP 18hrs - 12pm	Have a Go Kayak 18hrs - 12pm
Have a Go Sailing 1pm - 3pm		Have a Go High Ropes 1pm - 3pm	Have a Go Windsurf 1pm - 3pm	Have a Go High Ropes 1pm - 3pm	Have a Go Sailing 1pm - 3pm	
Have a Go Archery 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Have a Go Archery 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Have a Go Archery 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Have a Go Archery 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Have a Go Archery 3.30pm - 4.30pm	Have a Go Archery 3.30pm - 4.30pm	

Private Lessons and EVA Sailing & Windsurfing courses available on demand.

Camping & Glamping available until 31<sup>st</sup> October

Hire our equipment or launch your own

Capacity	Opening Times & Days	First launch: 10am	Last launch: 2pm
SUPs	1   £15   July - August: Every day		
Mega SUP	2   £50   September: Fri / Sat / Sun / Mon		
Single kayak	1   £15   October: Fri / Sat / Sun		
Double kayak	2   £22   November: Sat / Sun		
Canadian canoe	3   £29		
Rowing boat	3   £29		
Self launch parrell	1   £15   15% off online bookings of hired launch: OMLINC16		
Wetsuit	£3		

Deliveries, Somerset, TA22 8RU  
 01566 771466  
[wimbleball@swlakestrust.org.uk](mailto:wimbleball@swlakestrust.org.uk)  
[swlakestrust.org.uk/activities](http://swlakestrust.org.uk/activities)

# TAUNTON SOCCER SCHOOL

WHERE?  
 CASTLE SCHOOL TA1 5AU

WHEN?  
 1<sup>ST</sup>, 8<sup>TH</sup>, 15<sup>TH</sup>, 22<sup>ND</sup> & 29<sup>TH</sup> AUG

WHO?  
 AGES 5-12 YEAR OLDS

BOOK ONLINE TODAY  
<https://saints-southwest.classforkids.io/camp/104/>

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