



Trull C of E VA Primary School

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

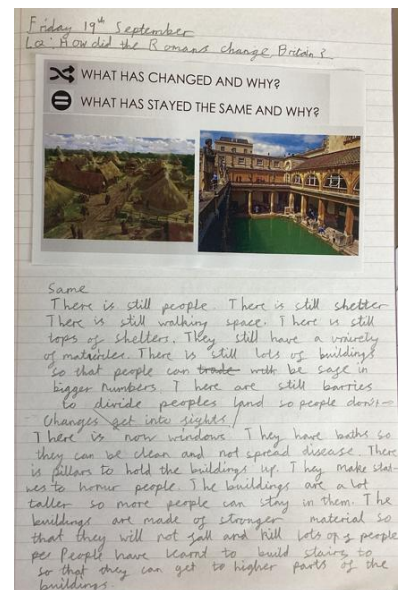
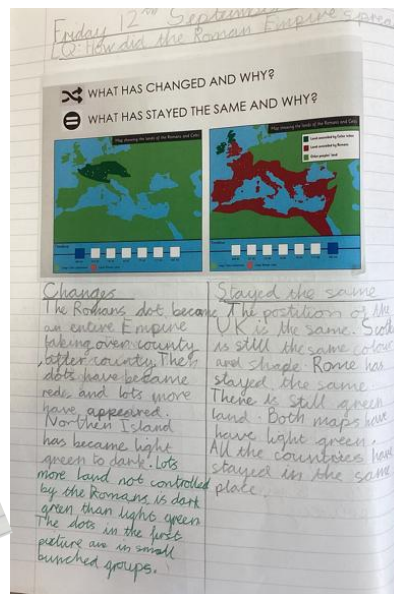
Rowan Class

Rowan have had a great start to Year 4. The children have been great at giving everything a go and trying their best. We have started our topic on the Romans - we have learned about the Roman Empire and how big it grew, why and how. Please ask the children about being Roman soldiers today, they really enjoyed it! We have been putting our 'Historian's hat' on and trying to explore what has changed and what has stayed the same over time. We are looking forward to our museum visit as part of this topic next week!

We have been doing our own version of the 'The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse', which the children have been inspired by. They have been working on 'deepening the moment' and challenging themselves to add more detail within the part of the story we are working on.

The children have started their musical journey with Mr Bowen and have been given their instruments - this will take part on most Wednesdays. To top it all off, and keeping to the musical theme, we've been working on a toe-tapping tune that's hard not to smile at. It's from a very "Happy" artist—can you guess what song will be brightening up our Harvest assembly?

We hope you have a lovely weekend!



TSF UPDATE

Following our AGM on Monday night, we can confirm that the committee for this year are Lucy, Anna, Ali H, Ali K, El and Amy. They can be reached either via tsf@trullschool.co.uk or via your class rep.

Sadly, over the last few years we have seen the level of money we raise at events going down. We have also experienced reduced engagement from parents in supporting TSF., with the same parents always stepping in.

Therefore we have made the difficult decision to only fund items that directly benefit the children and school, such as workshops for STEM week and items for the classrooms.

TSF are no longer in a position to pay for coaches for the school trips which means that the cost of the coaches will be passed on to parents as part of the trip cost. We do appreciate the impact this may have so if you would like to discuss this please contact the office or the TSF on the email above.

The current committee is made up of 6 people who consistently provide their time and commitment to the TSF. Having only 6 members is not sustainable for us moving forward.

Unfortunately, if we do not get more engagement over the next year with meetings and help at events the TSF may not continue in the academic year 2026/27. As a committee we would not want this to be the case, as it will mean that the children will miss out on experiences such as the disco and workshops.

We kindly request that if you can spare some time to support the committee in decision making, event planning and on the day please do get involved. We don't need a lot of your time but a little really does go a long way in making our events worthwhile.

A big thank you to those of you who already support us, you are also a small number but your commitment is also noted, and we couldn't do events without you. Thank you.

However, if a substantial change is not felt this year a decision on the TSFs future will be taken at the next AGM. We really need to take away some of the pressure that is felt when we put on something special for the children.

Thanks for reading.

The TSF committee



Autumn Term – Important Dates

September

Tues 23 rd	PINS Coffee Morning – Pool Room 9.30am
Wed 24 th	Y2 SASP Sports Festival
Fri 26 th	Y4 Trip to Somerset County Museum
Mon 29 th	Reception Parent Meeting 6.00pm
Tues 30 th	School Photos (individual and siblings)

October

Wed 1 st	Harvest Service in Church (school only)
Mon 6 th	Bikeability – Y6 Group 1
Tues 7 th	Bikeability – Y6 Group 2

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week are:

Beech Class!

Car Park – Friday 26th October

Please note that there will be a Funeral taking place in Trull Church on Friday 26th September 2025 at 2.00pm.

Please arrange to walk or park elsewhere as we expect the car park to be busy.

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

Yew Class!



JOB DESCRIPTION

JOB TITLE: Catering Assistant

LOCATION: Based in Trull School, however, you may be required to work at any other setting where Bishop Fox's deliver catering services in order to meet operational demands

DEPARTMENT / FACULTY: Catering

REPORTS TO: Head of Kitchen

SALARY: Grade 16, £24,413 (FTE), £8,258 (actual salary)

WORKING HOURS: 15 hours per week, Monday – Friday: 11.00am – 2.00pm

WORKING WEEKS: 38 weeks, term time only

For further details, please visit their website: <https://www.bishopfoxs.co.uk/latest-vacancies/>

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 GROUP CHATS

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

On messaging apps, social media and online games, group chats are one of the most popular ways that children connect. Group chats allow messages, images and videos to be shared in one place and help friendships flourish; however, they also come with a number of risks.

TEASING AND BULLYING

Children of all ages are keen to fit in socially, and group chats can sometimes complicate that process. While group chats can foster connection, they can also give way to mean comments or jokes at someone's expense, especially when others join in for laughs. When bullying happens publicly, in front of friends and classmates, it can intensify the emotional impact – adding to embarrassment, anxiety and feelings of isolation for the child being targeted.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS

Children often can't control who is added to a group, which can lead to privacy concerns. Sharing personal details in group chats can be dangerous, and children have no control over what others do with the material they send. Some members of the chat might even decide to use such information maliciously.

PEER PRESSURE

Children may feel they have to constantly stay engaged just to be included and keep up with the conversation. In some cases, they might partake in inappropriate behaviours – like sharing explicit photos, jokes or teasing – just to fit in. Group settings can also encourage children to act in ways they normally wouldn't, or stay silent when they know something is wrong, out of fear of being excluded. Some children may find it difficult to leave toxic group chats.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some group chats may include inappropriate language or imagery. Even if a child isn't actively participating in the conversation, they may still be exposed to this content simply by being part of the group. Some apps have disappearing messaging features, where content is only available once or for a few seconds, which makes it harder for children to report something they've seen.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION

Exclusion in group chats is common and can take several forms. Sometimes a new group is created specifically to leave one child out on purpose. In other cases, the chat may happen on an app that a child doesn't have access to, making it impossible for them to join in. This can cause feelings of being left out – even unintentionally.

VIDEO AND LIVE CHATS

Many popular apps allow children to engage in live streaming with interactive chats or have group video chats. Anyone can be added to these streams, and often children tag peers in the comments and have conversations which are unmoderated. There's a risk of being exposed to inappropriate or violent content and offensive language, either in the group videos or via the group chats.

Advice for Parents & Educators

CONSIDER OTHERS' FEELINGS

Group chats can become an arena for children to compete for social status. Help children consider how people might feel if they behave unkindly. If a child does upset someone, encourage them to reach out, show empathy and apologise for their mistake.

SET SOME GROUP CHAT RULES

Discuss safe group chat practices, such as asking a peer for consent before adding them to a group chat, or leaving a group chat if a stranger is added. Tell children that if they're added to a group they didn't agree to beforehand, it's OK for them to leave immediately.

BLOCK, REPORT AND LEAVE

If a child encounters inappropriate content or feels uncomfortable in a group chat, encourage them to block and report the sender and leave the group. Make sure children know it's OK to leave a group chat if they feel uncomfortable or unsafe.

SUPPORT, NOT JUDGEMENT

Group chats are an excellent way for children to connect and feel like they belong. However, remind them that they can confide in you if they feel bullied or excluded, instead of responding to the person who's upset them. Validate their feelings and empower them by discussing how they'd like to handle the situation. You can also encourage children to speak up if they witness others being bullied.

PRACTISE SAFE SHARING

It's vital for children to be aware of what they're sharing and who might potentially see it. Ensure they understand the importance of not revealing personal details – like their address, their school, or photos they wouldn't like to be seen widely. Remind them that once something is shared in a group, they can't be certain where it might end up or how it might be used.

SILENCE NOTIFICATIONS

Being bombarded with notifications from a group chat can be an irritating distraction – especially if it's happening late in the evening. Explain to children that they can still be part of a group chat while disabling notifications. In fact, it would be healthier for them to do so, helping them avoid the pressure to respond immediately.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed anti-bullying and cyber-safety workshops and policies for schools in Australia and the UK. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government, comparing the internet use and online behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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PARTNERSHIPS FOR INCLUSION OF NEURODIVERSITY IN SCHOOLS

We are delighted to share our Parent Group which is part of the plot of the new Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) project.

This group is a friendly place to come and meet other parents in your school who also have children with additional needs (your child doesn't need a diagnosis to attend). We will be joined by reps from Somerset parent carer forum. We hope that these groups will be a place to meet other parents and share experiences.

Trull CE VA Primary School.
Tuesday 23rd September.
9.30am-11am.

Parent Coffee Session





Clare Deem, our new violin teacher, really enjoyed meeting the existing pupils across the school on Monday. She has a few spaces available for lessons. If you are interested, initial taster lessons can be arranged before committing to lessons. Please contact her at:

claredeemviolin@gmail.com or Telephone 07983506385

Mrs Davenport teaches French and Spanish on Mondays.

If your child is interested in learning either language, please contact Mrs Davenport at: alysondavenport@hotmail.com



Trull School Fundraisers



Preloved Uniform Sale



Friday 29th
Sept

3.00pm

Playground or
Lower Yew
Class

Trull branded
items £2

Unbranded
items £1

Please bring
cash

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Spooktaoular Halloween Workshop 27th - 28th October 2025
 Festive Fun Workshop 22nd - 23rd December 2025

Parkfield Primary School, Taunton 10am - 4pm, Ages 4-18 Years.

*OFSTED stipulates 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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MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP




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OCTOBER HALF TERM
Monday 27th October 2025
08:30 - 16:00
£25 per day
 Trull C of E VA Primary School
Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell
Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews

OPEN TO CURRENT YEAR 3 - YEAR 6 CHILDREN

* max 30 children per day, minimum of 16 for club to run.