



# Trull C of E VA Primary School

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## Foundation Stage News

We are so proud of our Foundation Stage children and how beautifully they are settling into school life. It's been a joy to watch their confidence grow a little more each day!

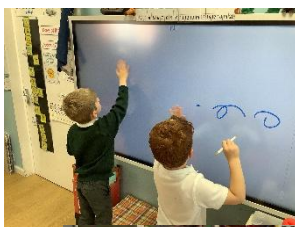
This week was an exciting milestone as the children joined the whole school for assembly for the very first time.

In Science, we've been learning about the different parts of the body and labelling them together. We've also spent time talking about friendship, kindness, and all the things we love about our class.

Outside, we've had lots of fun getting messy and exploring! In PE, the children have been learning about spatial awareness and how to move around safely in different ways.

Well done, Foundation Stage – keep up the great work!

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



# Forest Church



Our first session was all about exploring our surroundings and reconnecting with familiar faces, while also welcoming some new members to our group.



## School Photos – Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September

This is a reminder that Tempest Photography will be coming into school on Tuesday to take individual and sibling photographs. Please come to school wearing your school uniform including a jumper/cardigan.

Willow Class – please bring your PE Kit to change into.

Unfortunately, we are only able to take sibling photographs of children already in school.

Rowan Harvest Festival

'We sow kindness, we reap joy!'

Rowan Class will be leading **Trull School's Harvest Assembly on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October**. They kindly request that to mark the festival and their theme of 'Sowing Kindness', families make a donation to the Taunton Foodbank.

Donations will be collected in school on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October and delivered to the foodbank.

The Top Five items they are in need of are....

- Pasta Sauces
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Meals (Meat & Vegetarian)
- Cup a Soup
- Savoury Snacks

But they welcome all donations.

Thank you for your support.

Rowan Class

**We are accepting  
donations in School on  
Wednesday 1st October  
as part of our  
Harvest celebrations.**



# HARVEST APPEAL

HELP LOCAL PEOPLE FACING HARDSHIP  
TAUNTON FOODBANK

We are seeing an ever-increasing need – but a reduction in vital donations. By donating this Harvest, you can support local people facing hardship.

- Donate food – in store (see our website for a location near you), or as part of your online grocery shop
- Donate money – via our online giving platform
- Share our appeal – with friends, family and colleagues.

For more information, please visit [Insert link here](#)

## TOP FIVE ITEMS NEEDED THIS HARVEST

Tinned Vegetables  
Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Meat  
Long Life Fruit Juice  
Treats & Snacks



## Autumn Term – Important Dates

### September

Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Reception Parent Meeting 6.00pm  
Tues 30<sup>th</sup> School Photos (individual and siblings)

### October

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Harvest Service in Church (school only)  
Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Bikeability – Y6 Group 1  
Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Bikeability – Y6 Group 1  
Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Meeting 6.00pm  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> Bikeability – Y6 Group 2  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Bikeability – Y6 Group 2  
Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Bag2School Collection  
Monday 20<sup>h</sup> Bikeability – Y6 Group 3  
Tuesday 21<sup>ST</sup> Bikeability – Y6 Group 3

Ash Class's photo will be in  
the Gazette on  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

### ATTENDANCE

The class with the best  
attendance this week are:

**Beech and Oak Class!**

### LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

**Elm and Rowan 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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)*

At The National College, our WakeUp/Wednesday 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 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.



Doll's Clothes Donations

Ash Class are looking for donations of doll's clothes. If you have any that you would like to donate Ash Class would be very grateful!



Trull Village Memorial Hall

# APPLE DAY

Saturday 27th September

1.30pm - 3.30pm

*Join Us For:*

- Apple Pressing, pasteurising and bottling
- Refreshments
- Games and Music
- Raffle
- Bring your own apples and empty glass bottles (or buy from us)
- FREE EVENT but donations are invited towards the hall

Everyone is welcome



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registered charity (#1003515)

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Mrs Davenport teaches French and Spanish. She is looking to start up a French Group for new reception children which will begin after half-term.

If your child is interested in learning French, please contact Mrs Davenport at:

[alysondavenport@hotmail.com](mailto:alysondavenport@hotmail.com)



TRULL MEMORIAL HALL

# Barn Dance and Ceilidh

Featuring  
The Lucy Lastic Band!


**SATURDAY 11th OCTOBER**

Bar from 7pm  
Dancin' from 8pm

**TICKETS £12**  
Includes Ploughman's

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[admin@trullmemorialhall.co.uk](mailto:admin@trullmemorialhall.co.uk)  
This event is for adults only

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- ★ Cotford St Luke Primary School, Taunton, TA1 1HZ
- ★ Herne View CoFE Primary School, Ilminster, TA19 0BL
- ★ Holy Trinity Church of England Primary School, Taunton, TA1 3AF
- ★ Primrose Lane Primary School, Yeovil, BA21 5FH
- ★ Parkfield Primary School, Taunton, TA1 4RT\*\*

★ Multi Activity, Gymnastics & Dance, Football, Nerf & Dodgeball camps available

★ Running 27th - 31st October, 9am - 3:30pm  
\*\*8:30 am - 4pm

★ £24.99 per child, per day  
\*\*£28.99 per child, per day

★ Available to children aged 4 - 11

★ Book at [www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps](http://www.premier-education.com/holiday-camps)  
★ Contact [donyelli@premier-education.com](mailto:donyelli@premier-education.com) for queries

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A PACKED LUNCH  
PLENTY OF WATER  
SUITABLE CLOTHING  
LOADS OF ENERGY!

Our Holiday Clubs keep children active, safe, and entertained throughout the school holidays.

Join us this holiday period as we offer a wide range of fun activities, including sports, performing arts, and games, all at great value. There's something for every child to enjoy!

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SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 2025

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**STAGE COACH**  
Stagecoach Taunton

**FREE TASTER SESSION**

Where: Selworthy School, Taunton, TA2 7EG

When: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2025

Time: 4-6 Years 4.15-5.45pm  
6-18 Years 4.30-7.30pm

Help your child discover the performing arts!

To Join us on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October for a FREE Taster session scan the QR code or enrol at [taunton@stagecoach.co.uk](mailto:taunton@stagecoach.co.uk)

**ENROL TODAY**



Exclusive Offer:  
£5 off when using code: MACBETH at checkout

Please see important SEND opportunities for parents and children below including:

- ADHD support groups
- Wellbeing activities for parents
- Chill and Chat
- Wise Up Workshops
- Free guides for the parents of neurodivergent pupils
- Training opportunities



### ADHD Somerset

#### A Support Group for Adults, Families & Carers

A friendly group for anyone affected by ADHD, whether you're diagnosed, seeking support, or just want to learn more

- Parents & carers of children with ADHD
- Adults with ADHD
- Anyone exploring ADHD or related conditions

**What we offer:**  
Peer support, Helpful info & resources, A safe, inclusive space No diagnosis needed, everyone's welcome.

Contact us: Email: [ADHDYeovil@gmail.com](mailto:ADHDYeovil@gmail.com)  
Call: 07543680365

<https://www.facebook.com/adhd.somerset>

### Creatively Calm

Well-being sessions for parent carers  
Mindful creative activities to strengthen well-being, emotional resilience & promote a sense of calm

We're offering two new Creatively Calm sessions designed to support the well-being of parent carers through mindful, creative activities. Led by Abi Brown, holistic practitioner, clinical aromatherapist, and one of our brilliant parent reps. These sessions offer a gentle space to recharge, reflect, and reconnect.

- Aromatherapy**  
Learn about the botanical origins and properties of essential oils, and how they can be used to strengthen emotional well-being, promote a sense of calm, and support your ability to cope. You'll have the opportunity to explore a range of essential oils and create a personal oil blend and pocket-sized applicator.

**From:** Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September @ 10:00 to 11:30  
**Glastonbury:** Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September @ 11:00 to 12:30  
**Yeovil:** Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October @ 10:00 to 11:30  
**Taunton:** Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October @ 11:00 to 12:30

There is a small charge of £5 per session.  
If this is a barrier to you attending, please don't hesitate to message us, we want these sessions to be accessible to all parent carers.

- Refreshments will be provided.
- To book or find out more:  
[somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/news/workshops-and-information-days](http://somerseparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/news/workshops-and-information-days)



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## Taunton Group Dates

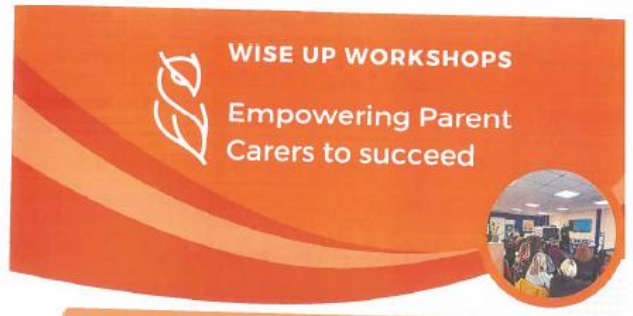
Thursday	9th	October	10:00 to 12:00
Thursday	13th	November	10:00 to 12:00
Thursday	11th	December	10:00 to 12:00
Thursday	8th	January	10:00 to 12:00
Thursday	12th	February	10:00 to 12:00
Thursday	12th	March	10:00 to 12:00

If you have a child with additional needs and/or disabilities 0-25 come along for a cuppa and chat with other parent carers.

The groups are a place to make new friends and share experiences and ask any questions you may have.



@ The Albemarle Centre,  
Albemarle Rd, Taunton TA1 1BA



## Wise Workshops @ SCIL Taunton



**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November-**  
**Understanding Sensory processing**  
presented by Bibic @ 10.00-12.00 & Online

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> January-**  
**Help your Neurodivergent child manage their Anxiety**  
presented by CYPNP Team @ 12.30-14.30 & Online

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March-**  
**When siblings needs clash**  
presented by Platypus @ 10.00-12.00 & Online

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> April-**  
**Decoding Dyslexia- What we all should know**  
presented by Insight @ 12.30-14.30 & Online

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July-**  
**EBSA**  
presented by SPCC & EP Service 12.30-14.30 & Online

Book now:  
[www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/](http://www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk/home/wise-up-workshops/)



These sessions are open to all parent carers in Somerset who have a child with additional needs and/or a disability.



## Supporting Your Neurodivergent Child



Written by parents, for parents

When you first realise your child sees the world a bit differently, it can feel overwhelming. But as you begin to understand their unique perspective, it can also become a rewarding journey.

We were delighted to share our new guide which brings together practical tips, real stories, and trusted information from families like yours. Inside, you'll find links, books, videos, and blogs we've personally found useful. It's not meant to be read all at once, just dip in when something feels relevant.

Every child is different, and so is every family's path. We hope this guide offers you support, reassurance, and a sense of community. Most of all, we encourage you to find your tribe, other SEND parents who truly get it.



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## ChatHealth



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A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

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Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service. It operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on it and may escalate the concern.

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