



# Trull C of E VA Primary School

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## Beech Class News

We have made a wonderful start to Year 1 in Beech Class. We are working so hard on becoming independent learners. We are thoroughly enjoying learning about numbers to 100 in maths and developing our reading skills in Phonics with our other Year 1 friends from Elm.

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

In art, we have been experimenting with lines and patterns and are really proud of what we have created.

In science, we have been learning about how our bodies work and what we need to do to be fit and healthy.



## Invasion Games Tournament

The year 5s and 6s had a fun time at the friendly invasion games tournament. They all took part in football, catch ball, hand ball and ultimate frisbee! Well done to everyone for taking part 😊



## Year 6 Bikeability

This week's group for Bikeability have done amazingly well.

Thank you to all the parent helpers for giving up their time to help.





## Autumn Term – Important Dates

### October

Mon 13 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability – Y6 Group 2
Tues 14 <sup>th</sup>	Bikeability – Y6 Group 2
Wed 15 <sup>th</sup>	Flu Vaccines Full Board of Governors Meeting
Fri 17 <sup>th</sup>	Bag2School Collection
Mon 20 <sup>h</sup>	Bikeability – Y6 Group 3
Tues 21 <sup>ST</sup>	Bikeability – Y6 Group 3
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Parents Evening
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TSF Non-School uniform – bring chocolate! Parents Evening
Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	INSET – school closed
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> –Fri 31 <sup>st</sup>	HALF-TERM

### November

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> School re-opens

### ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week are:

**Maple Class!**

### LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

**Ash and Oak Classes!**



**Family service**

**Sunday 12th October**

Starting at 10:15am with refreshments in the Trull Church Community Centre

We sing, pray, learn about God, and have fun together! We do this in a variety of ways including games, craft and interactive stories.

This is a noisy and beautiful service, where all ages worship God together.

Scan the QR code for more information!



Bookings for Parents Evenings will go live on Monday on Scopy.

Meetings for Yew Class Parents will be rescheduled to November. Dates to be decided.

*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](https://nationalcollege.com).

# What Parents & Educators Need to Know about NINTENDO SWITCH 2

Nintendo launched its Switch 2 games console in early June 2025 – its first new console in eight years. While it builds on the original's success by remaining compatible with certain existing games, it also adds powerful hardware and new features like GameChat and a USB-C camera. As more children look to upgrade, it's important to understand how this new console might affect their play and safety.

## WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

### EASIER TO ACCESS MATURE CONTENT



Despite Nintendo's reputation for family-friendly titles, mature games like *Cyberpunk 2077* and *Hitman* have been released onto the platform. With the Switch 2's improved performance, developers will be able to port even more mature-rated games. These may appeal to children due to their popularity, but they contain content that is highly unsuitable for young audiences.

### IN-APP & GAME STORE PURCHASES

The Nintendo eShop enables purchases with just a few taps. If payment details are saved and PIN protection is disabled, children may unknowingly make costly purchases – including game add-ons, cosmetic items or entire new releases – without parental approval.

### UNRESTRICTED ONLINE PLAY IN SOME GAMES

While GameChat is one feature, Switch 2 also connects to the broader Nintendo Switch Online service. Many free-to-play titles like *Fortnite* or *Splatoon 4* allow voice or text chat with strangers unless chat settings are adjusted, meaning children could encounter inappropriate language or unwanted contact.

### GAMECHAT & REAL-TIME VOICE COMMUNICATION

GameChat enables live chatting with up to 12 people, even across different games, with optional video and screen-sharing. Though children under 16 are restricted to chatting only with approved friends, the sheer interactivity could raise privacy concerns or create pressure to remain online longer.

### CAMERA COMPATIBILITY & PRIVACY CONCERNS

The optional USB-C camera supports video calling and facial overlays in games; however, this also raises the risk of cyberbullying or the unwanted sharing of personal images. The camera can be disabled, removed or covered, and parental controls are essential to manage how and when it is used.

### POWERFUL PULL OF FAMILIAR CHARACTERS

Nintendo's mascot, Mario – along with Pikachu, Donkey Kong and others – remains hugely appealing to younger audiences, especially after the success of the recent film, *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023). These beloved icons are central to Nintendo's branding and often feature in merchandising, adverts and in-game promotions, creating strong emotional attachments in children and a sense of urgency to keep up with their peers.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

### CHECK RATINGS & USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Every Switch and Switch 2 game comes with a PEGI age rating. Before buying one, ensure the content matches your child's age. Use the Nintendo Parental Controls app to monitor gameplay, set screen-time limits and manage friend requests.

### REVIEW FRIEND LISTS AND CHAT PERMISSIONS

Child profiles are restricted to chatting with approved friends only, but it's good practice to regularly check their friend list and communication settings. Use the Parental Controls app to switch off voice or video chat if necessary.

### REMOVE OR RESTRICT PAYMENT METHODS

Avoid accidental spending by unlinking credit cards from the device. Instead, consider adding funds via prepaid eShop cards or requiring a PIN for purchases. Some banking apps can also be set to approve transactions manually.

### ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Teach children how to block, report and capture any behaviour or content that makes them uncomfortable. The console's built-in tools allow them to create screenshots and video clips, which can aid in reporting any issues. Keeping an open dialogue helps children feel supported and safe.

### Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is the Games Editor of Daily Star and has been working in the gaming and tech industry for five years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new tools, he's also a parent and understands the importance of online safety. He's also a tech and fitness writer and has been published on sites including IGN, TechRadar, and plenty more.



The National College

## Free Training For Parents/Carers Of Neurodiverse Children

This **free** three-hour training session is being run by the Educational Psychology Service on the following dates:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November 9.30am-12.30am  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am-12.30am

The session will look at **ADHD**, what it is as well as what it isn't, explore differences (neurodiversity), and offer practical strategies and guidance to support children and young people with **ADHD**.

**Please let Mrs Cerullo or the office know if you would like to attend the training**

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)



## Celebrate the Magical Autumn Term with Waterstones Taunton.

All the events listed below are Free!

### Saturday 25th October

Join us as we celebrate the 75th Anniversary of C.S Lewis' spellbinding classic, *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe*. Throughout the day we will be hosting a very special treasure hunt, so come along to this free event in the Children's section and see if you can save Aslan!

### Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Join us for our Spooktacular Halloween treasure hunt. Can you work out the anagram and bag yourself a treat? Pick up an answer sheet in the children's section.

### Friday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

Join us in the children's section at 11am for a Rhyming session with Meg and *Mog*. Suitable for 4-6 year olds, but all welcome. Feel free to dress up in your best horrible costume!

Every Saturday at 10am, all are welcome in our children's section for story time!

Details of further events will be posted on our Event's Page at [Waterstones.com](http://Waterstones.com)



## THE DULVERTON EXMOOR LITERARY FESTIVAL 2025



### CHILDREN'S WRITING COMPETITION

#### 'My Exmoor' creative non-fiction writing

Write up to 500 words about what you love best about Exmoor. Here are some prompts: 'My Exmoor is...' or 'I love Exmoor because...' Use your senses - what can you see, hear, smell, taste, touch? Tell us what you love about Exmoor in the most descriptive way you can. Don't worry about perfect grammar or



spelling. Just let your writing come from your heart. You can write prose, or a poem, or do drawings. We look forward to reading about what makes this beautiful place special for you. Is it the countryside? The people? The animals? The rivers? The flowers? The sea? Happy writing!

The competition is open to children aged under 13. Entries to be submitted by FRIDAY 24 OCTOBER 2025. Email your entry to [hello@visitdulverton.com](mailto:hello@visitdulverton.com) or put it in the special named box in Dulverton Library. Please include the name and contact details of an adult with whom we can get in touch to invite the shortlisted entries to the Awards Ceremony. Entries cannot be returned so please keep a copy. The Judge's decision is final.



Prizes will be awarded to the Winner and Runners Up at the Dulverton Exmoor Literary Festival in Dulverton Town Hall on Sunday 16 November at 5pm. The winning entry will be read out at the ceremony by the Competition Judge, bestselling historical fiction author, Kate Lord Brown.



All of the winning stories will be published on the Visit Dulverton website: [visitdulverton.com](http://visitdulverton.com)





**TRULL SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS**

# BINGO NIGHT

**Friday 7th November**

Doors open 7pm, eyes down 730pm

Come and join us for a night of bingo and help us raise funds for Trull School

<b>£10 PER PERSON</b> QR LINK FOR PAYPAL TICKETS:	<b>TRULL SCHOOL</b> TA3 7JZ	<b>BAR</b> BRING YOUR OWN SNACKS	<b>PRIZES FROM LOCAL BUSINESSES</b>
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**ADULTS ONLY**



# Pumpkin cafe

**Take a break from trick-or-treating!**

**Friday 31st October**

Join us for tea, coffee, hot chocolate and cake

**Craft and a goodie bag for children**

**Seasonal games, and toddler area**

Free entry

**Trull Church Community Centre**

**5-8pm**



TRULL MEMORIAL HALL

# Barn Dance and Ceilidh

Featuring **The Lucy Lastic Band!**

**SATURDAY 18th OCTOBER**

Bar from 7pm  
Dancin' from 8pm

**TICKETS £12**  
Includes Ploughman's

Reserve tickets by emailing  
[admin@trullmemorialhall.co.uk](mailto:admin@trullmemorialhall.co.uk)

Made with PosterMyWall.com

This event is for adults only



TRULL SCOUT GROUP

# FIREWORKS DISPLAY 2025

-  Saturday, 8th November 2025
-  Fireworks at 6:30 PM
-  Gates open at 5:30 PM
-  King George V Playing Field, Trull

**ADMISSION**

- Ages 16 and over: £6
- Ages 15 and under: £4
- Ages 3 and under: FREE

**NO PARKING AVAILABLE IN THE VILLAGE**

Enjoy delicious hot dogs and drinks while you soak up the atmosphere before the show.

**CASH ONLY PLEASE**

Come with the family and help support your local Scout Group at another dazzling fireworks event!

**MULTI-SPORT  
ACTIVITY CAMP**



**OCTOBER HALF TERM  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2025  
08:30 – 16:00**

**£25 per day**  
Trail C of EVA 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.

**LED  
SPORTS  
COACHING**

October 27<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup>



**Half Term Fun Camp  
@Bishops Hull Primary**

-Football, Cricket, Tennis, Dodgeball and more  
-Arts and crafts, Halloween activities and more

Years 1-6      9.00am-3.30pm  
Price: £25 per day or  
£100 for the whole week  
**\*\*10% sibling discount\*\***

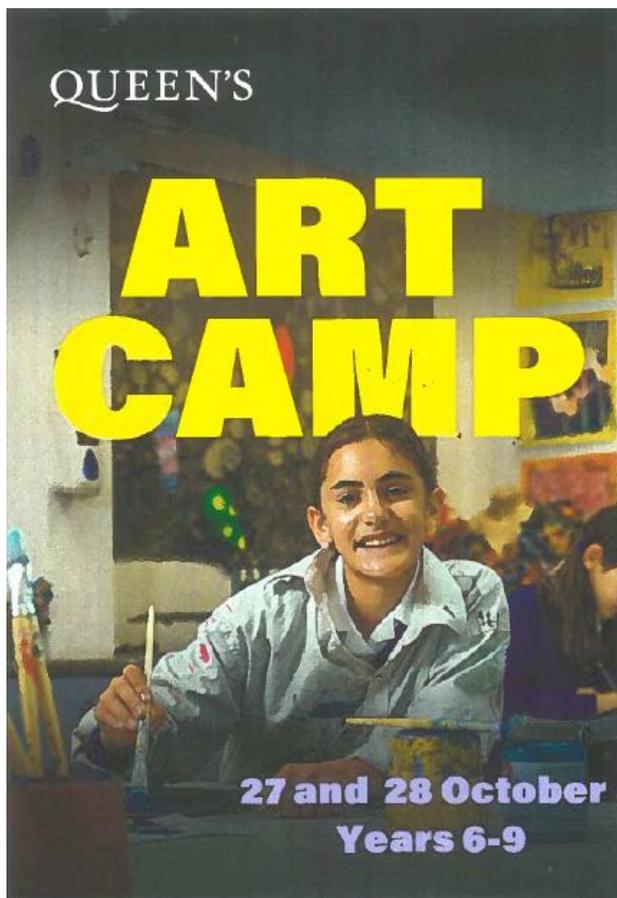
Register your interest please contact  
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QUEEN'S

**ART  
CAMP**



**27 and 28 October  
Years 6-9**

**CREATIVITY AND FUN THIS  
HALF TERM.**

**Monday 27 October  
Autumn Printmaking**  
Pupils will learn how to design, carve, and print their own striking artworks, exploring textures, layers, and colour in a hands-on, engaging way. Alongside practical skills, they'll gain insight into the creative process, building confidence and imagination as they produce unique prints to take home.

**Tuesday 28 October  
Experimental  
Sketchbook Making**  
This session introduces imaginative techniques for sketchbook construction and creative journaling. Pupils will design and build their own unique sketchbooks, experimenting with materials, textures, and layouts that bring their ideas to life.

Perfect for budding artists, this workshop is both inspiring and rewarding, offering a chance to develop new skills in a fun and supportive environment.

It's the perfect opportunity for curious minds and budding artists to explore new skills in a supportive, exciting environment.

**27 and 28 October**

**£60 per day  
Book one or both days  
9am-4pm  
Late care available for an extra £5 (4-5pm)  
queenscollege.org.uk**



Book now

