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



Merry Christmas to you all!

It has been wonderful over the past few weeks to share so many of our festivities with you. We were so proud of all our children performing in nativities, carol concerts and choir events and were thrilled that so many of you were able to attend.

As we end this incredibly long term, I sincerely hope that you are all able to enjoy a restful and joyful Christmas. I hope that a two-week break will give everyone an opportunity to rest, recover and share some special time together before we return in January.



On a personal note, I would like to say an enormous thank you for all your support to the school and our children over this past term. The partnership between school and home gives our children the chance to thrive and be immersed in opportunities and experiences.

Thank you for the kind messages, cards and gifts – I feel extremely lucky to be leading such a wonderful group of staff, pupils and families and I hope that 2026 will be an exciting and flourishing year for all.

Best wishes
Luke Bottomley





Trull School Choir were honoured to be invited to perform at **'Brass at Christmas'** as guests of Wells City Band at Wells Cathedral School on Sunday 14th December 2025.

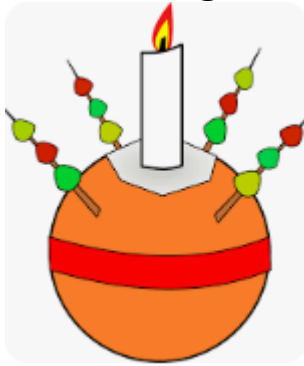


We are extremely proud of all the children who took part, and extend our heartfelt thanks to Mrs Carolyn Tudor for her commitment, enthusiasm and hard work in preparing the choir for such a wonderful Christmas performance.





Christingle



On Tuesday morning we were lucky to have a visit from Father Christmas who visited all the children in their classrooms.

Thank you to the TSF who ensured that each class were given a gift.

Spring Term – Important Dates

January

Tues 6th School reopens
Fri 30th Maple Class Parent Assembly

February

Tues 3rd Parents Evening
Wed 4th Parents Evening

Bishop Fox's School are consulting on their 2027/28 admission arrangements. To view and comment on the arrangements please click here <https://somersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2027-arrangements> The consultation will end on 5 January 2026 and the final determined arrangements will be published on the school website by 15 March 2026.

We are looking forward to running the following parent / carer workshops at Trull School:

Confident Parents - Helping your child with everyday challenges on 14th January 2026
Confident Parents - Raising children who bounce back on 29th January 2026

Please find the link below which will enable parents and carers to sign up to these workshops:

[Parent/Carer Workshop Booking Form](#)

Please let us know if you need any further information or assistance.

We look forward to seeing you in the new year!



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 TRACKING DEVICES

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Bluetooth tracking devices like Apple's AirTag and Samsung's SmartTags have exploded in popularity, with millions sold each year. These small tools help people locate their lost items, but their discreet design has also made them attractive for more sinister purposes. From stalking to bullying, tracking devices present unique risks that trusted adults need to understand and address.

STALKING AND HARASSMENT

Because of their tiny size and unassuming appearance, tracking devices can easily be hidden in bags or clothing. They've been used to monitor individuals without their knowledge, with a lawsuit in the US labelling AirTags "the weapon of choice of stalkers and abusers". In the UK, use of tracking devices in coercive control and stalking cases reportedly rose by 317 percent between 2018 and 2023.

TOOLS FOR BULLYING

Tracking devices could allow bullies to follow or locate their targets even outside of school. This makes it difficult for children to find refuge, potentially extending the trauma of bullying into spaces – like home – that should feel safe and secure.

FALSE ACCUSATIONS

Because tracking devices are linked to user accounts, they could be misused to 'prove' ownership of someone else's possessions. Someone could, for example, plant a tracker on another person's belongings to falsely claim them as their own.

INVASION OF PRIVACY

These devices are designed to share location data with the user via other people's phones, which can unintentionally broadcast someone's movements without their consent. This makes them vulnerable to being monitored by strangers without realising.

DIFFICULT TO DETECT

Many tracking devices are designed to be discreet, but that also means they're easy to hide. Without proactive checking or the right tech to detect them, children and young people might not realise they're being tracked.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH FOR WARNING SIGNS

If a child's peers always seem to know their location – whether in person or hinted at online – it could be worth checking for tracking devices. Some, like AirTags, will eventually make a noise if separated from their owner. Listen out for a chirping sound.

USE DETECTION APPS

Apple devices running iOS 14.5 or later will notify users of unknown AirTags nearby. Android users can install Apple's 'Tracker Detect' or the third-party app 'AirGuard' to scan for tracking devices from various manufacturers.

CHECK LIKELY HIDING SPOTS

Common places where trackers may be planted include jacket linings, bag seams, pockets, or under bike seats. If you find one, take a photo of the serial number before disposing of it – this could help police trace the account it's linked to.

HAVE THE CONVERSATION

Talk to your child about what tracking devices are, what signs to look out for, and how they might be misused. Emphasise the legal consequences of using them to prank, harass, or monitor someone.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is a seasoned technology journalist with bylines in Wired, TechRadar, The Guardian, The Evening Standard, The Telegraph, and The New Statesman. He specialises in consumer tech, online safety, and emerging risks in the digital landscape.



FREE Parent and Carer Workshops

Talking to your Children and Teens About Their Bodies, Feelings and Relationships

An opportunity to attend a relaxed and informative session for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) of all ages with an additional focus on teenage years.

What's This Session About?

Talking about bodies, boundaries, feelings, and relationships with your SEND child or teen can feel overwhelming—but you're not alone.

Each session will be a safe space for parents and carers to be seen, valued and heard. You only need to attend ONE workshop:

In person: 26th February 2026 at Albemarle Centre, Taunton, TA1 1BA, 1pm—2:45pm

Online (live only): 11th February 2026, 7pm-9pm (please login by 6:55pm)

Duration: 1.5 hour workshop + 30 mins Q&A

Led by Alice Hoyle, National Relationships and Sex Expert and SEND mum, this 1.5-hour interactive workshop will offer practical advice, tips, and signposting to help you feel more confident starting (or continuing) important conversations at home.

Learning Outcomes:

How Relationships and Sex education can look different for SEND children and teens — and why that's okay

Tips for talking about bodies, friendships, puberty, and safety at home

How to use everyday moments to build understanding and confidence

Where to go for trusted resources, books, websites and next steps

Click here to book your place: [Talking to your children and Teens about their bodies, feelings and Relationships – Fill in form using this QR code:](#)



For further enquiries please email: admin@somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk

Come and join us this Christmas!

Carol Services

Sunday 14th
5:30pm

Carols By
Candlelight at
Trull

Sunday 21st
4:00pm

Traditional
Carols at
Angersleigh

Sunday 21st
5:30pm

Contemporary
Carols in TCCC

Christmas Eve Services

Christmas Eve
3pm

All-Age Carols
at Trull Church

Christmas Eve
4:30pm

All-Age Carols
at Trull Church

Christmas Eve
11pm

Midnight
Communion at
Trull Church

Christmas Day Services

Christmas Day
8am

BCP Communion
at Trull Church

Christmas Day
9:30am

All-Age
Communion at
Angersleigh

Christmas Day
10:45am

All-Age Service
at Trull Church

