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



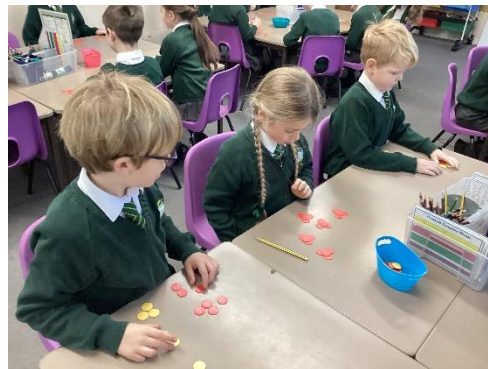
Maple Class News

We have had a very busy and exciting couple of weeks back in Maple.

In English, we have been gathering wonderful vocabulary in a very tasty way by trying different baked goods and using our senses to describe them. The children have loved exploring new words and sharing their ideas.

In Maths, we have been working hard on multiplication, building confidence through practical activities and lots of discussion. The children are becoming more secure in counting in groups and understanding what multiplication really means.

In History, we have begun learning about Isambard Kingdom Brunel. The children have been fascinated by and are enjoying finding out how his work changed Britain. We are especially excited as this links closely to our upcoming trip, which the children are very much looking forward to.



Spring Term – Important Dates

January

Fri 30th Maple Class Parent Assembly

February

Tues 3rd Parents Evening

Wed 4th Parents Evening

Fri 6th Y2 Trip to SS Great Britain
TSF Champagne Tasting

Wed 11th Y4 SASP Net/Wall Festival
Open the Book Assembly

Fri 13th KS1 Disco 5.30pm - 6.30pm
KS2 Disco 6.45pm - 7.45pm

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance
this week is:

Willow Class!

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

Ash and Oak Class!

25/26 key dates

Monday 12th January TSF Meeting 7.30pm at the Winchester Arms

Friday 6th February Champagne Tasting - to book please email
TSF@trullschool.co.uk

Friday 13th February School Disco more details to follow

Friday 6th March Adult Quiz Night more details to follow

Saturday 14th March Children Cinema Night more Details to follow

Monday 23rd February TSF Meeting 7.30pm at the Winchester Arms

Monday 27th April TSF Meeting 7.30pm at the Winchester Arms

Monday 1st June TSF Meeting 7.30pm at the Winchester Arms

Saturday 13th June TSF Band and Hog Roast Night more details to
follow

Friday 17th July School Disco more details to follow

PtP Saturday 11th July 26



TSF PRESENTS
£25 per ticket

Champaigne Tasting

CLASSIC TASTING

An immersive guided Champaigne Tasting at Trull School in association with the TSF - Experience will include Charcuterie & glasses of Moet Brut Imperial / Veuve Clicquot / Ruinart Blanc De Blancs & others.

FEB 6th @ 18:00 PM

Trull School Assembly Hall

MORE INFO:
tsf@trullschool.co.uk

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

TIKTOK

AGE RESTRICTION
13+
(certain features are restricted to over-18s only)

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Online videos are often associated with apps such as YouTube, but among teens, TikTok is king. The app provides a potentially addictive, never-ending stream of short clips tailored to users' interests based on their viewing habits. Around half of British children use TikTok, and while most content is benign, Ofcom considers it the app where young people are "most likely to encounter a potential harm".

AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

TikTok's Following Feed shows videos from known creators, while the default For You Feed serves endless clips based on viewing history. Most are harmless, but unsuitable content can still appear, and watching for long enough signals interest to the algorithm. Although TikTok bans illegal or inappropriate uploads, the volume of posts means some slip through, increasing the chance that children encounter age-inappropriate material before it is detected or removed.

BODY IMAGE AND DANGEROUS CHALLENGES

Ofcom reports that most online harms for girls involve body image, while boys more often see dangerous stunts. Both types appear frequently on TikTok and spread quickly through its engagement-driven algorithm. Harmful challenges have included the "blackout" trend, where users held their breath until passing out. Families filed lawsuits after children died linked to the trend, showing how extreme or risky content can rapidly reach young people and negatively influence them.

IN-APP SPENDING

TikTok is free, but children can still spend money. TikTok coins, costing £9.99 to £224.99, let users buy gifts for creators. TikTok Shop adds risk by allowing purchases from influencers or companies, sometimes leading to poor-quality items driven by persuasive marketing. A Canadian investigation found TikTok collected personal data from many children for targeting and advertising despite age limits, meaning young users may lose control over their personal information.

CONTACT WITH STRANGERS

Between 1.6 and 1.9 billion people use TikTok, meaning there's a high risk of unwanted attention from strangers. Accounts created by over-16s (or young people using a fake date of birth) are set to public view by default. This means that not only is someone's profile visible to everyone else on the app, it also suggests their videos to others and allows anyone to download or comment on them.

MISINFORMATION AND RADICALISATION

TikTok's short videos may appear lighthearted, but they can expose young people to harmful ideas. Misinformation is common, and Ofcom reports that nearly one third of 12-15-year-olds use TikTok as a news source, increasing the chance of seeing racist, misogynistic, extremist or conspiracy material. Even brief clips can influence impressionable users and shape their worldview, making discussions about critical thinking, propaganda and online influence especially important for parents and educators.

ADDICTIVE DESIGN

TikTok's fast-paced stream of eye-catching videos can be potentially addictive for young users. In 2024, UK children spent an average of 127 minutes per day on the platform, double the time recorded in 2020. Excessive use can disrupt sleep, increase irritability, and distract from healthier activities. Constantly skipping between short clips may also affect attention span, making it harder to focus on longer tasks such as homework or reading.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ENABLE FAMILY PAIRING

Family Pairing allows parents to link their TikTok account to their child's in order to manage settings remotely. Parents can then turn on Restricted Mode (reducing the chances of a child seeing inappropriate content), set screen time limits, make accounts private and manage whether their child can send messages – and if they can, to whom. Children cannot alter these settings without parental approval.

DISCUSS THE DANGERS

If a child wants to use TikTok and you're happy for them to do so, it's good practice to discuss the potential risks. Ensure they don't share any identifying personal information or respond to dangerous trends, and that they know to talk to a trusted adult if they're worried by interactions on the app. With more teens using TikTok for news, it's important to talk about misinformation and propaganda.

BLOCK IN-APP SPENDING

Parents can restrict in-app purchases on iPhone and Android devices to prevent accidental or impulsive TikTok spending. Young people can easily spend large amounts on TikTok coins or low-quality products promoted through TikTok Shop. If a disappointing purchase occurs, turn it into a discussion about influencer marketing and how online promotions can be misleading.

READ THE SIGNS

If you're concerned that a child is spending too much time on TikTok, or that they've been emotionally affected by something they've seen, it's important to know how to spot the signs. Increased irritability and a lack of concentration are potential red flags, as is failing to complete homework or skipping meals. Remember, the parental controls are there for a reason, and it's never too late to introduce limits.

Meet Our Expert

Alan Martin is an experienced technology journalist who has written for the likes of Wired, TechRadar, Tom's Guide, The Evening Standard and The New Statesman.



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College

See full reference list on our website

MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP



FEBRUARY HALF TERM
Monday 16th February 2026

08:30 – 16:00

£25 per day

Trull C of E VA Primary School

Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell

Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews

*max 30 children per day, minimum of 15
for club to run.

OPEN TO CURRENT
YEAR 3 - YEAR 6
CHILDREN

TRULL SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS
2026 VALENTINE'S
DISCO
FRIDAY 13TH FEBRUARY

KS1 DISCO - YR, Y1, Y2 (ASH, BEECH, ELM & MAPLE)
5:30PM - 6:30PM

KS2 DISCO - Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (OAK, ROWAN, WILLOW & YEW)
6:45PM - 7:45PM

The Valentine's disco is £3.00 per child and includes a drink and a small snack. Please pay the entrance fee via SCOPAY by 6pm Thursday 12th February when bookings will close.

If your child has any dietary requirements, please let the school office or your class TSF representative know.

- KS1 will enter via the main hall doors
- KS2 children will enter via the practical area
- Children will be ticked off the register as they enter to ensure we have a list of all children present for Health and Safety reasons.
- Children are unable to bring coats/accessories/mobile phones with them
- Please note that only staff and volunteers with Trull School DBS clearance may be in the hall during the disco for safeguarding reasons.

At the end of each disco, the office door will open for you to queue to collect your child. The children will be grouped by class for you to collect. Please ensure you inform the member of staff in charge of each class that you are taking your child, then exit via the hall doors onto the playground.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: for the disco to run smoothly we require 10 parent

Trull Tennis Club

Junior group coaching 2026

Red (5-7yrs)
Thursdays 5pm
Saturdays 9.45am



Orange (8-9yrs)
Fridays 5pm
Saturdays 9.45am



Green (10-12yrs)
Tuesdays 5pm
Saturdays 10.45am

Yellow ball (12+yrs)
Wednesdays 5pm-6.30pm
Saturdays 11.45am

Contact our Club Coach Jon Warren 07518989621

<https://clubspark.lta.org/trulltennisclub>

Trull Tennis Club Sweethay Lane Trull TA3 7HD



Trull Memorial Hall
Saturday 31st January

2pm - 4pm

FREE ENTRY for buyers



Tea, coffee, homemade cake on sale & raffle

admin@trullmemorialhall.co.uk

KIDS KILOMETRE FUN RUN 2026

POWERED BY PORTER DODSON

Sponsored by: **QUEEN'S COLLEGE**

Details:

Start/Finish: Taunton Town Centre, Somerset

Time: 10:15

Distance: 1 KM

Entry Includes:

- Cool Medal
- Mascots to Run Alongside
- Finisher's Drink

R/NEVENTS
Event licensing powered by England Athletics

1ST MARCH 2026

Set in Taunton, Somerset's Beautiful County Town.

Entry: £7.50 per runner + booking fee

Enter Online at: www.activesouthwest.co.uk

Be part of Taunton Half Marathon's 40th Edition

PURDEYS NATURAL ENERGY **ACTIVE SOUTH WEST**

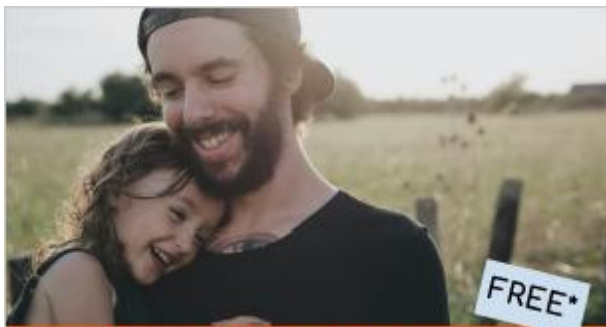
Taunton Library's Birthday Colouring Competition



This February we'll have been at Paul Street for 30 years!

As one of many upcoming celebrations, you can now enter a colouring competition - pick up a 'birthday card' from the **information desk**, colour it in, and **return it by 31st January** to be entered.

You can also include a message inside and some of your own drawings if you like!



FREE*

Awareness of ADHD Courses

Online | March – June 2026

Celebrate Strengths, Build Skills, Support Yourself or Others with ADHD Awareness

- Better understand ADHD and what it means for those that have it
- Support your loved ones and/or yourself with confidence and compassion
- Support yourself or others to manage mental health, executive function and sleep
- Overcome challenges, build positive habits, celebrate your strengths and achieve your goals

Understanding Neurodiversity: Awareness of ADHD - Starter
Thursday 19th March | 12.30pm-3pm | 4 sessions | Online
Understanding Neurodiversity: Awareness of ADHD - Developer
Thursday 23rd April | 12.30pm-3pm | 4 sessions | Online
Understanding Neurodiversity: Awareness of ADHD - Enhancer
Thursday 4th June | 12.30pm-3pm | 3 sessions | Online

Scan the QR code to sign up



Enrol today to secure your space!

*Please see our website for equality information

Book online, or call us
sslcourses.co.uk 0330 332 7997



SS+L CHANGING LIVES THROUGH LEARNING



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Autism Awareness Courses

Online | January – March 2026

Understand Autism, Celebrate Strengths, Support Yourself or Others and Help to Raise Awareness

- Better understand autism and what it means to be autistic
- Support your loved ones and/or yourself with confidence and compassion
- Understand challenges with executive function, sensory sensitivity, masking and more
- Celebrate difference through understanding neurodiversity

Understanding Neurodiversity: Autism Awareness - Starter
Thursday 15th January | 12.30pm-3pm | 4 sessions | Online
Understanding Neurodiversity: Autism Awareness - Developer
Thursday 26th February | 12.30pm-3pm | 3 sessions | Online

Scan the QR code to sign up



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