



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*

Beech Class News

We have been having a lovely time in Beech Class. In Forest School.

We have been appreciating the beauty of the natural world by taking time to relax, be still, and listen. We have been amazed by the variety of birds that have come out to sing to us. Some of the other wildlife we have seen include a holly blue butterfly (which some of us caught in the net and observed before carefully releasing), a dragonfly resting on a leaf, a frog jumping into the pond, and a whole family of newts.

Linked to our science topic on growing, we planted cress seeds and were surprised to see that the seeds we planted on cotton wool grew just as well as the seeds in the soil. Most of us enjoyed tasting the cress when it was ready. We have also planted beans and peas, and are now enjoying watching them grow. We have also identified and sketched lots of different types of leaves.

In English, we have begun to retell the story of Jack and the Beanstalk, working hard to make exciting vocabulary choices. We are also learning to sing some songs about the story.





BUCKINGHAM PALACE

On Wednesday 6th May, Mr & Mrs Bottomley attended a Garden Party at Buckingham Palace.

Mr Bottomley had been nominated by the Lord-Lieutenant of Somerset. As he told the children at Collective Worship on Monday, he was invited because of them.

King Charles III and Queen Camilla were joined by the Princess Royal, the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh, and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester as they hosted the first Garden Party of the year.





Willow & Yew Class were lucky to be invited to Queens College this morning to watch their performance of Matilda.



Forest Church

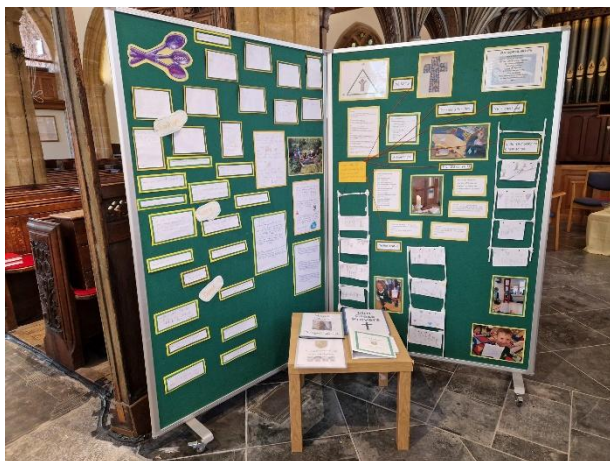


We revisited the Fruit of the Spirit, Gentleness and retold the story from Mr Whitworth's Collective Worship last Wednesday, 'Jesus and the little children'.

We explored what gentleness means through nature, movement and reflection.

One child said gentleness means "kind hands, kind words and being caring".

Our prayer for this week:
Jesus, help us to use gentle hands, gentle words and gentle hearts. Amen



As part of All Saints Church '12 hours of Prayer' on Wednesday, we displayed some of the work and prayers that the children had written.



Dear Community Member

Trull Parish Council are currently running an early-stage consultation that involves the green spaces and road layouts connecting us to Orchard Grove.

Later this year, plans will be released for the "Eastern Neighbourhood" - the part of the Orchard Grove development closest to Trull. We currently only have a "skeleton plan," which means it's the perfect time for us to have a say.

Planning would like our early thoughts on how the road layout and the new roundabout connecting the Honiton Road to the spine road might include things that benefit the village.

Note: Parish Council draft drawing of plans



Why give feedback now?

Our input will go directly into the design brief *before* the official plans are finished this summer.

You can read more, see the presentation, and answer a questionnaire at this link: <https://trullparishcouncil.org.uk/news/your-village-your-voice-shaping-the-orchard-grove-connection>

We have also put hard copies of the presentation, with pages to comment in the following locations:

- The Winchester Arms
- The Hive
- Just Hair
- Gatchell Oaks
- Cllr Jo Wooldridge has a copy on Church Road which she will be socialising and Councillors will be going door to door in the immediate area.

If you would like any clarification on the current planning suggestions, you are welcome to contact the Clerk (Clerk@trullpc.org.uk) and we will do our best to answer questions.

Kindest regards

Trull Parish Council

LUNCHTIME AWARD

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

Elm & Oak Classes!

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Yew Class

Summer Term – Important dates

May

Mon 18th Y3 Kingfisher Award trip
Y2 Cricket Festival
Tues 19th Y4 Kingfisher Award trip
Thurs 21st Tempest – Class photos and year 6 leavers photos
Fri 22nd Willow Class Assembly
Mon 25th – Fri 29th HALF TERM

June

Wed 3rd Y5 Strike & Field Festival
Wed 17th Y6 Sports Festival
Y6 Moving Up Celebration at Taunton Minster
Fri 19th Beech Class Assembly
Wed 24th Parent Book Look (more info to follow)
Thurs 25th Sports Day EYFS 9.30am - 10.30am
KS1 10.30am - 12.00noon
KS2 1.15pm - 3.15pm
Fri 26th INSET DAY



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National Year of Reading 2023

The poster features a QR code and a photograph of a young girl smiling. It promotes a competition where schools can win £1,000 for their library by receiving nominations from the community.

Five schools will win £1,000 in National Book Tokens.

To be in with a chance, we need to be nominated. Anyone can do this: parents, grandparents, friends, your community. The more nominations we get, the higher the chances to win a prize. By nominating, you will also go into a prize draw to win a £100 gift card.

To nominate us, please scan the QR code or follow this link:
https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize?utm_medium=email&utm_source=nbt&utm_campaign=20260505-schools-list&utm_content=schools-prize

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 WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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HALF TERM HOLIDAYS
Tuesday 26th May 2026

SUMMER HOLIDAYS
Thursday 23rd July 2026
Friday 24th July 2026
Monday 27th July 2026

08:30 – 16:00

£25 per day
Trull C of E VA Primary School
Head Coach: Mrs. Mitchell
Assistant Coach: Mrs. Andrews

* max 24 children per day, minimum of 15 for club to run.

the **Trull PLAYERS**
presents

Pantastic
performed by Trull Players Juniors

followed by

Outside the Box
performed by Trull Players not so Juniors

Trull Memorial Hall
Saturday 16th May, 2.30pm or 7pm

Tickets available from Monday 6th April via www.trullplayers.org.uk

Half Term Holiday Activities: Bugs, Bats & Butterflies

Investigate some of the winged wonders that visit Wells Cathedral, and try fun-filled family activities that can help support biodiversity at home.

Bat Trail
Saturday 23 to Sunday 31 May, 9am–4.30pm
Follow our bat trail and contribute to our growing bat roost tree.

Beautiful Butterflies
Tuesday 26 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Learn about pollinators and make a butterfly feeder or try paper butterfly crafts.

Brilliant Bats
Wednesday 27 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Find out about the bats that visit the Cathedral with a fun, interactive talk, and make a flapping bat toy.

Beds for Bugs
Thursday 28 May, 10.30am–3.30pm
Help us give our bug hotel a makeover, and make your own mini version to hang at home.

Admission included with entry to Wells Cathedral.
No need to book – simply drop in on the day!
Plan your visit online at wells cathedral.org.uk/holidays

Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Half Term Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Please note that children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at these activities.

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TRULL KARATE SCHOOL

Register your child for our Kids Karate program
Fridays 4:30pm and 5:05pm-6:05pm.
Venue: Trull Memorial Hall TA3 7JZ

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- Character Building
- Self-Awareness
- Coordination
- Agility and Balance

☎ Tania or Matt 07875599715

First class free

BLAGDON HILL

Summer FETE

AND DOG SHOW

SATURDAY 30th MAY

STARTING AT 2pm



FUN DOG SHOW



SATURDAY 30th MAY 2026

AT THE ANNUAL SUMMER FETE
at Pflimster & Angersleigh Playing Field, Sallids Green

BLAGDON HILL, TAUNTON

(The Playing Field is on the right as you enter Blagdon Hill from the direction of Taunton)

STARTS AT 2.15 PM

SHOW CLASSES

1. Best Dog/Child Handler Combination (for children 12 years and under)
2. Most Obedient Dog (any age)
3. The Dog Most Like Its Handler
4. Prettiest Bitch
5. Most Handsome Dog
6. The Dog with the Waggiest Tail

Entry Fee: £3.00 per dog per class
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Greener and Wilder Group

Sunday the 24th of May & Monday the 25th of May

Visit 10 unique, wildlife-friendly gardens in Blagdon Hill and the surrounding hamlets on the northern slopes of the Blackdown Hills.

These gardens are all part of the Greener & Wilder Blagdon Hill community initiative, focusing on wildlife and wellbeing. The garden owners meet on the Blagdon Green for activities including wildflower seeding, butterfly counts, and bat surveys.

The gardens vary in size and design, from small colourful cottage gardens to larger formal gardens with streams, ponds, and beautiful views.

All the gardens avoid pest and harmful chemicals and provide nectar-rich flowers for insects, water for birds and bees, and shelter in trees and hedges. Highlights for nature enthusiasts include nesting sites for Swallows, House Martins and Kingfishers, an underground rainwater harvesting system and picturesque walks along the stream.



Admission £10 (Children Free)
50% shared with green and wilder
11am - 4pm

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