



Trull C of E VA Primary School

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and have it to the full.
John 10:10*

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you can all enjoy a sunny and restful half term break.

I wanted to extend an enormous thank you to all staff, pupils, church partners, governors, parents and grandparents who spoke with Alison (our SIAMS inspector) on Wednesday. It was a really useful visit and I will look forward to sharing the report with you when it arrives next half term.

Next half term promises to be busy and exciting, with many wonderful trips and events planned. Please keep a close eye on this newsletter as it is a great way for us to share all of the experiences our children will be enjoying.

Thank you all for your support and care.

Enjoy your half term and I will look forward to welcoming you all back in June.

Best wishes,
Luke Bottomley

*Luke Bottomley
Headteacher*





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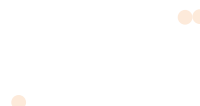


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Oak and Rowan Class News

Year 3 and Year 4 spent some time out in nature on Home Farm in Curry Rivel this week as part of the Kingfisher Award Scheme, started by the poet Ted Hughes. Knowledgeable volunteers told us about soil & farming, pond life and pond dipping. We saw dragonfly larvae and some newts as well as pond skaters and water boatmen. We also learnt about growing wheat and how to tell if it is ripe and ready to harvest by crushing the ear of wheat in our hands, blowing off the chaff and then grinding the left overs to see if the grain was ready. The highlight of the trip involved 'food with faces'. This was learning where our food comes from in nature. The children were challenged and showed great resilience when they were invited to watch a fish being gutted and prepared for eating. Although many were unsure, the majority ended up fascinated and most tried the fish after it had been 'cooked' in the acid from lemons and limes.

It was a brilliant afternoon and both classes will now be taking part in the 'prize' element where we will prepare work following the inspiration of the trip. Watch this space for further details.







Wessex Water



We had a great time! First we went on the coach to Wessex Water. When we arrived, we got into two groups. The blue group went pond dipping first and found some great things, including a water scorpion (!) and a fish. The red group went to see the inside of the factory and how it worked as well as how it cleaned the water from the reservoir. We had two nice people as tour guides - Sue and Emma. Then they took us to the reservoir where we had to be really quiet because there was a swan warming her cygnets and some eggs. Then in our groups, we learnt about the rabbit holes that were in the ground and all the lovely animals that live there, like ducks. We then said goodbye and went on the coach back to school. We couldn't stop talking about how much fun we had!



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

ATTENDANCE

The classes with the best attendance this week are:

Beech and Elm!

Summer Term – Important dates

May

Mon 25th – Fri 29th HALF TERM

June

Wed 3rd Y5 Strike & Field Festival
Fri 5th Y5 Outdoor Education at Queen's
Wed 10th Y1 Multi Skills
Fri 12th Dance Club Assembly
Wed 17th Y6 Sports Festival
Y6 Moving Up Celebration at Taunton Minster
Fri 19th Beech Class Assembly
Ash Class Trip (more info to follow)
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
Mon 29th Singing Festival at McMillan Theatre
Tues 30th Wed 1st Y6 Transition Days



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Nominate us and you could win a £100 gift card!
[nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize](https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools-prize)

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Read for Good

GO ALL IN.

#rebuildthelibrary

National Year of Reading 2020

The poster features a QR code and a photograph of a young girl smiling. The background is yellow with blue and orange accents.

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



PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

APPS THAT CAN TARGET KIDS

WHAT KIDS ARE AT RISK FOR IN 2026



TIKTOK

Strangers can view, comment, and message. "For You" feed can expose kids to harmful content.



SNAPCHAT

Messages disappear, making it easy to hide conversations. Snap Map can reveal a child's location.



INSTAGRAM

Direct messages from strangers. "Close Friends" stories can hide content from parents.



DISCORD

Chat servers can include strangers. Some servers are unmoderated and full of inappropriate content.



ROBLOX

Chat and game interaction with strangers. Predators can exploit friend requests and in-game chats.



TELEGRAM

Encrypted messaging hides conversations. Large groups can share inappropriate content without parents knowing.



OME TV / RANDOM VIDEO CHAT APPS

Stranger video chats with no age verification. Easy access to explicit and harmful content.



WHISPER

Anonymous sharing platform where kids can connect with strangers and share personal information.



YUBO

Social app that matches kids with strangers. Location sharing and live streaming can put kids at risk.



KIK

Direct messages from anyone. Known for connecting kids with online predators.



LIVE.ME

Live streaming and chat with strangers. Virtual gifts and attention can lead to grooming.



CALCULATOR+%/ HIDDEN APPS

Looks like a calculator but hides photos, videos, and chats from parents.



WIZZ

Matches kids with strangers based on location and interests. Location sharing and live chat increase risk.



BEREAL

Encourages real-time posts. Location/time sharing can reveal patterns and routines.



THREADS

Public conversations and strangers can interact. Easy way for predators to engage.



ASK.FM

Allows anonymous questions. Can be used for bullying or targeting kids.

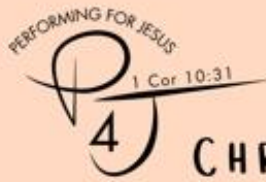
WHAT PARENTS CAN DO:

- Know where your kids are online.
- Talk openly about risks.
- Check privacy settings.
- Use parental controls.
- Report and block suspicious activity.



ONLINE PREDATORS ARE REAL. AWARENESS IS PROTECTION.

If you see something suspicious, report it to Premont Police Department.



JOIN US FOR A
**CHRISTIAN MUSICAL THEATRE
SUMMER WORKSHOP**
"WHO DO YOU SAY I AM?"

DANCE. ACT. SING. WORSHIP.

A FOUR-DAY WORKSHOP WITH AN
END-OF-COURSE PERFORMANCE

Mon 27th - Thurs 30th July 2026
Trull Church Community Centre

For more information or to receive the sign-up form,
contact Siena: siena.roberts@trullchurch.org.uk

- 9am-4pm
- Ages 7-13
- No experience needed
- £30 for the course (£10 for additional siblings)

Somerset Parent Carer Forum

10 Year Celebration
SEND CONFERENCE
Celebrating 10 Years as a CIC

Join us for a fantastic day celebrating everything SEND

11th June 2026 | 9am - 4pm

Haynes Motor Museum
Sparkford, Somerset

What's Happening:

- Inspiring Talks** from experts and guest speakers
- Your Opportunity to Talk** with Local Services
- Information Stands** from a range of local providers and services.
- Connect & Chat** with other families and professionals.

Who's it for?
Parent Carers • Families • Professionals
Anyone passionate about SEND

Learn • Connect • Celebrate

DON'T MISS OUT – SAVE THE DATE!
www.somersetparentcarerforum.org.uk





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 Minster & 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
Rosettes to 4th place in all classes



NeuroConnect

ART EXHIBITION
A Fundraiser for Titchy Heart Foundation

Sunday 31st May 2026
12 noon until 5pm
Ashill Village Hall
Ilminster

Free Entry - please pop in for a cup of tea and cake.
Art purchased or ordered by donation.

NeuroConnect CIC is based in Ashill and has a team across the South West. Please support us to raise funds to launch bereavement focused services based here in the village and also in North Somerset.

In memory of people with an incredible kindness to give to others, and their community we have launched the Titchy Heart Foundation. They believed in connecting with people and were passionate about what we feel is at the heart of helping others; the intention to offer a safe space for acceptance and mutual support wherever you are in life.

We are offering group and family focused bereavement support services, allowing children and their families to gain support at times they need it most.

The Titchy Heart Foundation was launched in January 2026 in memory of Titch, Randy and Maddi who had huge hearts and capacity to love.
www.neuroconnect.org.uk



St Margaret's Hospice Care

Glorious Gardens

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 peat 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

Refreshments will be available in five of the gardens, so do stop for a slice of cake in between browsing the gardens.

www.margarets-hospice.org.uk/glorious-gardens

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STAGE COACH
TAUNTON

OLIVIA THE MUSICAL

SUMMER WORKSHOP

SHOW
IN A
WEEK

The Taunton Herald
SELWORTHY SCHOOL
TAUNTON

DATES
10th - 14th
August

TIME
10AM - 4PM

AGE
5-18

EARLY BIRD £180

COST: £210 (SIBLING £189)

BOOK BEFORE
31ST MAY

Step into the magical world of *Olivia The Musical* in our popular **Show in a Week Workshop**, where students will rehearse and perform a full production in just five days.

Open to children aged 5–18 years, this fun-filled workshop gives young performers the chance to build confidence, make new friends and take part in a full performance for family and friends at the end of the week. Our workshops are open to everyone; no previous experience is needed.

Spaces are filling quickly, and our **Early Bird discounts** are available until **31st May**, so now is the perfect time to book!

Show in a Week – August 10th - 14th

Ages: 5-18 years

Daily workshop: 10am–4pm

Final performance: Friday at 3pm

Venue: Selworthy School, Taunton, TA2 7EG

◆ **Early Bird Offer: £180, sibling: £162 until May 31st.** (Regular price: £210, sibling: £189)

◆ Childcare vouchers and Tax-Free Childcare accepted

◆ Optional wraparound care is available.

To book this workshop, please visit our website: <https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/taunton#workshops> or contact us on 07842 944 697 for more information.

MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP

NOW AVAILABLE FOR YEAR 2
CHILDREN TO ATTEND!

DODGEBALL

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

OPEN TO CURRENT
YEAR 2-YEAR 6
CHILDREN

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

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

- Focus and Respect
- Team Work and Achievements
- Character Building
- Self-Awareness
- Coordination
- Agility and Balance

Tania or Matt 07875599715

First class free