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KS1 NEWS

Our Year 2's visited Bethlehem, also known as Staple Farm. We had a fantastic time exploring the farm and learning about the Nativity story. We met lots of animals and tried, unsuccessfully, to avoid the tax collectors, but eventually made it to Bethlehem where we met Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

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

While the year two children were in Bethlehem, the year ones spent some time with Mrs Wilkins. They made these fabulous angels.



THANK YOU!

TSF Christmas Fair

Thank you to everyone who came and supported us. Unfortunately due to the weather we were unable to have stalls outside but despite the squeeze in the hall and classrooms, everyone seemed to have fun!

A fantastic **£2,021.43** has been raised which will go towards the purchase of non fiction books to support the children's topic learning.



EYFS Nativity





KS2 Nativity
A Midwife Crisis



Together at Christmas – Community Carol Concert

Children from the Choir performed at Taunton Minster on Friday 6th December as part of a national event. Those taking part received a letter from the Princess of Wales!



<https://www.itv.com/news/westcountry/2024-12-09/schools-and-groups-unite-for-princess-of-wales-carol-service>



THANK YOU TO LANGFORD LAKES FOR DONATING OUR
CHRISTMAS TREE

House Dodgeball Winners - Cotlake

	Won	Lost	PD	Points
Cotlake	3	0	+8	9
Eastbrook	2	1	+4	6
Gatchell	1	2	0	3
Kibbear	0	3	-12	0



House Football Winners - Cotlake

	Won	Drawn	Lost	GD	Points
Cotlake	2	1	0	+5	7
Gatchell	2	1	0	+2	7
Eastbrook	0	1	2	-2	1
Kibbear	0	1	2	-5	1





Football area final

We finished 5th in the area final on Monday 25th November with 3 draws and 2 losses. The boys won their heat last month to qualify for the event and came up against some very good teams, showing great spirit and perseverance.



Dance Festival

On Friday 6th December our Dance Club took part in a Dance Festival at Wellsprings Leisure centre.

It was an all-day event with a qualified dance instructor coming in the morning to teach some choreography and a whole group routine. After lunch they had a chance to showcase their routines.



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.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators EDUCATING CHILDREN ON SPENDING AND SAVING

Evidence shows that children's spending habits begin to form as early as seven years old. With primary schools in England not required to teach financial literacy, many young people are reaching adulthood without knowing the basics of budgeting. This guide explains how to teach young people about money in a practical way, giving them the understanding to become savvy spenders and savers.

1 PROVIDE POCKET MONEY

Giving children money – even a small amount – can help them learn to make their own budgeting decisions about how to spend or save it. Research shows that youngsters who receive pocket money are more likely to become adults with strong financial skills and significantly less debt.

2 USE A PREPAID CARD

Being able to pay by card is essential these days, with some retailers not accepting cash since the pandemic. Prepaid debit cards are available for children from the age of six, allowing them to get used to spending like they will as adults with no risk of dipping into an overdraft. Learning about money is like learning to swim – you need to get in the pool and have a go!

3 PRACTISE BORROWING

Although official borrowing is only available to over 18s, kids need to understand how debt and interest works before they become adults and are exposed to credit cards or 'buy now, pay later' schemes. For a safe means of teaching them about this, parents could offer them extra pocket money but explain that it needs to be paid back by a certain date, plus an extra couple of pounds as interest.

4 ENCOURAGE OPEN CONVERSATION

Chatting about money and how much things cost will teach children that finance is a part of everyday life and not some 'icky adult thing'. Parents can involve them in budgeting for the weekly shop, for example, working together to get everything on the list while keeping the total below a certain number. Letting young ones make spending decisions in a safe space can build up their confidence regarding money.

5 DISCUSS THE PRESSURE TO SPEND

Whether it's YouTube ads or a hint of envy at a friend's recent purchase, spending triggers are everywhere. Encourage children to notice how clever shop design (like placing sweets at the checkout) and offers such as '3 for 1 deals' entice us to spend more. Challenge them to resist impulse buys by getting them to sleep on it before deciding to spend.

6 TELLING 'NEED' FROM 'WANT'

Learning how to prioritise spending is an important life skill; the difference between life's essentials and "nice to haves" is key to budgeting. If children pester you for treats while shopping, it's the perfect time to say "That's a want. We're getting our needs first." You could show how you budget for food, electricity and so on before buying fun things.

7 ENCOURAGE SAVING

Getting children saving early can set them up with a useful habit for their adult life. Suggest that they set something aside every time they receive money and help them set a target for how much to put away, so they feel motivated to continue. For example, encouraging them to save for a friend's birthday gift can get children much more invested in what they buy.

8 SPARK INTEREST IN INTEREST

Motivate children by telling them about interest: you can describe it as a reward for saving money. Explain how everything they put away will grow over time. As an exciting example, explain that 1p doubled every day for a month would amount to approximately £10 million. Some prepaid cards for young people also offer interest; parents and carers could also add a little to supplement what their child saves and show how it works.

9 PAYING FOR CHORES

This is a complex debate with no right or wrong answer: it depends on what works for each individual family. However, it can be one of the best ways to teach children that money needs to be earned and helps to create more mindful spenders. If parents aren't keen on paying for everyday chores, they could ask the children to suggest their own ideas for earning a little extra.

10 PROTECT CHILDREN FROM SCAMS

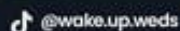
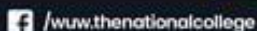
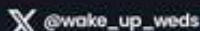
Scams are a terrifyingly easy way to lose money, and children are generally more likely to be taken in due to a lack of experience with these financial criminals. As a minimum, make sure they're aware of the most common scams they could be exposed to – by text, email and phone. For instance, young people should tell a trusted adult about any unexpected messages or call and never give out their personal information.

Meet Our Expert

GoHenry is a prepaid debit card and financial education app with a mission to make every young person smart with money. Co-founder and CEO Louise Hill is a passionate campaigner for better financial literacy among school children and strongly believes that money management is a crucial life skill.



Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/spending-and-saving>



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Autumn Term – Important dates

December 2024

Tuesday 17 th	Christingle Service in Church (school only)
Wednesday 18 th	Open the Book Assembly – Parents are welcome to attend
Thursday 19 th	KS2 Carol Service Y3 & Y4 parents 9.30am Y5 & Y6 parents 2.00pm
Friday 20 th	Christmas Dinner School Closes at 1.45pm

January 2025

Monday 6 th	INSET – School Closed
Tuesday 7 th	School reopens
Friday 10 th	2.00pm School Tour for prospective reception parents Sept 25 entry
Wednesday 15 th	Open the Book Assembly – Parents are welcome to attend
Tuesday 21 st	PINS Coffee Morning

ATTENDANCE

The class with the best attendance this week is:

Oak Class!

Polite reminder

This is a reminder to parents to please be considerate with regards to smoking, especially along the footpaths running adjacent to the school, as children also use those footpaths and the smoke will come into the school grounds.

Trull CEVA Primary School are consulting on their 2026/27 admission arrangements. Proposed change from the existing arrangements is:

The Governing Body in December 2024 set a year size limit for Y1-Y6 at 30 children.

To view and comment on the arrangements please click here <https://sومersetcouncil.citizenspace.com/childrens-services/2026-arrangements>

THANK YOU

TRULL CE VA PRIMARY SCHOOL

for raising a fantastic
£228.70

The money you have raised will be used to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK.

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

BBC Children in Need has not verified the above fundraising. This is not a receipt.
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Thank you for your support

Your support has made a real difference to those in the Armed Forces community.

To find out more about how your donation helps, please visit rbl.org.uk

To *Trull C of E VA Primary School*

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Together we raised **£502.41**

RBL ROYAL BRITISH LEGION

MULTI-SPORT ACTIVITY CAMP



Christmas games
and prizes!

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
Monday 23rd December 2024

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.

OPEN TO CURRENT
YEAR 3-YEAR 6
CHILDREN

If you're looking for some reading ideas over the Christmas holidays, the book review website Toppsta have put together this list of suggestions of books that came out this year.

<https://toppsta.com/blog/view/best-children's-books>



Come and join us this Christmas

Carol Services

Sunday 15th 4pm Traditional Carols at Angersleigh Church	Sunday 15th 5:30pm Contemporary Carols in TCCC	Sunday 22nd 5:30pm + Carols by Candlelight at Trull Church
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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
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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
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DOWN TO EARTH *With the poor, and meek and lowly, lived on earth, our saviour holy.*



FREE*

Supporting your Neurodivergent Child

Online | January – May 2025

Learner led, inclusive support in parenting and caring for children with neurodiversity.

Friday 10th Jan – 23rd May 2025
9.30am – 11.30am | 4 courses

Please see our website for eligibility information

Scan the QR code to sign up



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ADHD Awareness Courses

Online | January – April 2025

Learning how to understand, manage and achieve your goals with ADHD.

Wednesday 15th Jan – 9th April
9.30am - 12pm | 4 Courses

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