



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

12th September 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful this week visiting classes and seeing how the children have settled to their work so well and are enjoying the rhythms of regular school life. Don't forget, we love to recognise, praise and celebrate achievements of all children beyond the school week in our Friday assemblies. It was wonderful to start off our year with so many Summer Reading Challenge entrants – Bookman is VERY impressed.



School Prefects 2025-26

Speaking of Bookman, he is flying-by next week to present those who completed his reading challenge with house points and certificates so if there are any last-minute entrants [to be sent in via email](#) or to class teachers, please ensure they are done so before Thursday!

Also starting next week are swimming lessons for Lancelot Class and Year 5 in Excalibur Class, as well as our enrichment clubs – please double check with the school office if you unsure about places.



King Artur Class

Class letters, which include timetable information such as homework or P.E. days have now been published, [copies of which can be found on the website here](#). Likewise, class curriculums have also been published. It was lovely to share these in-person with families on Wednesday evening alongside resources but if families weren't able to make it then [details of your child's curriculum this year can be found here](#).



[Class photos are regularly updated on the school website](#), so do please keep an eye out as

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well as on the school gallery. Photo permission forms were sent as part of the office data forms, so if there are any changes, please let the office know as soon as possible.

Merlin and Pendragon children welcomed Mr Hollard from Yeovil Town Football Club to begin them on their journey of weekly yoga sessions for the half-term! The children really enjoyed their activities and were delighted to be able to join them at lunchtime too, for more sporting games and active-play activities (open to all children in Merlin, Pendragon and King Arthur classes on Thursday lunchtimes, no sign-up required).

School sport has also made a successful return this term. The school fielded a bench ball team at Westfield, who showed not only great skill but also brilliant teamwork and sportsmanship. Winning three and losing one by just a single point meant that overall, we finished in first place!

A huge well done to our brilliant players – Jaxon, Albie, Barnaby, Grace, Wilf, Alfie, Nevaeh, Emily, Rosie, Emilia and Phoebe – who represented the school so proudly.



Bench ball team



Last year's
carnival entrants

It's that time of year again when we start to think about this year's Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival entry! More details will follow shortly but if you can indicate whether your child(ren) would like to join in representing Countess Gytha on Saturday 11th October, [please could you complete this brief Microsoft Form.](#)

Before our local carnival event however, the Carnival Season kicks off this weekend in South Petherton, on Saturday evening – [more details available here.](#)

School Council members are being elected week by their peers and are already on the case for creating the Remembrance display later in the term. Donations of plastic bottles would be gladly received by Mrs Sherry or the school office – specifically, the 2L (larger) type.

The PTFA are busy too behind the scenes, preparing for events across the year. They would be happy to hear from anybody who has time to help volunteering – please see the contact details on the PTFA noticeboard at the front of the carpark [or on their webpage.](#)

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I would like you to join me in congratulating the following children who were recognised this week by their teachers for excellent hard work and dedication:

Merlin Class will be joining our Praise Assemblies in the second half of the Autumn term.

Pendragon – Congratulations to Freddie K, Pendragon's first Star of the Week – for setting a fantastic example to others – well done, Freddie! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Leena for her brilliant effort and great number formation in maths – keep up the great work, Lena! for his focus in all of his lessons – again, a brilliant effort Eric, keep up the hard work!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Georgia H as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for being so kind and helping all of the new children settle into class so smoothly – thank you for your kindness and sharing Miss Bridge's high standards, Georgia! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Noah, for his excellent work on recognising numbers to 1000 – congratulations Noah, I think you're going to really like it in Year 3!

Excalibur – lyla is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for being helpful around the class and supporting her peers. A superb start to the year lyla, very well done! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Harriet, for some superb descriptive writing and great reasoning work in mathematics – a fantastic first full week back, Harriet, keep it up!

Lancelot – Jaxon-Blu has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for working really hard in his poetry writing on the Four Seasons – superb handwriting to accompany as well, keep it up, young man! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Kai, for working so well throughout assessment week, especially in his reading paper – Mr Gallagher is looking forward to a very successful year together, Kai!

A special mention this week goes to Aurelia in Lancelot, who achieved her Level 5 swimming certificate recently. Aurelia has showed great water confidence, being able to tread water, scull as well as perform somersaults in the water too! Holly in Excalibur recently completed a cycling race, winning a medal as part of the event! She is rightly very proud of her achievement.

*For children with Medical, Health or Care Plans,
please inform the office as soon as possible if there
have been any updates or changes, which should be
reflected in your child's plan.*

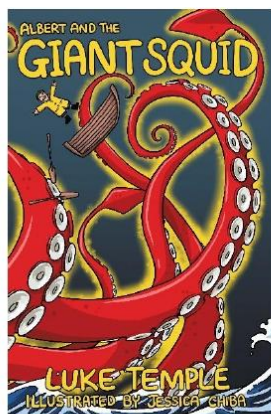
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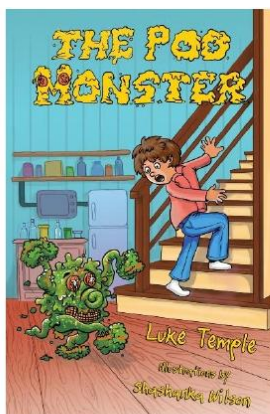
AUTHOR LUKE TEMPLE'S VISIT

On Monday 15th September, author Luke Temple will be visiting our school. There will be the opportunity to purchase his books and have them signed on Tuesday 16th September. Luke will send home details which will be sent home on Monday.

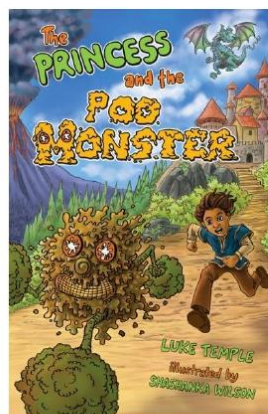
You may be aware of some of his books – Key Stage 1:



Albert and the
Giant Squid

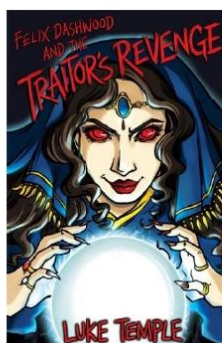


The Poo Monster



The Princess and
the Poo Monster

Key Stage 2:



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Charles Harrison
Composer, Sound Designer, Musician
tuition@charlesevanharrison.com
www.charlesevanharrison.com



If your child is interested in guitar, violin or drum lessons, please email Charles above. Tuition will be weekly on a one-to-one basis and will cost £10 per 20 minute lesson. You will be invoiced privately at the end of each term and only for lessons attended.

If any children aged 9 and above are interested in the Autumn 2025 National Youth Choir – please speak to Mr Gordon or Mrs Sherry for further details or visit the [National Youth Choir Webpage here](#).



Joining the National Youth Choir is a wonderful opportunity for young singers to develop their voices and musicianship and expand their horizons in a wonderfully supportive environment.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<div>Every Friday</div> <div>  </div>		<div>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</div> <div>Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p</div>	
Monday 15 th September	Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Class swimming session 1		
Monday 15 th September	Author visit from Luke Temple – see details above		
Monday 15 th September	Enrichment clubs start		
Wednesday 17 th September	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 16 th September 2024. Completed booking forms can be emailed to wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org		
Monday 22 nd September	Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Class swimming session 2		
Monday 22 nd September	Cross Country Race 1 at Yeovil Rugby Club – letters available from Mr Gallagher		
Thursday 25 th September	Deadline for consent forms and deposit payment for Year 6 residential.		
Friday 26 th September	Immunisations for Flu for all children. Details emailed out today.		
Friday 26 th September	Hello Yellow Day 2025 – Details to follow		
Monday 29 th September	Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Class swimming session 3		
Monday 29 th September	Meet the Teacher and Phonics Information for Reception and Year 1 parents in the school hall. 3-3.45pm.		
Tuesday 30 th September	AIM High Writing event for selected pupils.		
Wednesday 1 st October	Harvest Festival – details to follow shortly		
Monday 6 th October	Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Class swimming session 4		
Monday 13 th October	Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Class swimming session 5		
Wednesday 15 th October – Friday 17 th October	Scholastic Book Fair in hall		
Week commencing 20 th October	Parents' Evening Events – Details to follow <u>Please note that there will be no enrichment clubs this week.</u>		
Friday 17 th October	PTFA UV Disco – details to follow shortly		
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	Half Term – school closed		

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NEW TIME, NEW PLACE



GAMES

CHRISTIAN STORIES



AND SONGS



COOKING



DRAMA



ART

CAMEL CLUB

WHERE? COUNTESS GYTHA SCHOOL

WHEN? EVERY MONDAY 3:30-4:30

FROM 15TH SEPTEMBER

WHY NOT COME AND GIVE IT A TRY?

To book a place please contact...

Rev Caroline Walker...07765 126355

carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

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20
25

UPCOMING EVENTS



UV DISCO

17TH
OCT

29TH
NOV

XMAS WREATH
WORKSHOP



COMING SOON-
ORDER PORTAL FOR
MY CHILD'S ART
CHRISTMAS CARDS



NOV

5TH
DEC

XMAS FAIR



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School transitioning

Emotional health

**is your child
5-19 and are you**
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help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact
your School Nursing Team

Just send a text

07480 635 515

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of an safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may escalate the concern.



Improving
LIVES

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A Community Owned Pub for Queen Camel
Parish Questionnaire

An opportunity has arisen for the community of Queen Camel to buy out the ownership of The Mildmay Arms from the current owners, Ian and Debbie Woodward, who want to retire.

To date, Ian and Debbie have not received any acceptable commercial offers for the pub, and if no suitable buyer is found then the pub could just be closed.

This provides us the opportunity to create a community asset run for the benefit of the parish of Queen Camel.

We are seeking the views of the community and would be very grateful if you could complete the questionnaire which will be delivered to your home next week; it will also be made available online on the village WhatsApp group.

Deadline for return of questionnaires is Monday 22 September.



*Boxes for return of questionnaires will be placed around the community,
we have one in the school office reception area.*

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Strictly Jive's
Sparkford Inn Freestyle

The Sparkford Inn,
Nr Yeovil, Somerset,
BA22 7JH

Theme gardening, summer
or nature – optional dress



Saturday 20th September

7:30-11:30pm

fully licensed Bar in hall

beautiful dance floor

free parking

raffle

£8



LOVINGTON FESTIVAL

SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER 2025

INDIE ROCK COVERS

**RIFF
RAFF**

CHILLED AMERICANA FOLK

PLACEHOLDER

CLASSIC ROCK

**SUPER
BLUE MOON**

ACOUSTIC COVERS

**WAYNE
SMITH**

PSYCHEDELIC BLUES FOLK

**JUDAS
AND THE
BELLWETHER**

BONUS TRACKS

**PLUS
GUESTS...**

LOCAL BEER TENT

NEW IN!

**LASER
QUEST**

FUN LEARNING

**SCIENCE
SHOW**

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KIDS
AREA**

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2PM - 11PM BA7 7PX

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OF
LOVE@**



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*If anybody with a gazebo can lend to the
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Castle Cary Football Club invites new players & coaches to come & join us for the new football season.



We've had a busy summer providing football sessions for U7/U8 children – we're looking for coaches to come and join us and carry on with the great group of children who have been attending.

We will support any new coaches obtaining their qualifications – if you are interested, please get in touch

Our U11 team is on the look for new players. Children in years 5 & 6 are eligible to play in this age group so please reach out and come along to one our training sessions

For more information
please feel free to contact us



castlecaryfc.juniors@gmail.com



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Open Evening 2nd October 2025 We will be welcoming Year 6 and Year 5 families to our Open Event this October – save the date!



ANSFORD ACADEMY



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The
Gryphon
School

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENING



Thursday 2nd
October 2025
5 - 7.30pm

Start or end your evening
with a talk from our
Headteacher.

Talks at **5.15pm** and **7pm**.

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Brymore

experience to last a lifetime

FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025
FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025
09:30AM - 12:00PM

OPEN MORNINGS

Brymore is a state boarding school which means the education is free - you only pay if you board (and we are VAT free)

Bespoke education that is free for boys aged 11-16

- ✓ Fairer Schools Index 2024-25 have rated Brymore as top in Somerset, 5th in the South West and 54th Nationally.
- ✓ Open to day pupils and boarders
- ✓ Small class sizes
- ✓ Top 6% of schools nationally for pupil progress
- ✓ English and Maths in top 10% nationally
- ✓ Exceptional range of activities
- ✓ Focus on traditional manners and respect
- ✓ Recommended by 95% of parents
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- ✓ Engineering workshops with forge and foundry
- ✓ 90-acre farm and 1-acre walled garden
- ✓ Outdoor heated swimming pool

Brymore Academy, Cannington, TA5 2NB
01278 652369 / office@brymoreacademy.co.uk



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