



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

21st November 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Tuesday saw a very special visitor dropping into school – Pudsey Bear! Visiting preschool and classes, children were delighted to be thanked for their Children in Need efforts last week, raising a brilliant £230 for the charity.



Pudsey Bear Visit



Key Stage 1 Multisport

Year 5 visited Ansford Academy on Tuesday to participate in this year's Dance

Festival. The group were put through their paces by Year 9 and 11 pupils, learning a routine to 'Dancing Through Life' from the Wicked musical. After practising in groups and together, all schools put on a final piece to celebrate a brilliant afternoon of sport.

Very excitingly, our Key Stage 1 children had a fantastic time at the recent KS1 Festival, enjoying a fun-filled evening of sport, teamwork and smiles. Alice, Georgia, Milo, Teddy, Rupert, Arthur, Charlotte and Ari took part in a range of exciting activities designed to build confidence and develop key physical skills. This included relay, football, where the children practised dribbling and passing as part of a team, howler throws to develop their throwing technique, and basketball challenges focusing on shooting and coordination.



School Councillors present this year's donation

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



They also enjoyed trying their hand at tennis, working on control and accuracy, as well as a beanbag challenge where they aimed carefully to land beanbags into a bucket.

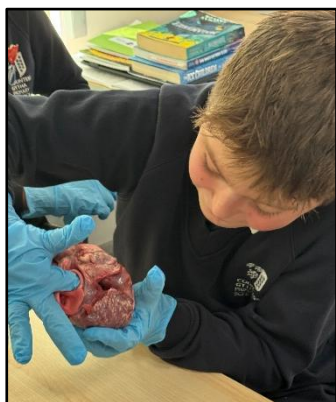
All children represented the school brilliantly, showing excellent listening skills, determination and sportsmanship throughout. It was lovely to see Alice encouraging her teammates, Milo's focus during the relays, Ari's enthusiasm and Teddy's perseverance with the throwing activities. Everyone showed great enthusiasm and growing confidence, making the festival a truly enjoyable and successful event for all involved.

Thank you to all who have brought in donations for the upcoming PTFA Christmas Fayre raffle. Next Friday, children are invited to come to school in "Christmas Colours" for donations – please see the poster below for more details.

Every 7 years, the school must consult the local and county-wide community on our admission arrangements. For our school, that means academic year 2027-2028 and details of these arrangements [are available on the school website here](#) and more information from the admissions team at Somerset Council can be found below.



Imago Photography, who were in school recently taking individual and sibling photographs, apologise that they have not yet been in contact with parents but they are hoping details of how to order will be with families by the end of next week.



Science in
Lancelot



Year 5 dance performance

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

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:

Congratulations Charlie, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for being a wonderful role model to his peers and a helpful friend during classroom learning – Charlie has enjoyed teaching his friend the latest 'tricky words' in class! Well done Tilly, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for working incredibly hard your phonics and moving onto your first reading books with words – amazing news, Tilly!

Pendragon – Congratulations Willow, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for helping others and supporting her classmates – great to hear, Willow! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Louis, for writing a fantastic 'Wanted' poster in search of the Gingerbread man – let me know if you find him, Louis!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Lydia as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for her perseverance in maths, particularly when finding things tricky – a brilliant attitude Lydia, well done! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Georgia, for her great use of repeated addition and arrays to solve multiplication calculations in maths – brilliant, Georgia!

Excalibur – Isabelle is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for being helpful towards her peers and broadening and exploring new friendships, wonderful to hear Isabelle!

Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Harrison, for working super hard on his handwriting, illustrated by a great explanation written in his recent history lesson on ancient democracy – keep it up, Harrison!

Lancelot – Freddie W has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for an excellent extended write on an exciting chase scene based on the class book, 'Lori and Max' – fantastic work, Freddie – keep it up! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Phoebe, for her excellent attitude in maths and science this week; being a great role model and always contributing in class – outstanding Phoebe, well done!




A special mention this week goes to Arthur, who has achieved his level 3 swimming certificate – a brilliant accomplishment young man! Henry and Charlie in Merlin also deserve a special mention as they achieved their level 1 gymnastics certification and are looking forward to moving up to the next group. Our last special mention this week goes to Harriet in Excalibur, who published her 500 words short story – a piece focused around two magical characters.

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p	
Monday 24 th November	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 4	
Tuesday 25 th November	Excalibur Class – Ancient Greek Day. Letter sent home 4.11.25.	
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 5/6 Football tournament at Bucklers Mead Academy. Selected pupils only.	
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 3 & Year 4 Cinema Trip – letter sent out 1.10.25.	
Wednesday 26 th November	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 1 st December 2025. Completed booking forms can be emailed to wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org	
Friday 28 th November	PTFA Mufti Day for Hamper / Tombola Donations for Christmas Fair	
Monday 1 st December	THALES Stem visit	
Monday 1 st December	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 5	
Tuesday 2 nd December	Christingle Making for all classes. All children to bring in an orange.	
Wednesday 3 rd December	Christingle Service at St Barnabus Church at 10.45am. All welcome.	
Wednesday 3 rd December	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 8 th December 2025. Completed booking forms can be emailed to wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org	
Friday 5 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm	 
Monday 8 th December	THALES Stem visit	
Monday 8 th December	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 6	
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 5 & Year 6 visit to Ansford to see performance of Oliver.	
Tuesday 9 th December	Nativity performance at 2pm	
Wednesday 10 th December	Nativity evening performance at 5pm (details to be confirmed)	
Thursday 11 th December	RSPCA workshops for all classes.	
Monday 15 th December	No enrichment clubs this week.	

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

Monday 15 th December	Whole School and preschool to watch performance of Dr Dolittle in school.
Thursday 18 th December	School Christmas Lunch – please book via ParentPay if meal wanted. Please see menu poster below.
Thursday 18 th December	Carol Concert at St Barnabus Church (time to be confirmed)
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term

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.

A polite reminder all families about not parking in the surgery opposite the school. Our relationship with the surgery is a strong one and so we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.



Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming £22.50
Year 3 & Year 4 Cinema Trip on 26th November £3.90
Dr Dolittle performance on 15th December £3.10

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

10% early-bird discount code has been extended until 21st November 2025

<https://mychildsart.co.uk/find-artwork>



Designed at
Countess Gytha Primary
School

Order unique, personalised
cards, gifts and keepsakes
designed by YOUR child!

**Countess Gytha
Primary School
will receive
20% commission
on all product
sales!**

To order, login to the
parent order portal at
www.mychildsart.co.uk/order
Login details for the portal will
be issued via leaflet.

01530 887650 | customerservice@mychildsart.co.uk
www.mychildsart.co.uk/order

Order portals
open NOW until the
31st December



PayPal Google Pay Apple Pay Klarna VISA Mastercard American Express

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



COUNTESS GYTHA
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Colourful Christmas Classes Day



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER



PRESCHOOL - **RED/GOLD**
MERLIN - **GREEN/GLITTER**
PENDRAGON - **RED/STRIPES**
KING ARTHUR - **PINK/BLACK**
EXCALIBUR - **WHITE/GOLD**
LANCELOT - **BLUE/SILVER**



MUFTI DAY IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR IN EXCHANGE
FOR HAMPER PRIZES IN THE SAME COLOUR

EXAMPLE - MERLIN CLASS
WEAR A GREEN ELF HAT
AND BRING IN SOME
GREEN PRINGLES



Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

SOFT TOY DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of good
quality, pre-loved soft toys for our
Christmas fair



Donations of unwanted gifts/ items
suitable for the tombola also
gratefully received!

Drop off at: Main school reception



Please return all raffle stubs, money and unused books to the school office as soon as possible.

Many thanks

COUNTRESS GYTHA PTFA CHRISTMAS FAIR 5TH DECEMBER 3.30PM



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

CAN YOU VOLUNTEER SOME
TIME TO HELP MAKE OUR
CHRISTMAS FAIR A SUCCESS?

STALL SET UP & RUNNING: FULL INSTRUCTION GIVEN, LOTS OF VARIED
ROLES TO BE FILLED, FUN TO BE HAD AND PEOPLE TO MEET!

YOU WILL NOT BE MADE TO JOIN THE PTFA COMMITTEE.....UNLESS YOU
REALLY WANT TO!



CONTACT: COUNTRESSGYTHAPTFA@YAHOO.COM
OR ASK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18th December 2025

Roast turkey, pig in blankets,
roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli,
stuffing and gravy

Or

Vegetarian puff pastry bakes,
roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli,
stuffing and gravy

~~~~~

Chocolate Muffins  
Yoghurt  
Fruit pot  
Cheese & crackers



Bookable on ParentPay







COUNTESS GYTHA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



*Christmas*

## WREATH WORKSHOP

SATURDAY  
29TH NOVEMBER  
7-9PM

SPARKFORD VILLAGE HALL

---

ALL MATERIALS PROVIDED TO CREATE YOUR OWN  
WREATH TO TAKE HOME.

MULLED WINE (NON-ALCOHOLIC) & MINCE PIES.

**£25 PER PERSON**

BOOKING SLIPS AVAILABLE FROM SCHOOL OFFICE  
OR EMAIL: [COUNTESSGYTHAPTFA@YAHOO.COM](mailto:COUNTESSGYTHAPTFA@YAHOO.COM)

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



**Yeovil  
Hospital  
Charity**



JOIN OUR FESTIVE FAMILY SPONSORED 4K FUN RUN

# SANTA DASH

with Yeovil Town Road Running Club

**SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025**

Goldenstones Leisure Centre, BA20 1QZ

ADULTS £10 | CHILD £5 | UNDER 5'S FREE



Bring your own  
Santa suit or  
festive outfit  
Refreshments  
available

Registration - 9am - 10am

Race starts - 10.30am

Medal on completion



Register at : [www.fullonsport.com/event/santa-dash-2025/profile](http://www.fullonsport.com/event/santa-dash-2025/profile)

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



 *North Cadbury Primary*

# ACTIVE CAMP

➔ CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (DECEMBER 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31)

**MONDAY  
22ND**

Target Day

**TUESDAY  
23RD**

Tournament Tuesday

**WEDNESDAY  
24TH**

Party Day

**MONDAY  
29TH**

Gymnastics Day

**TUESDAY  
30TH**

Nerf Battles/Laser Tag Day

**WEDNESDAY  
31ST**

NYE Science Experiments



[WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK](http://WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK)

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



A festive green poster for a Christmas tennis camp. At the top center is a circular logo with a green tennis ball and the letters 'la'. The background is decorated with white snowflakes and two stylized Christmas trees on the sides, each with yellow lights and red and yellow ornaments. A red Santa hat with a white pom-pom is positioned to the left of the main title.

# CHRISTMAS TENNIS CAMP

Join us at Yeovil Tennis Club for our  
Pre-Christmas Tennis Camp!

**Monday 22nd December | 9am – 3pm**  
**£29 per person | 5% sibling discount**

**Secure your spot today:**

**Contact Luke Andrews on**  
**07437 404242 / Latennis@hotmail.com**

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



## Bruges Day Trip

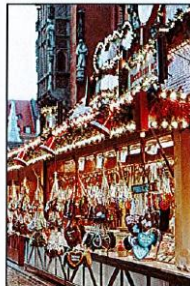
Saturday 6th December



You're invited to join our one-off festive journey to the incredible  
Bruges Christmas Markets.

Enjoy the atmosphere of Bruges, with a festive feel!

Even better? You'll be travelling on our **brand-new** vehicle!



**Destination:** Bruges, Belgium

**Leaves:** Taylors Yard, BA22 7LH - 03:15AM

**Travels via:** Le Shuttle both ways

**Returns:** Approx. 10:30 PM (Back in Sparkford)

**Price:** £75.00 per adult £65.00 per child

**Ready for a Christmas adventure? To book a spot, get in contact now!**

**01935 423177   [info@taylorscoachtravel.co.uk](mailto:info@taylorscoachtravel.co.uk)**

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



# Will your child start or transfer school in 2027?

## Have your say

### School Admission Arrangements 2027/2028 Consultation

This consultation is taking place between  
**24 November 2025 and 5 January 2026**

The consultation allows parents, other schools, religious authorities, and the local community to make any comments on the proposed admission arrangements.



To view the arrangements and to comment,  
please scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions-consultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions-consultation)



Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.