



# Diary Dates

19<sup>th</sup> June 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

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 together rewarding enjoying  
 hard challenging change  
 worker  
 exciting fun loving grateful  
 life love tired proud beach  
 pride happy active special  
 purpose entertaining delighted  
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With Fathers' day approaching this weekend, we were delighted to welcome families in on Friday to share a breakfast together, celebrating the joy of families.

There was a bit of a twist beyond the bacon baps, with fathers completing a few words about what they love most about being a dad. Completing

their responses anonymously, I am sure you will agree that our community of dads have really captured the essence of fatherhood in 2026 – happy fathers' day all!

Perhaps the most anticipated event in the children's calendars in Year 6 – the annual residential took place between Monday and Thursday. As you can see from a selection of the images, all had a fabulous time with so many activities to enjoy – they managed to squeeze in paddleboarding, slip and sliding, bushcraft and coastering amongst others!

Please visit Lancelot Class page on the website, to see a full slideshow of their experience.

Year 6 were not the only children out on a trip this week, as Pendragon and Preschool also headed out for learning adventures at Puxton!



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There was no monkeying around in Pendragon as they visited the ape rescue centre, Monkey World on Tuesday. The children enjoyed observing a variety of monkeys, including orangutans, woolly monkeys, and gibbons. The class also took part in an informative talk with a ranger, who explained the rescue work carried out at the sanctuary and the key elements needed to create a suitable environment for the monkeys. The highlights of the visit were meeting Gordon the orangutan and Paul the gibbon, who were the favourites among the children.



With their Year 6 peers away for the week, Year 5 capitalised on their opportunity to be 'top of the shop!' They launched their

businesses as part of the Fiver-Business Challenge!

From ice (cat!) pops to key chains, duck racing to nerf shootouts – there was a great array of business ideas, taking the opportunity to craft their fathers' day. Although the final totals are yet to be counted, I think that we can confidently say that every entrepreneur has already made their initial business loan back and enjoyed the process – thank you to all who supported the Year 5s this week,



with many idea around

whether visiting their stalls or helping with selling and a special mention to Nicki and Heidi who both supported the challenge throughout the week!

It was a busy week for Year 5, as they also welcomed staff and pupils from Ansford Academy to participate in a maths challenge workshop. The children completed four fun maths activities led by



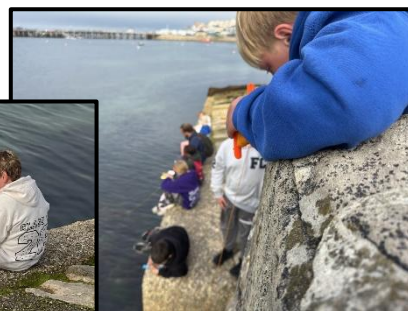
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the Ansford students, including a calculator task, using compasses to draw circles, measuring angles with a protractor, and a ratio-colouring challenge.

Once the activities were completed, children took part in a maths relay challenge. All fully engaged with the questions and demonstrated their competitive spirit throughout.

Next week promises to be just as busy with both a Mufti Day on Friday in exchange for tombola prizes and excitingly a whole series of workshops and talks as part of our Careers Week, aimed at inspiring our children about exciting future roles across a hugely diverse range of professions and industries. And if that wasn't quite enough already, on Wednesday we host the old primary favourite - Sports Day!

It is set to be a very hot and sunny week so please do make sure that children have their water bottles and sun hats in school this week as well as applying/sending in sun cream. As Mr Gallagher and Miss Sheehan make the final preparations, a reminder that photographs are for personal use only and should not be posted to social media/other online platforms. We hope to welcome and see you there from 1pm!



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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:

Congratulations Archie, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for having a positive and radiant attitude all week – always making others smile – what lovely praise, young man!

Ettie is Merlin's Worker of the Week, for brilliant number bond work – brilliant to hear, Ettie!

Pendragon – Congratulations Ollie, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for showing kindness to all your classmates and settling in so brilliantly! Pendragon's Worker of the Week goes to Milo, for his outstanding efforts in the presentation of his work – grat news, Milo – keep it up!

Lancelot – Mr Gallagher's Stars of the Week are of course Year 6 – the amazing effort and determination (and fun!) that they all put into their residential was outstanding – well done all! I had the privilege of Year 5 for the week and so no surprises, I awarded the whole group as Lancelot's Workers of the Week for their efforts in all areas – from playground perimeter design to prop making and of course the Fiver Challenge – a great week in Lancelot!

A special mention goes to Will, who has been selected as one of the 24 boys from Somerset to take part in the Swim England and Somerset ASA County Development programme; he will start training at Millfield in September alongside other high-performing swimmers in Somerset. Congratulations to Emily, who competed in the same gala winning a gold in the 200m backstroke and two bronzes for 100m backstroke and 50m front crawl. The Yeovil District team clearly have some very talented swimmers!



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p

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Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Careers Week	
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	Merlin Class Swimming Session #3	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day Parents invited into school playground from 1pm.	
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2026.	
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	New Intake - Stay & Play Session with a parent 1.30-2.30pm	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Mufti Day - see poster below for theme in exchange for donations for the PTFA Summer Fair tombola stall.	
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Merlin Class Swimming Session #4	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Somerset Transition morning New Intake session 9.30am -11.45am (no parents)	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2026.	
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Ansford Sports Day	
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Photographer in school for class photos and Year 6 Leavers.	
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Summer Fair 11-3pm	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Merlin Class Swimming Session #5	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Excalibur Class & Y5's in Lancelot Trip to We the Curious, Bristol	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	New Intake - stay and play session (no parents) 1.30-2.30pm	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Merlin Class Trip to Puxton Park	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	Merlin Class Swimming Session #6	
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	First performance of 'The Magical Flying Machine' 1.30pm - 3pm	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	 Mr Gordon's Tea Party	
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Second performance of 'The Magical Flying Machine' 6-7.30pm	

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Week commencing 13 <sup>th</sup> July	No enrichment clubs this week.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' School Trip (this will be a local walk and a picnic, with further details to follow)
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Summer Disco 
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers' Assembly 2pm – 2.45pm
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Last school day of Summer Term
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Inset Day – Closed to pupils.



## Payment Reminders

### Swimming

Please can we remind those that have not paid yet for a contribution

### Excalibur Class & Year 5 Lancelot

Payment for We The Curious, Bristol – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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COUNTRESS GYTHA PTFA

# MUFTI DAY

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

26<sup>TH</sup>  
JUNE

WE ARE KINDLY ASKING FOR DONATIONS  
FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR TOMBOLA



COUNTRESS GYTHA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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# SOFT TOY DONATIONS

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



**Please drop off at:  
Main school reception  
BY 1<sup>st</sup> July**



COUNTESS GYTHA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

## SUMMER FAIR CRAFTS & HANDIWORK SHOW



Explore your creativity!

Pick up an entry form from the School office & decide which classes you want to enter.

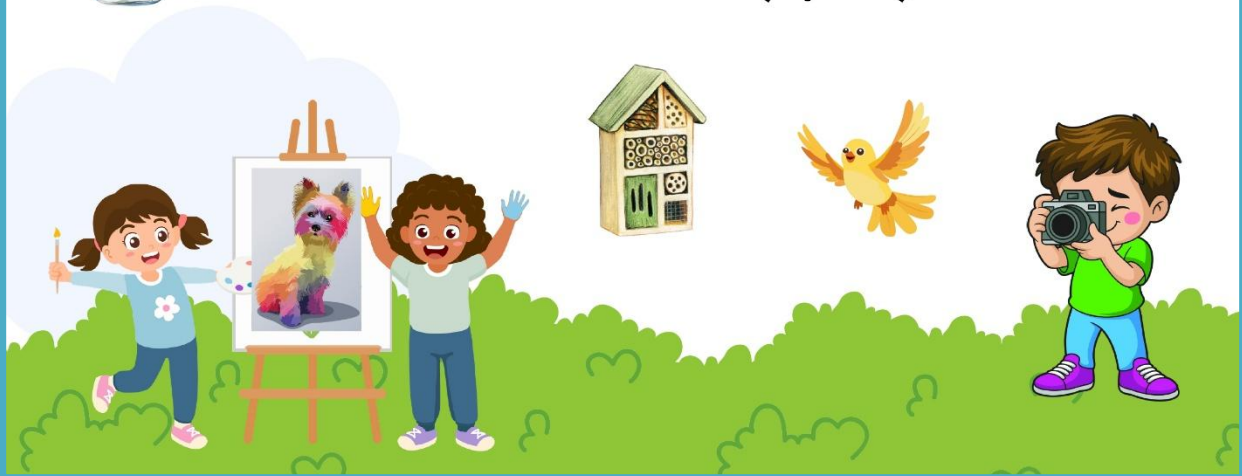


Classes are £1.00 each, one entry per child, per class.

Entries must be created at home & brought to school on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July by 3.30pm for judging.



Entries & winners will be on display at the Summer fair on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July!



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**YEOVIL  
TOWN COUNCIL**



# PLAYDAYS

FREE  
ACTIVITIES

**5TH AUGUST**

11AM – 3PM

**MUDFORD REC**

HOSTED BY THE OCTAGON THEATRE  
& WESTLANDS ENTERTAINMENT VENUE

The  
**BIG  
ONE**

FREE  
ACTIVITIES

**7TH AUGUST**

**YEW TREE PARK  
SKATE JAM**



FREE  
ACTIVITIES

**12TH AUGUST**

**NINESPRINGS COUNTRY PARK  
WOODLANDS**



FREE  
ACTIVITIES

**21ST AUGUST**

**MILFORD PARK  
CIRCUS**



FREE  
ACTIVITIES

**24TH AUGUST**

**BIRCHFIELD COMMUNITY CENTRE  
PETTING FARM**



**10AM – 2PM**

**COME JOIN US FOR SOME FUN!**

[community@yeovil.gov.uk](mailto:community@yeovil.gov.uk)

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Somerset Parent Carer Forum  
Community Inclusion & Activity Team

# Family Fun Day

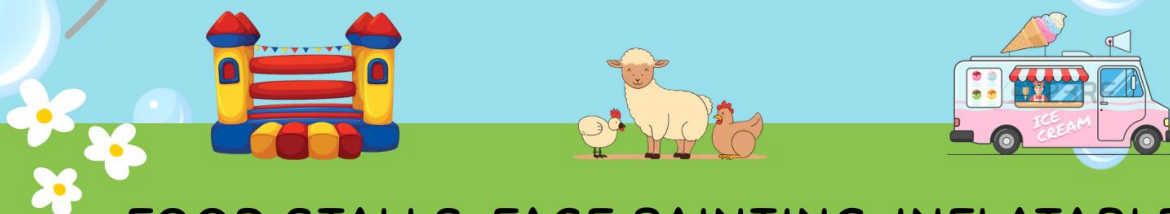
Saturday 27th June  
10am to 2pm

THE MENDIP SCHOOL, PRESTLEIGH,  
EDMUND RACK ROAD,  
SHEPTON MALLET, BA4 4FZ

FREE  
ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

MEET PROVIDERS AND TRY OUT INCLUSIVE  
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES  
AND ADDITIONAL NEEDS IN SOMERSET



FOOD STALLS, FACE PAINTING, INFLATABLE  
ASSAULT COURSE, SPORTS, LEGO, ARTS &  
CRAFTS, ANIMALS, SENSORY  
TOYS, BOARD GAMES  
AND MUCH MORE!



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## KS2 Teacher

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[Office@countessgytha.ppat365.org](mailto:Office@countessgytha.ppat365.org)  
Tel: 01935 850345

**Salary: From ECT through to M5**

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Working 2 days per week

Initially a fixed term contract from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026 - 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027

### Key Stage 2 Class Teacher (Part-time)

#### Details of the role:

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and inspirational teacher to work as part of our team at Countess Gytha from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2026. This will be a qualified teacher who is creative and well organised, who wishes to become part of a committed team within our Academy Trust.

This position would also suit an ECT that can demonstrate the potential to become outstanding.

You will work two days per week within one of our KS2 classes.

**Visits to our School or any queries regarding the role are welcome;  
please telephone the Office on 01935 850345 to arrange this,  
or for an informal discussion with the Headteacher, Mr David Gordon.**

#### How to Apply:

Please apply in writing by completing the application form available on the school website.

This can be found at [www.countessgythaprimary.co.uk](http://www.countessgythaprimary.co.uk)

Completed application forms and a covering letter should be submitted to:

David Gordon, Headteacher, Countess Gytha Primary School

Or emailed to: [office@countessgytha.ppat365.org](mailto:office@countessgytha.ppat365.org)

### Application Deadline: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2026

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## 1:1 SEN Learning Support Assistants

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Starting salary: Grade 15, Point 3 - £12.85 per hour  
Local Government Pension Scheme  
8.50 am to 3.20 pm, Term-time only  
Fixed term contract until 31<sup>st</sup> August 2027 in the first instance

### Details of the role

We are looking to appoint committed and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistants to join our friendly and supportive team at Countess Gytha Primary School.  
The ideal candidate will:

- Have a passion for supporting the education and well-being of our wonderful children.
- Have a flexible approach and ability to work as part of a team.
- Be willing to participate fully in all aspects of school life.
- Demonstrate excellent classroom practice.
- Have the ability to think on their feet and use their initiative.
- Be motivated, passionate and reflective about their work.
- Experience of working on a 1:1 basis within a school environment is preferred but not essential.

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### **Application Deadline Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2026**

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## Details of the role

We are looking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant, with experience of or a desire to work with children with profound hearing loss, speech and language needs and auditory impairments.

The ideal candidate will:

- Have experience of working with (or a strong desire to work with) children or young people who have additional needs linked to speech and language and/or hearing impairments such as cochlear implants.
- A passion for supporting the education and well-being of our wonderful children.
- Have a flexible approach and ability to work as part of a team.
- Be willing to participate fully in all aspects of school life.
- Demonstrate excellent classroom practice through assisting in planning and recording daily tasks with learners.

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# West Camel VILLAGE FETE

A FUN AFTERNOON FOR THE COMMUNITY!

**SATURDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**  
 1-4 PM  
 ON THE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE DAVIS HALL

**DUCK RACE**  
 Contact Chris Kirkham on  
**07795 467013**  
 for a **£1** duck

MEET OUTSIDE  
 THE PUB FOR  
 THE LAUNCH  
 AT 12.30

**BOUNCY CASTLE**   **TRACTORS**   **BAR & BBQ**   **TEA & CAKE**   **STALLS**   **COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES**

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC CHAIRS OR BLANKET  
 AND JOIN US FOR A  
**fun afternoon**  
 GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

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**BOOKINGS OPEN ON 30th JUNE**



## Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



**FREE** one hour online session for parents  
**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7pm - 8pm**

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your  
ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page  
[facefamilyadvice.co.uk](http://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

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