



**COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL**

Diary Dates

5th June 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy Birthday Countess Gytha! June 8th 2016 was the official handover day for our wonderful school building to then head, Sue English, who is still dearly remembered to staff here.

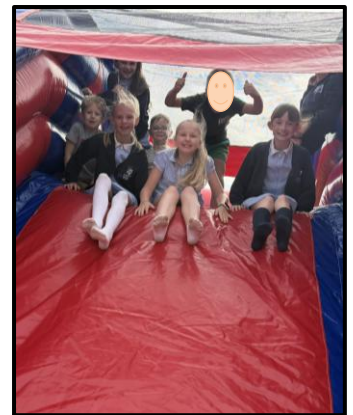
To celebrate the fact that we are 10-years-old what else could we do but hold a party to celebrate! With The Rum Blossoms in full swing (and former music teacher Mandy B leading!), bouncy castles providing the lift and the school's food providers, Piskula Catering serving up tasty treats from the BBQ it was a wonderful way to mark this milestone together.

A big thank you to all who attended this evening, as well as to staff and volunteers who organised – special mentions for Mrs Woodruff, Mrs Elliott, Mr White, Miss Bridge, Mrs Annetts, Mr Inskip are definitely deserved, as are the thanks to our sponsors of the event – ensuring costs were covered and that there was a little something for everybody!

As ever in the summer term, things are already moving at such a pace including the weather! Please continue to send children in with coats as the conditions are so changeable and



Happy Birthday
CGPS!



Our keen gardeners are busy sowing sweetcorn, planting marigolds and weeding!



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we want to be outside at breaktimes as far as possible. Likewise, keep a keen eye on upcoming dates as we move through the term and continue to try to pack in as many opportunities as possible!

Next week, Merlin class begin their swimming sessions together, we welcome our new-intake families to meet with Miss Morris and the team on

Tuesday and then Quantocks house are hosting a cake sale on Wednesday afterschool.

Further ahead, a reminder that we hope families are able to join to share a breakfast together on Friday 19th June in celebration of father's day this year - [the signup link is available here.](#)

Class letters for September 2026 will also be sent home in book bags on Monday. Our structure will remain a 5-class school for academic year 2026-2027 - with a mixed reception and Year 1 class (Merlin Class), mixed Year 1 and Year 2 (Pendragon Class), mixed Year 2 and Year 3 (King Arthur Class), mixed Year 4 and Year 5 (Excalibur Class) and mixed Year 5 and Year 6 (Lancelot Class).

Class staff have worked hard to ensure that children are best-placed to continue to succeed and achieve the best of their potential. We celebrate our small school status and never let our size hold us back from attending and achieving any number of events and opportunities across the year and likewise, our mixed-age classes offer a dynamic learning environment with staff overseeing curriculums of each group to ensure parity and avoidance of repetition of topics taught. As ever, if parents have questions following the class structure letters on Monday, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to speak to myself or your child's class teacher to discuss this further.

We continue to thrive and work together as a school and local community, something which is particularly noticeable during difficult times such as this week's tragic news of the three service personnel, who were killed on a helicopter training exercise in Devon. Families, whether military or civilian will be affected by this event and we stand ready to offer our support to those in our community and our thoughts are with the families of Lt. Commander Chris Gayson, Lt. Lily-Mae Fisher and Petty Officer Owen Green.

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Choir perform alongside Archie on the drums and Grace on piano!

Country Dancers lead the birthday celebrations - including one Mr Bunter!



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 Poppy, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for a brilliant attitude to your learning throughout every session this week – what a great way to begin the final term!

Charlie is Merlin's Worker of the Week, for working hard to develop his automaticity (automatic recall) of longer words – very impressive Charlie!

Pendragon – Congratulations Keira, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week (for a second week in a row!) – for your brilliant attitude towards all your learning – you are a brilliant role model, Keira! Pendragon's Worker of the Week goes to Kairi, for her fantastic retelling of the Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch – a wonderful read, young lady, well done!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Molly as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week – for always helping to keep the classroom tidy and looking after classroom resources – we're very grateful! King Arthur's Worker of the Week is Freddie C, for trying hard in lesson and aiming to complete all work set – keep up the fantastic work, Freddie!

Excalibur – Riley is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for his determination and good attitude towards his work – seeking advice on how to improve his work and then acting upon it – an excellent skill, young man! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Harry, for great focus particularly in applying himself to reasoning and problem-solving questions in maths – keep it up, Harry!

Lancelot – Mr Gallagher's Star of the Week is Edmund – for working and leading brilliantly with his team in music as well as DT this week – I can't wait to try the ice cream flavours, Edmund! The Worker of the Week for Lancelot is Alex for an excellent diary entry based on the boat crossing in Shaun Tan's book, The Arrival – well done!

A special mention goes to our latest Bookman Challenge entrants – Bookman flew through the assembly to hand out over 20 certificates to children taking part in his latest 'extreme-read' challenge! A new challenge will be launched in the summer – stay tuned!






Well done to Jett, who deserves a special mention for his trophy and medal as he came











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third place at his recent MX race – well done! Alice and Molly were jointly-awarded the players of the season trophy from their Ilchester Wildcats team, with Alice receiving the team’s training award and Molly representing the U10 squad at such a young age – brilliant! Rupert P also deserves a special mention, for receiving the Coach’s player award as well as his end-of-season trophies for his team, Pen Mill!



	<h3 style="text-align: center;">DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</h3>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Every Friday</p> 	<h2 style="margin: 0;">FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p</p>	
<p>Monday 8th June</p>	<p>Merlin Class Swimming Session #1</p>	
<p>Tuesday 9th June</p>	<p>New Starter Meeting 4.30-5.30pm</p>	
<p>Monday 15th June – Thursday 18th June</p>	<p>Year 6 Residential to Land & Wave</p>	
<p>Monday 15th June</p>	<p>Merlin Class Swimming Session #2</p>	
<p>Monday 15th June – Thursday 18th June</p>	<p>Year 5 – Fiver Challenge Week</p>	
<p>Tuesday 16th June</p>	<p>Pendragon Class Trip to Monkey World</p>	
<p>Friday 19th June</p>	<p>Father’s Day Breakfast Event 8-8.45am – email sent out 15.5.26</p>	
<p>Friday 19th June</p>	<p>Mufti Day – see poster below for theme in exchange for donations for the PTFA Summer Fair tombola stall.</p>	

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	Preschool Trip to Puxton Park	
	Year 5 – Fiver Challenge Stalls in playground after school	
Monday 22 nd June	Merlin Class Swimming Session #3	
Wednesday 24 th June	Sports Day	
Thursday 25 th June	New Intake – Stay & Play Session with a parent 1.30-2.30pm	
Friday 29 th June	Merlin Class Swimming Session #4	
Wednesday 1 st July	Somerset Transition morning New Intake session 9.30am –11.45am (no parents)	
Thursday 2 nd July	Year 6 Ansford Sports Day	
Friday 3 rd July	Photographer in school for class photos and Year 6 Leavers.	
Saturday 4 th July	PTFA Summer Fair 11-3pm	
Monday 6 th July	Merlin Class Swimming Session #5	
Wednesday 8 th July	Excalibur Class & Y5's in Lancelot Trip to We the Curious, Bristol	
Wednesday 8 th July	New Intake – stay and play session (no parents) 1.30-2.30pm	
Thursday 9 th July	Merlin Class Trip to Puxton Park	
Monday 13 th July	Merlin Class Swimming Session #6	
Wednesday 15 th July	Mr Gordon's Tea Party	
Week commencing 13 th July	No Enrichment Clubs this week.	
Friday 17 th July	PTFA Summer Disco	
Tuesday 21 st July	Last school day of Summer Term	
Wednesday 22 nd July	Inset Day – Closed to pupils.	



The Rum Blossoms help celebrate a lovely evening together!

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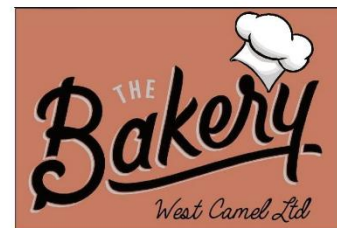
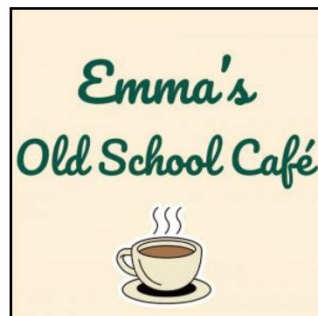
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COUNTRESS GYTHA PTFA

MUFTI DAY

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO BE WHEN YOU GROW UP?

26TH
JUNE

WE ARE KINDLY ASKING FOR DONATIONS
FOR OUR SUMMER FAIR TOMBOLA



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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 1st July**

The Friends of
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CHURCH PATH FAYRE

Saturday 6th June
12.30 - 3pm

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FREE ENTRY

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- Bouncy assault course •
- Popcorn machine •
- Children's games •
- BBQ •
- Chocolate tombola
- Raffle •
- Children's toys & books •
- Cakes & biscuits •
- Plant stall •
- Bottle tombola •
- and much more!

If you can help or want more information contact harrietchappell@yahoo.co.uk; 07880714559

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 **COSTUME MAKERS**

 **PROP MAKERS**

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 **SUNDAY 7th JUNE**

 **4:30pm – 6:30pm**


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REHEARSALS

Starting September 2026

 Every Sunday

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so don't miss your chance to be part of the magic!*

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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!

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5 – 13 years old

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9AM – 3.30PM £30

£4 FOR PACKED LUNCHES AVAILABLE

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YOUR PLACES
TODAY!**

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