



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

7th November 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the second half of the Autumn Term, perhaps the busiest, certainly the most festive for the school!

Please note, due to our website email service changing, not all will automatically receive school communications to their inbox. They may instead go to Junk/Spam folders, please direct any families not receiving school communications to the office.



Remembrance Display

Classes have already started the fresh season of learning by adorning the front of the school with our annual Remembrance display.



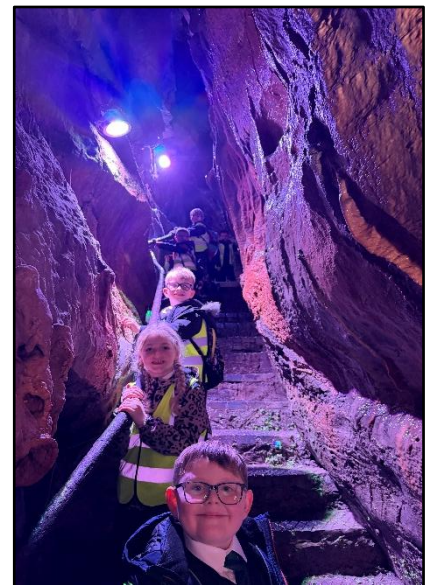
Cheddar Gorge

The school will be marking the silence on the 11th with a short service of remembrance (around 10 minutes) from 10:45am at the front of school, beneath the flagpole; a few children from the Gytha Troops will be visiting RNAS Yeovilton at this time.

King Arthur class visited Cheddar Gorge on

Tuesday, as part of their historical topic of stone-age Britain. The class experienced what life would have been like living in the Stone Age; explored Gough's Cave, the site where Cheddar Man's remains were discovered; as well as visited the Museum of Prehistory, to see some of the Stone Age artefacts found in the caves. The class then concluded the visit with a trip to the interactive cinema in Cox's Cave, to learn about how the caves were formed!

Dressed in their house colours this week, children in Poldens were celebrating last half-term's house point win! With just 3



Gough's Cave

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points separating some of the teams, the countdown to Christmas is becoming very competitive!

Similarly, last half-term's nominations for Mr Gordon's Tea Party enjoyed their hot chocolate and treats today! With a plethora of board games, music and art activities it was a wonderful way to celebrate together and I look forward to seeing who class teachers nominate for invitations this half-term.



Autumn Tea Party

In other exciting news this week, Reception through Year 2 have begun their rehearsals for their Christmas Nativity performance. [All of the songs are available to practise at home via this link on the school website.](#)



Poppies will remain on sale next week

Imago Photography were in school today to take individual and sibling portraits. Details for ordering will follow shortly.

With an extremely busy half-term ahead of us, please do keep a close eye on the Diary Dates - our Christingle Celebration is planned for 3rd December 2025, timings to be confirmed next week. The school and community will be providing ribbon and

fruits/sweet treats to adorn our Christingle oranges, but please can each child have an orange in school on Monday 1st or Tuesday 2nd December ready to decorate.

Next Friday, Children in Need will also be celebrated at the school. Children are invited to wear MUFTi along the theme of stripy or spotty for a suggested donation of 50p. A poster with further information is available below.

[Somerset Council will be resurfacing the bridge by The Old School in Queen Camel next week.](#) The road will be closed to vehicles (remains open to pedestrians) between 9.30am to 3.30pm on Tuesday and Wednesday, 11 and 12 November. The road will be open outside these times.

Finally, please can I take this opportunity to remind 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.



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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:

Although the assemblies were held in class today (due to school photographs), Merlin Class enjoyed their first Praise Assembly of the year!

Congratulations Reggie, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for modelling classroom expectations and being a sensible and responsible peer.– amazing news, young man! Well done Harrison you our Merlin's Worker of the Week for working really hard on your letter formation and name writing – keep up the hard work, Harrison!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Jesse, Pendragon's Star of the Week – for fantastic listening and for a brilliant pencil portrait during his art lessons – very impressive, Jesse! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Florence, for writing a fantastic recount independently – lovely to hear, Florence!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Summer as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for asking some excellent, inquisitive questions during her trip – great to hear you making the most of the opportunity, Summer! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Jett, for writing an excellent recount of the class trip to Cheddar Gorge – great work, Jett!

Excalibur – Henry is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for superb work, passing his halves fractions club and completing work at home on his topic of Ancient Greece – wonderful to hear how you're engaged you are with your topic, young man! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Adley, for a super attitude in all his work, demonstrating greater pace and independence – so good to hear, Adley!

Lancelot – Nevaeh has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for always being a great listener; for being a great role model and for being brave enough to ask questions to better her understanding – amazing news, Nevaeh – keep it up! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Edmund, for his outstanding maths during the class algebra lessons using the inverse to prove his workings – excellent to hear, Edmund!

A special mention this week goes to Molly and Harriet in Excalibur, who have submitted their 500 word BBC writing competition entries. I know that lots across the school were keen to submit this year – the deadline is tonight! More information can be found at – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4>

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p	
Monday 10 th November	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 2	
Monday 10 th November	1.30pm School Tour for New Intake 2026 – please see office to book a place.	
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Service at RNAS Yeovilton for selected pupils.	
Tuesday 11 th November	Remembrance Day 2025 (in school event).	
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 1 & Year 2 Cinema Trip – letter sent home 1.10.25	
Wednesday 12 th November	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 17 th November 2025. Completed booking forms can be emailed to wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org	
Thursday 13 th November	Polden's House Cake Sale – after school from 3.20pm in the school hall/playground.	 
Thursday 13 th November	Netball tournament at Westfield Academy. Selected pupils only. School Council – Children in Need Sale	
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need 2025 – see posters attached.	
Monday 17 th November	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 3	
Tuesday 18 th November	Year 5 Dance Festival at Ansford Academy. Letters sent home 9.10.25.	
Wednesday 19 th November	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 24 th November 2025. Completed booking forms can be emailed to wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org	
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.	
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	

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Friday 28 th November	PTFA Mufti Day for Hamper / Tombola Donations for Christmas Fair	
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 (details to be sent out shortly)	
Friday 5 th December	PTFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm	
Monday 8 th December	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 6	

Have Your Say – Childcare Survey from Somerset Council

Somerset Council is seeking feedback from families around wraparound and holiday childcare needs across the county. The survey aims to collect information around current and future childcare needs, reasons why families may not use existing provision and any barriers or challenges families face. Where 10 or more responses are received, an anonymised summary will be shared with the school.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by midday on 14th November 2025: <https://forms.office.com/e/5wZtEjuYqP>



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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School Meals Menu

Please remember to book your child's school meals via ParentPay by Wednesday for the following week. If you have any difficulties with booking, please speak with Mrs Annetts in the school office.

Payment Reminders

Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming (Sept – October)

King Arthur – Cheddar Gorge Trip

Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming

Dr Dolittle performance

Year 2 & Year 3 Cinema Trip

Year 3 & Year 4 Cinema Trip

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Friday 14th November 2025

Please come dressed in non-school uniform, wearing something spotty, dotty or Pudsey themed.

Suggested donation 50p



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School Council

Children In Need Sale

Badges & Pens £1 each

(while stocks last)

Wednesday 12th & Thursday 13th November

Pudsey Cupcake Cake Sale

Friday 14th November

On the playground at 3.15pm

50p per cake



Please come and support this worthwhile cause.

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Child Exploitation

What you Need to know

What is child exploitation?

What are county lines?

How big a problem is county lines?

**Come and find out more at a talk by
ESCAPELINE**

**7:15 pm Thursday 20th November 2025
At Sparkford Village Hall**

**Refreshments Served by St Mary Magdalene Church
Donations to ESCAPELINE**



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10% early-bird discount code is due to expire at 11:59 PM

on 14th November 2025



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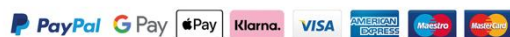
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Christmas

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

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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NEW TIME, NEW PLACE



GAMES

CHRISTIAN STORIES



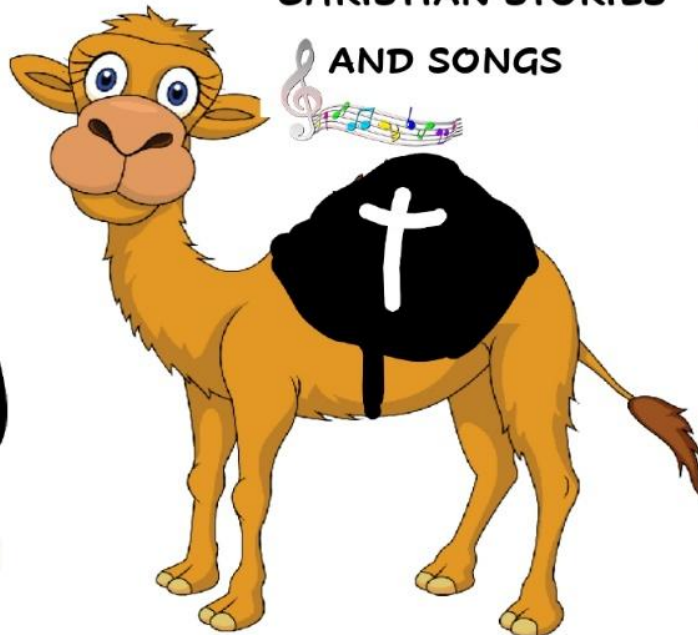
AND SONGS



COOKING



DRAMA



ART

CAMEL CLUB

WHERE?

COUNTRESS 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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JOIN US AT OUR
SHUTTLE STARS
FESTIVAL
FOR SOME

BADMINTON



FUN



FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 3 TO YEAR 6

SATURDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

WESTLANDS SPORTS & FITNESS CLUB

12 NOON TILL 2PM

PLEASE RSVP BY EMAILING

southsomersetcbn@yahoo.co.uk



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A festive poster for a Christmas Tennis Camp. The background is dark green with white snowflakes and small white stars. At the top center is a circular logo with a green background and the letters 'la' in white. Below the logo, the words 'CHRISTMAS' and 'TENNIS CAMP' are written in large, bold, red capital letters. A red Santa hat with a white pom-pom is positioned to the left of the word 'CHRISTMAS'. Below the title, the text 'Join us at Yeovil Tennis Club for our Pre-Christmas Tennis Camp!' is written in white. Further down, the details 'Monday 22nd December | 9am - 3pm' and '£29 per person | 5% sibling discount' are listed in white. At the bottom, the text 'Secure your spot today:' is followed by 'Contact Luke Andrews on' and the phone number '07437 404242 / Latennis@hotmail.com'. Two stylized Christmas trees with yellow stars, red and yellow ornaments, and garlands are positioned on the left and right sides of the lower half of the poster.


**CHRISTMAS
TENNIS CAMP**

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