



Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the fabulous sunny weather, it is safe to say the summer term is now well underway! Each class's curriculum letters outlining topics and learning for the term have now been published. All classes are available to view on our school website, [by following this link](#).

We were delighted to be joined by Katrina and Harold from Coram SCARF education, who provide the school's Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE) resources. Children from Year 1 onwards took part in workshops, designed to allow all the chance to learn about their mental health, the impact they and their friends have on one another and how the brain develops in preparation for adolescents. Older children also had the opportunity to discuss social choices that they may face and how to best navigate these. As ever, if you have any questions regarding the school's PSHE delivery, please do not hesitate to speak to me, with [the school's policy available to view here](#).

On Wednesday, Lancelot children took part in an exciting and insightful workshop, "From Idea to Screen: Roles in Entertainment Careers," delivered by Amazon. The session gave the children a behind-the-scenes look at how ideas are transformed into films, TV shows and digital content. They explored the wide range of careers involved in the entertainment industry, from writers and directors to costume designers, sound engineers and marketing teams - many were surprised by the number of different roles required to bring a project to life. Overall, it was an inspiring and engaging experience that broadened pupils' understanding of career pathways and sparked excitement about the possibilities within the creative industries.

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Y3 visit Ansford Academy



Year 3 enjoyed their Body Control workshop at Ansford Academy on Wednesday. The year group was put through its paces with balance, coordination, agility and jumping activities – all led by the Year 9 sports leaders of Ansford. I think it is safe to say that the springboard and trampolining activities were a favourite – along with launching into padded crash mats! Overall Year 3 loved the session (more photos here) and are looking forward to putting their refined skills to the test come Sports Day, later this term!



On the topic of sport, we are incredibly proud to announce that Countess Gytha pupils shone brightly in the YPSGA Cross Country League 2025-26, especially in the Year 4 Girls' category, where our school were crowned team champions! This brilliant achievement is a testament to the dedication, camaraderie, and team spirit shown by our young runners throughout the season. Well done to Iyla, William K, Jack, Emily, Jack G, Wilf, Grace, Henry R, Rupert P and Freddie W, who represented the school at all 6 events this year, part of just 95 children overall in Yeovil to do so.



Inter-
Area XC
Finalists

A special congratulations goes to Emily Board, who was named the Individual League Winner for the Year 4 Girls. She was joined by Molly S, again representing Year 4 and Grace in Year 6, who ran in the oldest category but rather than representing Countess Gytha, this time the girls were racing to represent Yeovil in the district finals.



The girls crowned an incredible season of running with top 3 finishes for both Grace and Emily and an awesome 12th place finish for Molly to ensure Yeovil won in both age-category events. The girls truly deserved their medals and the trophy which will shortly sit proudly in the foyer!

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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 Bambi, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week – for moving up a reading set, as well as working towards reading longer books – well done, Bambi! Harrison is Merlin's Star of the Week, for being a helpful friend to all in the classroom – lovely to read, Harrison!

Pendragon – Congratulations Lena, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for an enthusiastic attitude towards learning – always seen around the school with a wide smile on your face! Pendragon's Worker of the Week goes to Freddie, for writing a fantastic prediction as well as checking through his work carefully for all spellings. Great news, Freddie!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Bella as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week – for being kind and compassionate to all members of King Arthur class – you are a wonderful to many. King Arthur's Worker of the Week is Jett – for his superb understanding of tenses in English – great work, young man!

Excalibur – Layla is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for her dedication to her writing this week, in which she challenged herself and achieved a great piece of work overall – great to hear, Layla! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Molly, for always putting in 100% effort to all of her work, producing another great piece of writing this week on, 'Planet Earth' – keep up the superb work, Molly!

Lancelot – Mr Gallagher's Star of the Week is Rosie – for showing determination and great knowledge in all three of her maths assessments – you are more than ready to ace your SATs in a few weeks time! The Worker of the Week for Lancelot is Arlow – for working hard in every assessment and demonstrating an eagerness to improve – keep it up, young man!

A special mention goes to Henry for being the most improved player of the season – he received a trophy from his team, Sherborne in recognition of this! Continuing the rugby theme, Lily in Lancelot and Harry in Excalibur both received participation medals for recent rugby tournaments they represented their teams in – Yeovil and Sherborne respectively. Florence rounds off our specials mentions this week, achieving her Level 3 Gymnastics Foundations award – congratulations!



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Thank you to the PTFA who judged our poetry competition this week and congratulations to our winners! All of the children's poems were judged by members of the PTFA and our winners now have their work on display in the school corridor as well as recitals now live on [the school website here](#). This year's theme was, 'Answering Back' and I'm sure that every child will be excited to share their poetry and other work at the end of term Work Celebration, which we will send more details out about next week.

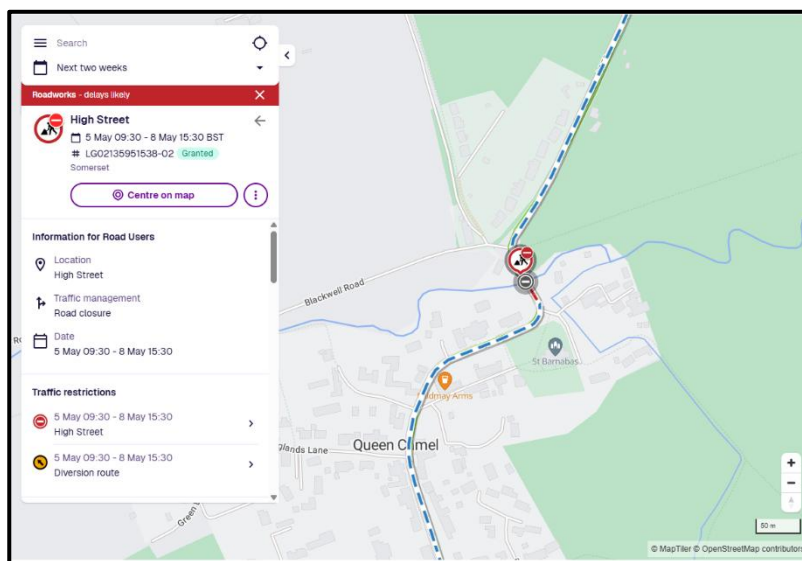


Poetry Competition Winners

Temporary Road Closure - High Street, Queen Camel

The works are expected to commence on 5th May 2026 and last for 4 days to enable Neom Engineering Limited to repair and replace Queens Camel Bridge on behalf of Somerset Council - Bridges and Structures.

The closure will be in place between 09:30 - 15:30 each day.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Friday



FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p

Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Tuesday 5 th May	Tuning into Kids course with Beth Patton PFSA– all welcome 9-11am
Wednesday 6 th May	 Blackdown Cake Sale from 3.20pm 
Wednesday 6 th May	<i>Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 11th May 2026.</i>
Friday 8 th May	The school will mark Sir David Attenborough's Birthday in assembly as well as a group planting Oak Trees, kindly donated by a parent, around the site.
Week commencing 11 th May	Key Stage 2 Assessment Week (SATs) Year 6 Breakfast Club from 8am
Wednesday 13 th May	<i>Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 18th May 2026.</i>
Friday 15 th May	PTFA Rainbow Run – see poster below 
Wednesday 20 th May	Mr Gordon's Tea Party – invited pupils only 
Monday 25 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed Half Term
Wednesday 27 th May	<i>Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 1st June 2026.</i>
Monday 1 st June	Inset day – school closed for pupils
Tuesday 2 nd June	Back to school 
Friday 5 th June	Summer Party at Countess Gytha – see poster below.
Monday 15 th June – Thursday 18 th June	Year 6 Residential to Land & Wave

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10 YEAR Anniversary

SUMMER PARTY

★ COUNTRESS GYTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL ★



**FRIDAY 5TH
JUNE 2026**
4:30PM UNTIL 8PM

FOOD • DRINKS • ENTERTAINMENT

Everyone Welcome!
Let's celebrate together!

TICKETS JUST £2.50 PER TICKET

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM
THE OFFICE
OR
THE STALL AFTER SCHOOL

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Tuning into Kids Course

 **Build a Stronger Connection with Your Child** 

Join us for a warm and supportive **Tuning into Kids** course, designed to help parents better understand and respond to their children's emotions.

Led by **PFSA Mrs Beth Patton**, this friendly and practical course offers simple strategies you can use every day.

Countess Gytha Primary School

 **When?**

Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 2nd June





 **Time**

09:00 – 11:00

 **Duration**


6 weekly sessions

 **Why join?**

-  Learn to better understand your child's feelings
-  Build stronger relationships
-  Support your child's emotional development
-  Meet other parents in a relaxed setting



Booking is essential

Places are limited and fill up quickly!

 **Book your place**

 office@countessgytha.ppat365.org

 **01935 850345**

 *We look forward to welcoming you!* 

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CAKE SALE



Please support your House
and bring some cakes in.

Blackdowns



Cake Sale



WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY

50P A CAKE

SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND BUY SOME DELICIOUS AND YUMMY CAKES

ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL

THANK YOU

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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COUNTESS GYTHA PTFA

PRESENTS

COUNTESS GYTHA

RAINBOW RUN

15TH MAY 2026

STARTS AT 3.30PM | COUNTESS GYTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ENTRY: MINIMUM £5
SPONSORSHIP PER CHILD.**

**SPONSOR ENTRY FORMS & MONEY TO BE
RETURNED BY 13TH MAY**

**CLASS PRIZE
FOR THE MOST
RAISED**



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COUNTESS GYTHA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

20
26

UPCOMING EVENTS



RAINBOW RUN



15TH
MAY

4TH
JULY



SUMMER FAIR



SUMMER DISCO



17TH
JULY



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North Cadbury Primary

ACTIVE CAMPS

➔ MAY 26TH TO 29TH

➔ 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

TUE 26TH

Tournament Tuesday

WED 27TH

Target Day

THU 28TH

Batting Day

FRI 29TH

Laser Tag and Nerf Battles



WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK



*Extra Time available;
8-8.30am & 3.30-4pm*

£20 a day!

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The poster features a background image of a cricket field with trees in the distance. At the top left is the Sparkford CC crest, which is a shield containing a tree, with the years '1891' and '2023' on either side, and 'Sparkford CC' at the bottom. To the right of the crest is the text 'VS' and a large red circular logo with 'CAN YOU' in white and 'CRICKET' in smaller white letters below it. A large, dark red banner across the middle of the field contains the text 'SPARKFORD CC VS CAN YOU CRICKET CLUB' in white and yellow. Below this banner, the text 'BIG GAME ALERT!' is followed by 'SUNDAY, MAY 3RD'. Further down, there is a paragraph of text about the event, followed by a list of activities with icons: a flame for 'BBQ & bar open', a gift for 'Cricket gear stall', a cricket ball for 'Kwik cricket in the nets for the kids', and a face for 'Face painting & bouncy castle'. Below the list is another paragraph of text. At the bottom, a black banner contains the text 'JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF CRICKET AT SPARKFORD CC!' and another paragraph of text. In the bottom right corner, there is an image of cricket gear including a bat, pads, and a helmet.

1891 2023
Sparkford CC

VS

CAN YOU
CRICKET

SPARKFORD CC VS
CAN YOU CRICKET CLUB

🔥 BIG GAME ALERT! 🔥 SUNDAY, MAY 3RD

Sunday May 3rd, we're taking on
Can You Cricket - 12 PM start, 40
overs! 🌟

It's not just a game... it's a full day
of fun for the whole family!

- 🔥 BBQ & bar open
- 🎁 Cricket gear stall
- 🏏 Kwik cricket in the nets for the
kids
- 🎨 Face painting & bouncy castle

Come cheer us on, bring your
friends & family, and let's make it a
day to remember! ❤️

JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF CRICKET AT SPARKFORD CC!

THERE'LL BE A BBQ, AN OPEN BAR, AND PLENTY OF FUN AS WE HOST
@CANYOUCRICKETCLUB AND REVIVE CRICKET IN OUR COMMUNITY! 🍷🍔

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April/May/June 2026



Somerset School Nurse Team Newsletter

Welcome to the Somerset School Nurse Team newsletter!

The school nurse team is made up of Specialist Community Public Health Nurses, and Assistant Practitioners. We specialise in promoting the health and wellbeing of children and young people aged 5–19 years and cover primary and secondary schools across Somerset.

This newsletter will be delivered termly, and is intended to keep you up-to-date on all the things we are doing as a service, and will include topics and links relevant to physical and mental health.

We hope you find this newsletter helpful but please do feedback anything you would like to be added.

[Somerset children & young people : Health & Wellbeing : Phn School Nursing](#)



Feedback QR code

ONLINE SAFETY

Are you worried about your child being online?

For more information and advice visit:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

S **SHARE RESPONSIBLY**
We all love to share photographs, fun things we're doing and much more.
Be careful what you share and always ask permission if somebody else is in the photo or video.

M **MANAGE your PRIVACY**
If you're using apps that can communicate with others, turn on 'privacy'.
Only let people you really know follow you unless you've asked permission from your parents.

A **ASK for HELP**
Don't ever be worried about asking for help from someone you trust.
You will NOT be judged.

R **RESPECT OTHERS**
Be kind.
Other people may have different opinions from you.
That's okay, but if they become abusive, take screenshots, block and report and tell an adult.

T **THINK CRITICALLY TRUST your INSTINCT**
Is it true?
Does that person really know me?
Has that really happened?
Always question!

Fussy Eating in Children



Do you worry about your child being a fussy eater?

For further information check out the following webinars, or speak with your GP or School Nurse team for further support

[Webinars on Fussy Eating in Children - patientwebinars.co.uk](#)



ELSA Support



Did you know that most primary schools are able to offer ELSA support to school aged children in their care around a variety of topics including bereavement, anxiety, stress, friendships and managing emotions/feelings.

ELSA stands for Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, and they are specialist teaching assistants with a wealth of knowledge and experience of working with children.

ELSA's are trained and regularly supervised by the Educational Psychologists.

Their aim is to build your child's emotional development and to help them to cope with life's challenges.

The ELSA will help your child to find solutions to problems they may have.

Please speak with the ELSA in your school if you feel this support could benefit your child.



UK Government NHS

WRAP YOUR CHILDREN UP WITH THE BEST PROTECTION - VACCINATIONS

Are your child's vaccines up to date? Check their red book or speak to their GP practice.

STAY STRONG. GET VACCINATED.

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HOW TO KEEP YOUR SMILE HEALTHY Just for kids!

DID YOU KNOW FEELING YOUR BEST STARTS WITH A HEALTHY SMILE?
Follow Toothie's tips to keep your smile strong and you feeling great every day!

BRUSH EVERY MORNING AND NIGHT

- Use a fluoride toothpaste.
- Brush all the sides and surfaces of your teeth for 2 minutes.
- After brushing, spit don't rinse.

EAT HEALTHY FOOD AND AVOID SUGARY DRINKS

- Too much sugar is bad for your teeth.
- Sugary drinks and unhealthy snacks between meals can cause holes in your teeth if you have them too often.
- Our mouths and bodies are stronger and happier when we have healthy food and drinks.

VISIT THE DENTIST REGULARLY

- The dentist will ask you to open your mouth wide.
- The dentist will check your teeth are growing properly.
- The dentist will help keep your teeth clean and healthy.

fdi | worldoralhealthday.org | World Oral Health Day

National Sun Awareness Week

11th May— 17th May 2026

As the nicer weather approaches it is important to remember to stay safe in the sun.

Sun Safety Tips

Make sure you:

- *Spend time in the shade between 11am & 3pm
- *Cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- *Take extra care with children
- *Use at least factor 30 sunscreen

For more advice please visit:
[Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS](#)

ChatHealth

is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text
07480 635 515

Improving LIVES

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 a safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may

Somerset School Nurse Team Contact Details:

Email: schoolnurseduty@somerset.gov.uk

Tel: 0300 790 9854

Tips for SATs Week

- The SATs don't effect what school you will get into
- They are important, but most teachers just want you to do your best
- Lots of schools make the SATs week really relaxed, having breakfast clubs, extra playtime, relaxation time, no other lessons, so it can even be fun. Find out what your school is doing
- This is good practice for taking tests. But you can do it in the comfort of your school which you know well and will help support you
- Talk to your friends and family about how you are feeling about the SATs. It's likely that other people are feeling a bit nervous too
- If you're struggling, talk to your teacher or another adult at school that you trust and you know will listen

- If it helps, write a timetable for the week. Make sure you add some treats, like watching your favourite show, doing sport, or having your favourite meal/snack
- Talk to the people around you and tell them what you think would help you in that week, e.g. I might need more hugs or down time; I need to get to bed on time; I want you to walk me to school in the mornings
- Concentrate on the tests one at a time. Do your best and however they go, try to let the last one go and then focus on the next one
- Try to eat well, sleep well and take some exercise that week
- Get your c othes and school bag ready each night, so in the morning you can stay calm
- Celebrate when they are over!

As we approach exam season here are some tips to share with your child...

Issues with bedwetting?

Check out the video below for advice...

[ERIC Helpline Podcast - Bedwetting \(short version\) on Vimeo](#)

For further advice or support speak with your GP, School Nurse Team or click on the link below:

[Home - ERIC](#)

The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

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Join Us For Our

Open Day

2nd May 2026 • 11am – 4pm

📍 Old School, Queen Camel



Explore the brilliant enterprises, crafts and skills that make our site a hub of creativity and community.



Hot & Cold Refreshments



Meet Our Tenants



Live Demonstrations



Classic Tractor



Bugfest from 2pm



Art Exhibition

☎ 07486 385224 | www.oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk

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Mess & Mingle

THE ARMED FORCES
COVENANT FUND TRUST
Funded by HM Government

Starting 5th May
7-9pm

*The first Tuesday of each month in the
training kitchen.*



Eat and mingle with **other serving families** in your community.

the Balsam
Centre



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Introducing ...

FLOC for SEND

a growing supportive community for parents and carers of children with SEND.

We warmly invite our Cary community to pop in for Coffee and Cake at

The Market House, BA7 7AH

and learn a little more about the Good Things they've been up to nearby.

Come as you are.



We'd love to meet you

We support families raising children with **Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.**

Pop in and meet us. We can share with you what support we've been quietly building.

**Friday 8th May
10:00-12:00**

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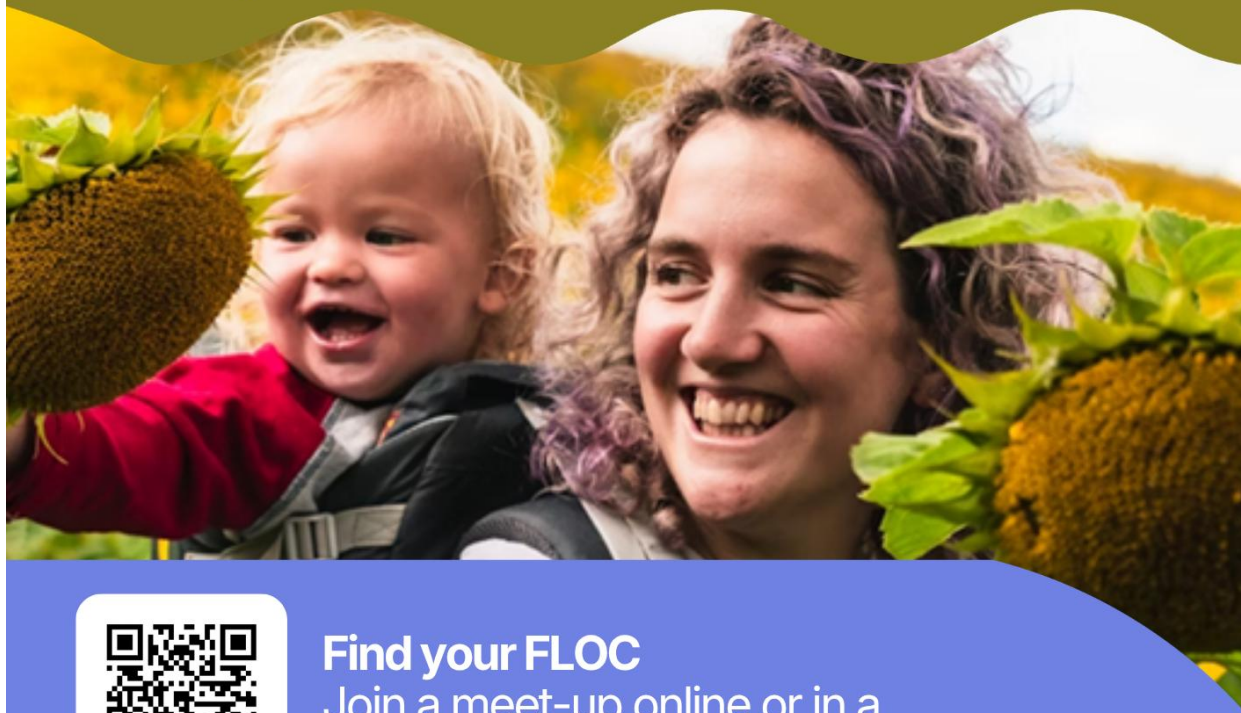
FLOC Community

For families raising children
with additional needs.

FLOC **meet-ups** are for anyone raising a child with additional needs, a disability or sensitivities. No diagnosis required - all are welcome.

A space to share experiences with other families who get it. No need to explain yourself - you're already understood. Come as you are.

**Connection
changes
everything.**



Find your FLOC
Join a meet-up online or in a town near you.

Find out more: www.floc.org.uk or contact us: findyourfloc@gmail.com

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