



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

14th November 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Marking the 11th November, the school and preschool observed the two-minute silence following readings and recitals from members of Lancelot class. The Gytha Troops were proud to represent the school at RNAS Yeovilton, alongside family members and serving personnel at the base.



Remembrance - Yeovilton



Remembrance 2025

Year One and

Two enjoyed a wonderful trip to the cinema this week, where they watched *The Smurfs*. The film highlighted the importance of friendship, kindness, and

inclusion. Pendragon have been exploring the importance of these values in their PSHE lessons. The children thoroughly enjoyed the trip, and everyone enjoyed a biscuit or two!

For those in Reception, Year 1 or 2, please don't forget that scripts should be in school every day and that [all of the songs are available to practise at home via this link on the school website.](#)

Selected Year 5 and 6 had a brilliant time at the Westfield Netball Tournament this week, showing fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout every match. The team



Year 1
and 2
Cinema
Trip



Netball Event

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played five exciting games, securing impressive wins against Huish (3-2), East Coker (3-1), and South Petherton (3-1), while putting in strong performances against Norton and Holy Trinity. With these results, we finished in 3rd place.



Polden's Cake Sale



Following their celebratory MUFTi event last week, Poldens hosted their annual cake sale on Thursday. The team raised £66.50, all proceeds go to the school and having set the bar so high, we eagerly await to see if they can be matched (or beaten!) by the other houses later in the year.

Topping off a brilliant week at Countess Gytha, children came dressed in their finest spotty and dotty clothes! It was a wonderful way to mark Children in Need 2025 and top-secret information, but we hope to receive a special visitor next week to say a great big thank you for the staggering £230, raised on the day.



Children in Need
2025

On behalf of the school and charity, I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their support and generosity.

Finally, we welcome parents and families to join us at 10:45 am on Wednesday 3rd December for our Christingle celebration. Please can each child have an orange in school on Monday 1st or Tuesday 2nd December, ready to decorate with school-provided resources.



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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 Ronnie, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for always being incredibly polite, helpful and caring to all – amazing news, young man! Well done Ralph, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for making great progress with reading as well as working hard on blending new sounds – keep up the hard work, Ralph!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Jack, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for brilliant listening in all lessons and having a great focus within your phonics – very impressive, Jack! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Darcy, for writing a fantastic recipe for friendship – great work on a very important topic, young lady!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Rupert G as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for the commitment he has shown towards his presentation – keep up the top-quality work, Rupert! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Poppy, for her excellent use of arrays, when working with multiplication in maths – brilliant, Poppy!

Excalibur – Ella is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for always being kind and considerate to others and being helpful to all within her class, wonderful to hear Ella! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to William, for excellent accuracy and presentation in his bar chart drawing lessons – keep it up, Will!

Lancelot – Hunter has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for always working hard in lessons; trying his best and for being brave to put his hand up in every lesson – fantastic work, Hunter – keep it up! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Alfie C, for his outstanding extended write this week. Alfie wrote a persuasive letter that was not only emotive, but formal and very well-written. – superb work, Alfie!

A special mention this week goes to Lydia for achieving her 25-metre swimming certificate – a superb achievement that you should be very proud of!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p
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
Thursday 20 th November	KS1 Sports Festival at Westfield. Selected pupils only.
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
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  

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Monday 8 th December	THALES Stem visit
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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
Monday 15 th December	<i>No enrichment clubs this week.</i>
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.



Payment Reminders

Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming £22.50

Dr Dolittle performance £3.10

Year 3 & Year 4 Cinema Trip £3.90

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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 has been extended until 21st November 2025

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



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School

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Primary School
will receive
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31st December



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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



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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

COUNTESS 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?

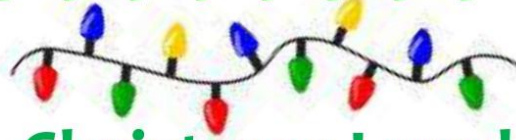
STALL SET UP & RUNNING: FULL INSTRUCTION GIVEN, LOTS OF VARIED
ROLES TO BE FILLED, FUN TO BE HAD AND PEOPLE TO MEET!

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



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

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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

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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

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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

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# NEW TIME, NEW PLACE



**GAMES**

**CHRISTIAN STORIES**



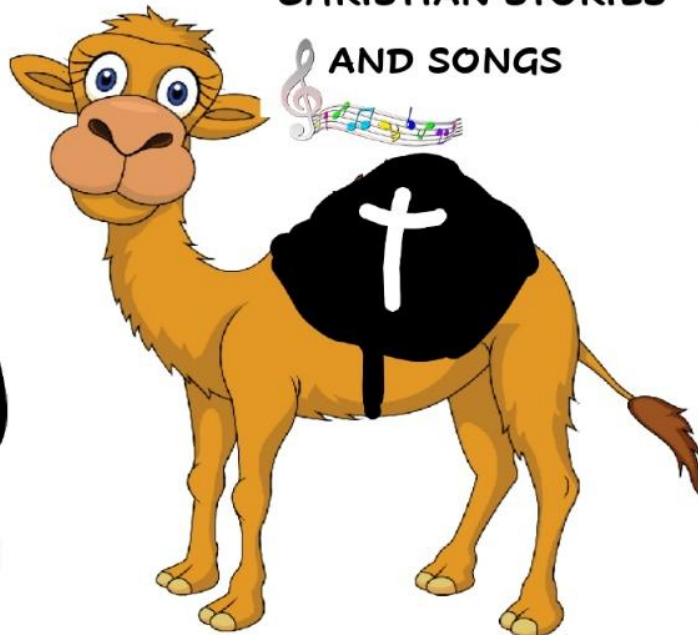
**AND SONGS**



**COOKING**



**DRAMA**



**ART**

## CAMEL CLUB

**WHERE?**

**COUNTRESS GYTHA SCHOOL**

**WHEN?**

**EVERY MONDAY 3:30-4:30**

**FROM 15<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

**WHY NOT COME AND GIVE IT A TRY?**

To book a place please contact...

Rev Caroline Walker...07765 126355

[carolinehwalker@btinternet.com](mailto: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 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER**

**WESTLANDS SPORTS & FITNESS CLUB**

**12 NOON TILL 2PM**

**PLEASE RSVP BY EMAILING**

**[southsomersetcbn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:southsomersetcbn@yahoo.co.uk)**



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A festive green poster for a Christmas tennis camp. At the top center is a circular logo with a green background and a white 'la' monogram. The background is decorated with white snowflakes and small white stars. Two stylized Christmas trees with yellow and red ornaments and gold stars are positioned on the left and right sides. A red Santa hat with a white pom-pom is placed 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**

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## Bruges Day Trip

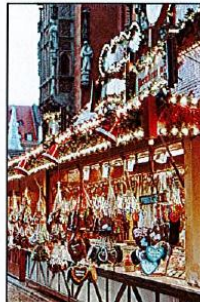
### Saturday 6th December



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)**

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