



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Another busy week draws to a close, but it was wonderful to be able to share *The Wild Robot* together for the PTFA film night. Children enjoyed the heart-warming story, as well as a snack and drink together, before beginning their weekends.

From the newest tech of the Rozzum Unit 7134 to that of the 1940s – children across the school have enjoyed the Anderson Shelter which ‘popped-up’ in our library this week. Remaining for the term, children have the opportunity to experience their favourite reads in this themed space.



PTFA Film Night –
The Wild Robot



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Anderson Reading Shelter

This term’s topic for Lancelot has been focused on crime and punishment throughout the ages. To round this history unit out for the half-term, the class visited HMP Shepton Mallet on Tuesday, the oldest prison in the country!

This immersive experience brought learning to life and gave valuable historical context to their classroom work. During the visit, children explored the original and later-built prison cells, learnt about daily life for prisoners in the past and discovered how attitudes towards crime and punishment have changed over time.

Representatives from Year 5 and 6 participated in a dodgeball tournament on Thursday at Preston Academy. The team demonstrated their strength in the team game from the outset, winning 5 out of their 6 games, drawing once



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against Oaklands and losing closely to Huish Primary in the final game. The team showed great spirit when one of our own was hit, ensuring they were OK before continuing, particularly if they had taken a couple of hits in a row – well done to everyone involved for representing the school so positively and energetically.

We are delighted to be hosting a Tuning into Kids course at Countess Gytha for 6 weeks following the half-term. The workshops provide a brilliant opportunity to build strategies to talk and understand your child and their emotions and as well as tips in how to manage these, from both the child and the parent perspective. These courses are always very positively received with great feedback from our families; if you are interested in signing up, please see the flyer below.



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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 Orson, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for being very helpful around the classroom and a great role-model in demonstrating our classroom rules – very high praise, Orson! Well done Rylee, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for great independent work in your maths – you have been working hard to solve lots of addition and subtraction problems – great work, young lady!

Pendragon – Congratulations Kairi, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for your fantastic listening skills and for always being kind to others – lovely news, Kairi! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Harry, for using fantastic adjectives to describe the vegetables in Mr McGregor's garden – keep up the great work, Harry!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Theo as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for working hard to join his handwriting and improve his presentation of all written work – great to hear you're applying such care, Theo! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Hero, for his confident understanding of adding and subtracting pounds and pence in maths – great to hear, Hero!

Excalibur – Harrison is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for always being helpful and kind to both your peers and adults around the school – you are a brilliant role model, keep it up! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Ella, for an excellent effort in all of her work, leading to a very impressive increase in the pace of tasks achieved. You should be extremely proud of your efforts, Ella!

Lancelot – Grace has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for an outstanding extended write; full participation in the class trip, as well as fulfilling her prefect roles to the best of her abilities every day. She was also a brilliant team-player at the dodgeball event this week! Mr Gordon's Worker of the Week goes to Henry, for consistently applying himself with a quietly-determined attitude to all learning, as well as participating in all opportunities presented – top work ethic, young man!

A special mention to Emelia and Lily, who recently participated in a hockey tournament with their local team, Yeovil and Sherborne. The girls were keen to share their successes across the matches as well as invite others interested to the hockey training, which takes place weekly at Mudford Rec on a Saturday morning. There are a number of other children across the school who also play for this particular club and further details can be found here: <https://yshc.co.uk/new-members>

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The Big Schools' Birdwatch 2026

Thank you to all who returned their bird counting slips – results have now been submitted to the RSPB's data service and we expect to receive our results soon.



Big Schools'
Birdwatch

NEW BOOK

Two Against The Tide

A gripping primary school age survival story about finding your inner hero.



WHEN THE TIDE TURNS, BROTHERHOOD ENDURES ALL.

Two Against The Tide

Perfect reading for 8-12 year olds. Available on Amazon. Out now.

£8.99 £2.99 Kindle

By children's author and school teacher, Toby Gallagher

Written by
our very own
Mr
Gallagher!

Please do not park on the hashed or yellow zig zags around the school entrances or in the surgery opposite, when collecting children from school. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Friday



FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p

Monday 9th February

Cross Country Event @ Bucklers Mead

Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day



Tuesday 10th February

School Council - Year 5 & Year 6 only. School in a bag prep with Mrs Sherry.



Friday 13th February

Lunar New Year (falls in half-term) marked with a Lion Dance

Friday 13th February

Merlin and Pendragon Class - Pancake Making with Mr Gordon (Shrove Tuesday falls in half-term) - email sent home yesterday.



Monday 16th February - Friday 20th February 2026 - Half Term

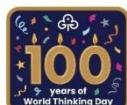
Wednesday 18th February - Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 23rd February 2026.

Completed booking forms can be emailed to wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org

Monday 23rd February

World Thinking Day 2026

Children can wear their cub/ rainbow uniforms.



Monday 23rd February

Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Leisure Centre.



Wednesday 25th February

King Arthur Egyptian Topic Day

Thursday 26th February

Mufti Day for House Cup Winners - House to be confirmed!

Friday 27th February

Year 5 and Year 6 visiting Houses of Parliament, London.

Monday 2nd March

Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Leisure Centre.



Monday 2nd March and Tuesday 3rd March

Bikeability for Year 6's - Group 1

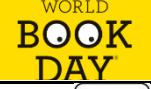


Monday 4th March and Tuesday 5th March

Bikeability for Year 6's - Group 2



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Friday 6 th March	World Book Day – letter sent home last week.	
Monday 9 th March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Leisure Centre.	
Thursday 12 th March	Step into the NHS Day 2026 – Details to follow	
Monday 16 th March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Leisure Centre.	
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day 2026	
Monday 23 rd March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Leisure Centre.	
Week commencing Monday 23 rd March		
Week commencing Monday 23 rd March	No enrichment clubs due to parent meetings.	
Friday 27 th March	PTFA Easter Bingo – details to follow shortly.	
Monday 30 th March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Leisure Centre.	



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UPCOMING EVENTS



FILM NIGHT

6TH
FEB

27 TH
MAR

EASTER BINGO

15TH
MAY

COLOUR RUN

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AGM

Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

To be held at School- entry through main reception
Please join us for a short AGM meeting and a tea/coffee!

**Thursday 26th February
9.00am**



Parenikind
Member Association

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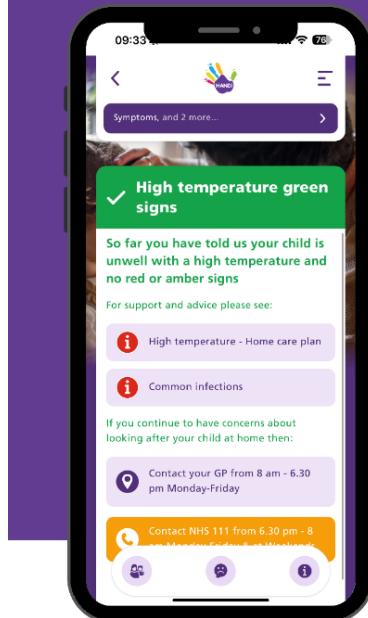
Parent and Carer Workshops: Talking to your Children and Teens About Their Bodies, Feelings and Relationships for mainstream settings - A relaxed and informative session for parents and carers of SEND children) of all ages with an additional focus on teenage years. The 2-hour session focuses on Talking about bodies, boundaries, feelings, and relationships. **Dates: In person: 26th February 2026 at Albemarle Centre, Taunton, TA1 1BA, 1pm – 2:45pm or Online (live only): 11th February 2026, 7pm-9pm**

Book your place here: [Talking to your children and Teens about their bodies, feelings and Relationships – Fill in form](#)



Not sure what to do when your child is unwell?

The HANDi app gives expert NHS advice for common childhood conditions - right at your fingertips. Get fast, trusted guidance and peace of mind.



- Expert local advice - created by Somerset's paediatric specialists.
- Built around Somerset pathways - the right care, first time.
- Always up to date - refreshed within 24 hours if guidance changes.
- Clear, complete care pathways - from home care to GP and hospital advice.

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Jan/Feb/March 2026



Somerset
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Somerset School Nurse Team Newsletter

Welcome to the new 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

SAINT
School Aged Immunisation Nursing Team

NHS
Somerset
NHS Foundation Trust

School aged vaccinations

Did you know they will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- FLU - Reception- Year 11
- MMR - Year 8
- HPV - Year 8
- Meningitis ACWY- Year 9
- Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)

Did you miss us?
We also have community clinics across somerset for:

- Home Educated Children
- Anxious Children
- Children who missed the session at School

Call us on **0300 323 0032**

SCAN HERE

For further information scan the QR code or please speak with a member of the team.

Children's Mental Health Week 2026

9—15 February 2026



If your child is struggling with their mental health speak with a school nurse or your GP.

Further support can be found:

[Mental Health Issues | Young Somerset](#)



[YoungMinds | Mental Health Charity For Children And Young People | Young Minds](#)

Are you looking for support with your child's bedwetting?

If so please contact your school nurse team for advice or make contact via the Chat Health Text service.

For more information regarding this topic please visit the following website:

[ERIC](#)

Free helpline:
0808 801 0343



Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C

Do you have a child with additional needs/and or disabilities?

Are you looking for advice and support?

The Somerset Parent Carer Forum provides a range of information and support for parents and carers in Somerset. They run a range of support groups and workshops for parents/carers to attend, and also provide a phoneline where you can speak to a parent representative.

For more information click on the link below:

[Somerset Parent Carer Forum CIC Ltd \(not for profit\) company](#)

Tuning in to Kids®

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A parenting program for parents of children aged 3 - 12 years

Learn how to be better at:

- talking with your child
- understanding your child
- helping your child manage their emotions
- preventing behaviour problems in your child
- teaching your child to deal with conflict

Tuning in to Kids® shows you how to help your child develop emotional intelligence.

Children with higher emotional intelligence:

- have greater success with making and keeping friends
- have better concentration at school
- are more able to calm down when upset or angry
- tend to have fewer childhood illnesses

Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Countess Gytha Primary School

When: Tuesday 24th February- Tuesday 31st April 09.00-11.00

Contact: Countess Gytha school office



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MULTISPORT HOLIDAY CAMP

FOR STUDENTS AT NORTH CADBURY,
COUNTESS GYTHA, LOVINGTON,
EVERCREECH, ILCHESTER

DATES:
TUESDAY 17TH FEBRUARY 2026

Book here:

[Yeovil Town Football Coaching, Soccer School and After School Club](#)

NORTH CADBURY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cary Road, North Cadbury,
Yeovil, Somerset, BA22 7DE



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HOLIDAY FOOTBALL

FOR STUDENTS AT NORTH
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ILCHESTER

DATES:

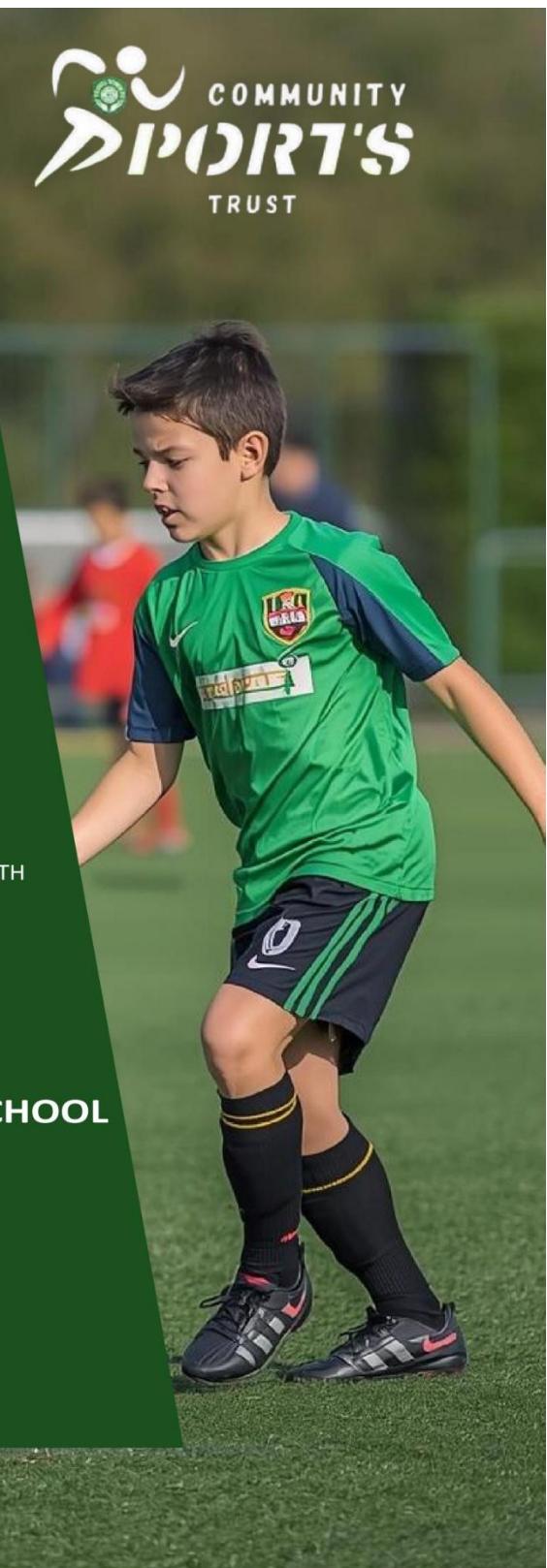
MONDAY 16TH AND WEDNESDAY 18TH
FEBRUARY 2026

Book here:

[Yeovil Town Football Coaching, Soccer School and After School Club](#)

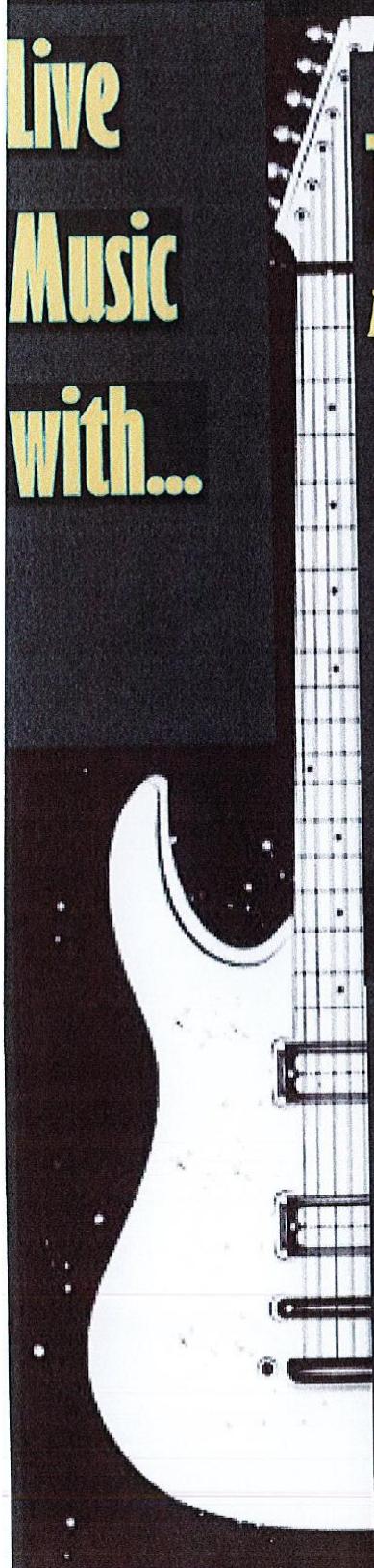
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Music
with...



THE BRILLIANT BAZZS
AND
(POP)



(ROCK)

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

Sat' March 7th 7 pm

Bar Tickets £6*

from: Committee Members/QC Village Shop/or

tel: 01935 850135 Or 01935 851642

* Book in advance to avoid disappointment *

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