



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

12th June 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our first full week into the second summer term has certainly been a busy one! Merlin Class enjoyed their first swimming session of the year, with many swimming with their friends for the first time!

Miss Morris and the team have also been busy preparing for the September starters. We were delighted to welcome families new (and old!) to our New Starter evening this week, introducing the Reception team as well as the environment and topics all will be enjoying from September.



Cricket County Finalists!

Class allocation letters for all year groups were sent out on Monday. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received this or if you have any questions regarding September 2026.

A special mention to our fabulous Year 1 and magnificent Year 4s cohorts who sailed through their phonics screening and multiplication checks respectively this week as part of their daily sessions. All check results will be published as part of the annual end of year reports but please speak to Mrs King or Mrs Trusson if you have any questions in the meantime.

With a break in the rain (briefly!) on Thursday afternoon, Mr Gallagher was delighted to take a team of enthusiastic cricketers to Chard for the area finals. The children played three matches, winning two games and narrowly losing one. Across the afternoon, there were some outstanding moments, including powerful sixes, accurate bowling, superb fielding and several brilliant catches that helped secure important victories.

The team demonstrated great sportsmanship and resilience in every match, supporting one another and representing the school brilliantly. Thanks to their excellent performances, the team successfully qualified for the County Finals – a fantastic

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achievement that everyone should be proud of!

A letter outlining other important Year 6 events and dates has been sent to Y6 families as excitingly, these kick-off (yes, it's World Cup week!) with their residential trip to Swanage – so all can expect a photo-packed Diary Dates on Friday.

Before then, 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.](#)

Congratulations on your Primary Futures School Recognition Certificate

This award celebrates your commitment to raising aspirations and inspiring pupils to explore the wide range of opportunities the world of work can offer.

The experiences you provide help children connect learning to real life, broaden their horizons and discover the many possibilities open to them.

We're so proud to work with schools like yours. Thank you for being part of Primary Futures!

Best wishes,
Lisa Clifford-James
Project Manager for Primary Futures



Also, next Friday, please do come and support our Year 5s in the school hall after school, who will be keen to hone and exhibit their entrepreneurial skills as part of their Fiver Challenge! Each has created or co-created a business venture with a lot tailoring their offers towards fathers' day!

Earlier this half-term, we were delighted to be awarded the Gold standard for our work in raising aspiration and widening horizons towards careers and opportunities.

Excitingly, we have been nominated as a finalist in the best Careers Focused Primary School category for the Somerset Careers Awards 2026! Next week, we will present a report to a panel before hearing of the results in July – fingers crossed!

Finally, a big thank you to all who attended the Quantocks cake sale on Wednesday – the house raised an impressive £90. The race continues to see who will lift the overall house trophy in just a few weeks' time and with sports day, a house art event planned and much learning yet to be enjoyed, it is going to be a close call!

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Congratulations Ezra, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for always being polite and offering to help keep the classroom clean and tidy for all – top work, Ezra! Olivia is Merlin's Worker of the Week, for her lovely fluency and prosody when reading with her groups this week – all of the Merlin staff are very impressed, Olivia!

Pendragon – Congratulations Bettsie-Mae, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for your positive attitude towards learning – always ready to learn with a smile on your face! Pendragon's Worker of the Week goes to Harry, for fantastic focus and working independently in maths – great to hear you preparing yourself for the year ahead already, Harry!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating George as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week – for his excellent effort in English when writing his description of Charlie Bucket – top effort, George! King Arthur's Worker of the Week is Judah, for working hard to accurately read the time to the nearest hour, half hour and quarters – a very tricky skill to master, young man!

Excalibur – Lincoln is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for his engagement and contributions during lessons, particularly in science and writing – great to hear, Lincoln! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Jack, for continuing to work hard during his extended writes, always challenging himself to include a range of features – I'm looking forward to it being on the Bord of Brilliance, Jack!

Lancelot – Mr Gallagher's Star of the Week is Tayana – for showing enthusiasm for the play and a can-do attitude in all lessons – so great to hear as you enter the final weeks of your time with us at Countess Gytha, Tayana! The Worker of the Week for Lancelot is Fin, for showing such confidence and bravery during the latest round of rehearsals – I think it is safe to say that we can't wait for the grand reveal!

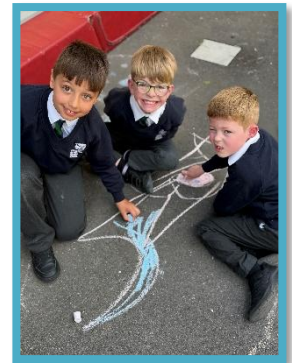
A special mention goes to Noah, who has been awarded the supporters' player of his football team, Ilchester Stars – as well as him collecting his participation trophy for a year of training and dedication! Well done to Seb, Freddie W and Henry R too, who all ventured out to Frome recently for a cub camp which hosted lots of awesome activities including rock climbing, glass engraving and pizza making!

Finally, congratulations to all who received their Certificates of Merit from the Young Writers competition today – excitingly their work, whether poetry or fiction, will be published shortly!

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Well done to King Arthur Class for winning a prize from the PTFA for the most sponsorship raised from the Rainbow Run – they're clearly enjoying their new chalks.



Environmental classes this week were talking about the dragonfly life cycles today whilst pond dipping as so much is happening in the school pond!



As well as this, we have been planting up herbs and managing to squeeze in some den building too!



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Finalists of the Somerset Careers Awards 2026



Payment Reminders

Swimming

Please can we remind those that have not paid yet for a contribution

Pendragon Class

Payment for Monkey World – 16th June 2026





Excalibur Class & Year 5 Lancelot

Payment for We The Curious, Bristol – 8th July 2026

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p

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| | | |
| Monday 15 th June | Year 6 Residential Trip –Land and Wave Swanage | |
| Monday 15 th June | Merlin Class Swimming Session #2 |  |
| Monday 15 th June – Thursday 18 th June | Year 5 – Fiver Challenge Week |  |
| Tuesday 16 th June | Pendragon Class Trip to Monkey World | |
| Wednesday 17 th June | <i>Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 22nd June 2026.</i> | |
| Friday 19 th June | Father's Day Breakfast Event 8-8.45am – email sent out 15.5.26 | |
| Friday 19 th June | Preschool Trip to Puxton Park | |
| Friday 19 th June | Year 5 – Fiver Challenge Stalls in playground after school |  |
| Monday 22 nd June | Careers Week | |
| Monday 22 nd June | Merlin Class Swimming Session #3 |  |

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| Wednesday 24 th June | Sports Day Parents invited into school playground from 1pm. | |
| Wednesday 24 th June | <i>Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 29th June 2026.</i> | |
| Thursday 25 th June | New Intake - Stay & Play Session with a parent 1.30-2.30pm | |
| Friday 26 th June | Mufti Day – see poster below for theme in exchange for donations for the PTFA Summer Fair tombola stall. |  |
| Monday 29 th June | Merlin Class Swimming Session #4 |  |
| Wednesday 1 st July | Somerset Transition morning New Intake session 9.30am -11.45am (no parents) | |
| Wednesday 1 st July | <i>Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 6th July 2026.</i> | |
| 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 |  |
| Tuesday 14 th July | First performance of 'The Magical Flying Machine' 1.30pm – 3pm | |
| Wednesday 15 th July |  Mr Gordon's Tea Party | |
| Wednesday 15 th July | Second performance of 'The Magical Flying Machine' 6-7.30pm | |
| Week commencing 13 th July | No enrichment clubs this week. | |
| Thursday 16 th July | Leavers' School Trip (this will be a local walk and a picnic, with further details to follow) | |
| Friday 17 th July | PTFA Summer Disco |  |
| Monday 20 th July | Leavers' Assembly 2pm – 2.45pm | |
| Tuesday 21 st July | Last school day of Summer Term | |
| Wednesday 22 nd July | Inset Day – Closed to pupils. | |

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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**



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

SUMMER FAIR CRAFTS & HANDIWORK SHOW



Explore your creativity!

Pick up an entry form from the School office & decide which classes you want to enter.

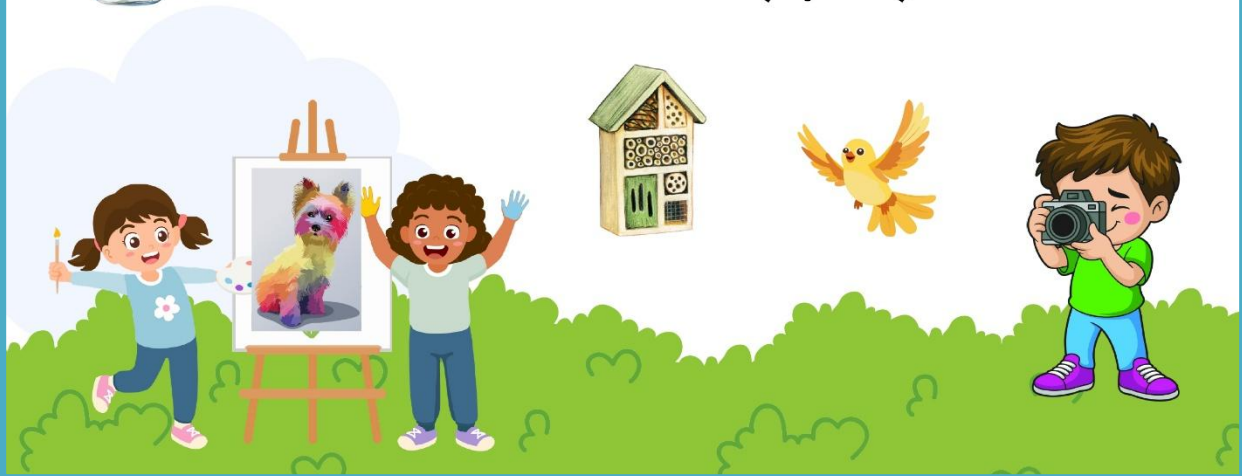


Classes are £1.00 each, one entry per child, per class.

Entries must be created at home & brought to school on Friday 3rd July by 3.30pm for judging.



Entries & winners will be on display at the Summer fair on Saturday 4th July!



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| September 2026 | | | | | | October 2026 | | | | | | November 2026 | | | | | | | | |
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| December 2026 | | | | | | January 2027 | | | | | | February 2027 | | | | | | | | |
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| March 2027 | | | | | | April 2027 | | | | | | May 2027 | | | | | | | | |
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| June 2027 | | | | | | July 2027 | | | | | | August 2027 | | | | | | | | |
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Key:

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| | School Holiday |
| | Bank Holiday |
| | Term Time |
| | Inset Days |

Term dates summary:

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| Term 1: 03 September – 23 October 2026 (37 days) |
| Term 2: 02 November – 18 December 2026 (35 days) |
| Term 3: 04 January – 12 February 2027 (30 days) |
| Term 4: 22 February – 25 March 2027 (24 days) |
| Term 5: 12 April – 28 May 2027 (34 days) |
| Term 6: 07 June – 23 July 2027 (35 days) |
| TOTAL = 195 |

Bank and public holidays 2026/27

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| Christmas Day Bank Holiday | 25 December 2026 | Easter Monday | 29 March 2027 |
| Boxing Day Bank Holiday | 28 December 2026* | May Day Bank Holiday | 03 May 2027 |
| New Year's Day Holiday | 01 January 2027 | Spring Bank Holiday | 31 May 2027 |
| Good Friday | 26 March 2027 | Summer Bank Holiday | 30 August 2027 |

*Replacement Bank Holiday when Bank Holidays falls on a weekend.
Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

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KS2 Teacher

Countess Gytha Primary School
West Camel Road, Queen Camel, Nr. Yeovil, BA22 7FF
Office@countessgytha.ppat365.org
Tel: 01935 850345

Salary: From ECT through to M5

Teachers' Pension Scheme

Working 2 days per week

Initially a fixed term contract from 1st September 2026 - 31st August 2027

Key Stage 2 Class Teacher (Part-time)

Details of the role:

We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic and inspirational teacher to work as part of our team at Countess Gytha from 1st September 2026. This will be a qualified teacher who is creative and well organised, who wishes to become part of a committed team within our Academy Trust.

This position would also suit an ECT that can demonstrate the potential to become outstanding.

You will work two days per week within one of our KS2 classes.

**Visits to our School or any queries regarding the role are welcome;
please telephone the Office on 01935 850345 to arrange this,
or for an informal discussion with the Headteacher, Mr David Gordon.**

How to Apply:

Please apply in writing by completing the application form available on the school website.

This can be found at www.countessgythaprimary.co.uk

Completed application forms and a covering letter should be submitted to:

David Gordon, Headteacher, Countess Gytha Primary School

Or emailed to: office@countessgytha.ppat365.org

Application Deadline: Monday 6th July 2026

PPAT Education reserves the right to remove a vacancy before the closing date.

Due to the volume of applications received if you have not heard from the school by Tuesday 20th July, unfortunately you have not been successful in securing an interview.

Preston Primary Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

This position is subject to an enhanced DBS check and other pre-employment checks.



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C/o Kingfisher Primary School,
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Website: www.prestonprimaryacademytrust.co.uk

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1:1 SEN Learning Support Assistants

Countess Gytha Primary School
West Camel Road,
Queen Camel
Nr. Yeovil, BA22 7FF
Office@countessgytha.ppat365.org
Tel: 01935 850345

Starting salary: Grade 15, Point 3 - £12.85 per hour
Local Government Pension Scheme
8.50 am to 3.20 pm, Term-time only
Fixed term contract until 31st August 2027 in the first instance

Details of the role

We are looking to appoint committed and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistants to join our friendly and supportive team at Countess Gytha Primary School.

The ideal candidate will:

- Have a passion for supporting the education and well-being of our wonderful children.
- Have a flexible approach and ability to work as part of a team.
- Be willing to participate fully in all aspects of school life.
- Demonstrate excellent classroom practice.
- Have the ability to think on their feet and use their initiative.
- Be motivated, passionate and reflective about their work.
- Experience of working on a 1:1 basis within a school environment is preferred but not essential.

How to Apply:

Please apply in writing by completing the application form available on the school website.

This can be found at www.countessgythaprimery.co.uk

Completed application forms and a covering letter should be submitted to:
Mr David Gordon, Headteacher, and emailed to: office@countessgytha.ppat365.org

Application Deadline Monday 3rd July 2026

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Details of the role

We are looking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant, with experience of or a desire to work with children with profound hearing loss, speech and language needs and auditory impairments.

The ideal candidate will:

- Have experience of working with (or a strong desire to work with) children or young people who have additional needs linked to speech and language and/or hearing impairments such as cochlear implants.
- A passion for supporting the education and well-being of our wonderful children.
- Have a flexible approach and ability to work as part of a team.
- Be willing to participate fully in all aspects of school life.
- Demonstrate excellent classroom practice through assisting in planning and recording daily tasks with learners.

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West Camel VILLAGE FETE

A FUN AFTERNOON FOR THE COMMUNITY!

SATURDAY 20TH JUNE
 1-4 PM
 ON THE VILLAGE PLAYING FIELD

PARKING AVAILABLE AT THE DAVIS HALL

DUCK RACE
 Contact Chris Kirkham on
07795 467013
 for a **£1** duck

**MEET OUTSIDE
 THE PUB FOR
 THE LAUNCH
 AT 12.30**

BOUNCY CASTLE **TRACTORS** **BAR & BBQ** **TEA & CAKE** **STALLS** **COMPETITIONS AND PRIZES**

BRING YOUR OWN PICNIC CHAIRS OR BLANKET
 AND JOIN US FOR A
fun afternoon
 GETTING TO KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS!

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BOOKINGS OPEN ON 30th JUNE



Helping an ADHD Child with Homework



FREE one hour online session for parents
Thursday 25th June 7pm - 8pm

Join us online to get some advice on how to help your
ADHD child start and complete their homework.

Book on the PARENTS - Live Talks page
facefamilyadvice.co.uk

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LEWESTON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY SUMMER CAMP

The Ultimate Holiday Experience for Kids!



★ WHAT'S INCLUDED? ★

- ★ Nerf Gun Battles
- ★ Football & Sports Games
- ★ Archery
- ★ Silent Disco
- ★ Swimming (on all days!)
- ★ Glow in the Dark Sports
- ★ Laser Tag
- ★ Arts & Crafts
- ★ Inflatable Assault Course
- ★ And more...

★ GIVEAWAY! ★

Like and share this post on Facebook for a chance to **WIN a FREE DAY** of your choice over the summer holidays!



Find extended day activities list on booking page

FOR AGES:
5 – 13 years old

EXTENDED DAY EXTRAS



HORSE GROOMING
AVAILABLE
WEDNESDAY'S
4PM – 5PM
★ £10 EXTRA ★



INFLATABLE SWIMMING
AVAILABLE
MONDAY'S
4PM – 5PM
AGES 8+
★ £10 EXTRA ★



FOOTBALL FUSION
AVAILABLE
TUESDAY 11th
AND 25th AUGUST

★ PRICES AND TIMINGS ★

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| 8AM – 5.30PM | £35 |
| 9AM – 3.30PM | £30 |

£4 FOR PACKED LUNCHES AVAILABLE

★ LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE • DON'T MISS OUT! ★

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/leweston-ultimate-activity-summer-camp>
Contact: ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk ☎ 07903 347412

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SUMMER 2026 TENNIS CAMPS

at Yeovil Tennis Club



**YEOVIL
TENNIS CLUB**



Join us at Yeovil Tennis Club for a summer filled of tennis, multi-sports activities and endless smiles.

Secure your spot today and let the games begin!



July 27, Aug 3, 6,
12, 19 and 27



9am - 3pm



Ages 5+ | All abilities
5% sibling discount



Members: £34
Non members: £38



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**BOOK
YOUR PLACES
TODAY!**

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg.