



28<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Excalibur class had an amazing day experiencing first-hand what life may have been like during the Ancient Greek civilisation. We learnt about the Greek alphabet as well as sampling foods which would typically be part of an ancient Greek diet. We designed Ancient Greek vases and after spending some time during the day comparing the modern Olympics to that of the Ancient Greek Olympics, we held our own 'Mini Olympics', including the events discus, javelin and sprinting.



Excalibur Ancient Greek Day



Fast forwarding in time to the invention of colour film and cinematography, Year 3 and 4 enjoyed their trip together to watch, Flow. A golden globe and academy award winning film with no dialogue,



Y3 and 4 cinema visit

but instead follows a cat trying to survive along with other animals in a seemingly post-apocalyptic world, as the water level dramatically rises.



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Thank you for all of the generous donations towards this year's PTFA Christmas Fayre tombola and raffle prizes. Children looked very colourful for today's Mufti event and the hampers will no doubt make very popular raffle prizes.

Please return all raffle tickets by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December and return any unsold tickets so that we can sell at the fair. Tickets were sent home in envelopes, please speak to the school office if you require any more.



Christmas  
Colours  
MUFTI

The Christmas spirit is gathering around the school and the super-sized tree in the window is testament to that! We hope you agree that it will provide a wonderful backdrop to next Friday's PTFA's Christmas Fayre event and the nativity the following week. A big thank you to Vale of Camelot growers, who once again donated the tree to the school.

Tickets for this years performance, 'Simply the Nativity' are limited to a total of 2 per family for each performance.

[Ticketing will open via this link](#) - from 5pm Monday 1st December - and you will be able to indicate which performance date you would prefer.

It is possible extra tickets may become available. If you would be interested in extra tickets, please indicate this on the online form.

Not only do we have the Christmas Fayre and nativity to look forward to, but families are invited to join us for the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December, from 4:30pm at St Barnabas Church. Further details have been sent out today via letter from Miss Bridge and we would be delighted if all Key Stage 2 children could join us. It promises to be a wonderful and festive way to celebrate the end of term.

Please confirm your child's attendance [by following this link](#).



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Y5/6 Football Tournament

In sporting news this week, a team of Year 5 and 6 footballers represented Countess Gytha at Bucklers Mead. The team played a series of closely contested matches, including against near neighbours, Milford (1-0 win) and trust rivals, Kingfisher (2-0 loss). A strong display saw the team progress to the second round of league fixtures, where we drew against Oaklands (0-0) putting our team into the playoff final – once again facing Kingfisher.

Despite a valiant team effort, some brilliant shots from Jaxon-Blu and Barnaby and saves from goalie, Arlow, we were narrowly defeated 1-0.

On Thursday, our children did brilliantly at the Ansford Cross Country – showing determination, teamwork, and fantastic sporting spirit.

In the Year 5/6 girls' race, Grace stormed to victory with an outstanding first-place finish, closely followed by Lily, who secured a superb third place. The success continued in the Year 3/4 girls' race, where Emily powered her way to first place, with Molly taking a brilliant second and Hattie finishing strongly in fourth.

Our boys also shone on the day. In the Year 5/6 race, Alex ran brilliantly to claim second place, with Fin finishing close behind in fourth after a determined performance. Jack rounded off our achievements with an excellent third-place finish in the Year 3/4 race.



Ansford  
Cross  
Country  
entrants

A huge well done to all of our runners — you were amazing ambassadors for our school! Finally, we have been in touch with Imago Photography who have assured us that details of ordering will be released early next week ready for families to make their orders. They have guaranteed that orders will be posted back to school in time for Christmas.

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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 Sienna, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for being a helpful friend and always polite to the adults around the classroom – great to hear, Sienna! Well done Riley, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for your fantastic perseverance with your name writing as well as your beautiful letter formation this week too – outstanding, young man!

Pendragon – Congratulations Harry, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – brilliant focus and effort in your phonics – keep it up, Harry! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Alex, for writing an imaginative story, with great letter formation – I can't wait to see it on the Board of Brilliance, Alex!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Rupert G as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for working incredibly hard in maths and building his confidence with multiplying and dividing – fantastic news, Rupert! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Lydia, for her lovely, emotive letter to Father Christmas – fingers crossed he receives it, Lydia!

Excalibur – Freddie is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for passing his mental maths Olympics level and demonstrating brilliant focus all week – wonderful to hear Freddie! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Elsie, for working hard to produce a detailed biography on Alexander the Great – another one for the Board of Brilliance please, Elsie!

Lancelot – Barnaby has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for being a great role model for younger students in the school and for having a wonderful, hardworking attitude – keep it up, Barnaby! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Freddie L, for demonstrating great accuracy, checking and problem-solving in our work on measure in maths this week – brilliant work, Freddie – well done!

A special mention this week goes to Alice and Rosie, who have achieved their Level 1 Gymnastics Foundation awards – well done, girls! Molly in Excalibur similarly deserves a special mention as she has completed her Level 2 foundation award! Finally, Henry in Merlin also gets a special mention, for achieving his Level 2 swimming certificate – a fantastic achievement, to be rightly proud of!

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### Nativity Costumes



*Please can all children's costumes for Merlin & Pendragon and Year 2 in King Arthur Classes be in school by Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.*

Thank you to all the children who brought into school tins and packets of food as part of your Harvest Celebration. Your donations of food will go to those who are hungry and in need in our local area.

On behalf of Lord's Larder, I would like to thank you for choosing to support the work of the food bank with your donation. **This Harvest, Countess Gytha Primary School donated a total of 83 food items to the Lord's Larder Food Bank, which is a truly outstanding donation, thank you.** This is much appreciated by all the people we are able to help by providing emergency food parcels for those in crisis.

Already this year, up to the beginning of October 2025, the **Lord's Larder has helped 5,678 adults and 3,684 children in need, covering towns and villages in South Somerset and North West Dorset, an area including Yeovil, Martock, Crewkerne, Ilminster, Somerton, Henstridge and Templecombe**, working with agencies who request and then deliver the emergency food parcels to their clients. Your donation will make a real difference to help to meet the continued demand for food parcels, now and into 2026. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Jo Smith – Deputy Operations Manager of  
Lord's Larder Food Bank  
& Lord's Larder Community Fund.



*Every 7 years, the school must consult the local and county-wide community on our admission arrangements. For our school, that means academic year 2027-2028 and details of these arrangements [are available on the school website here](#) and more information from the admissions team at Somerset Council can be found below.*

*Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming £22.50*

*Year 3 & Year 4 Cinema Trip on 26<sup>th</sup> November £3.90*






*Dr Dolittle performance on 15<sup>th</sup> December £3.10*

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



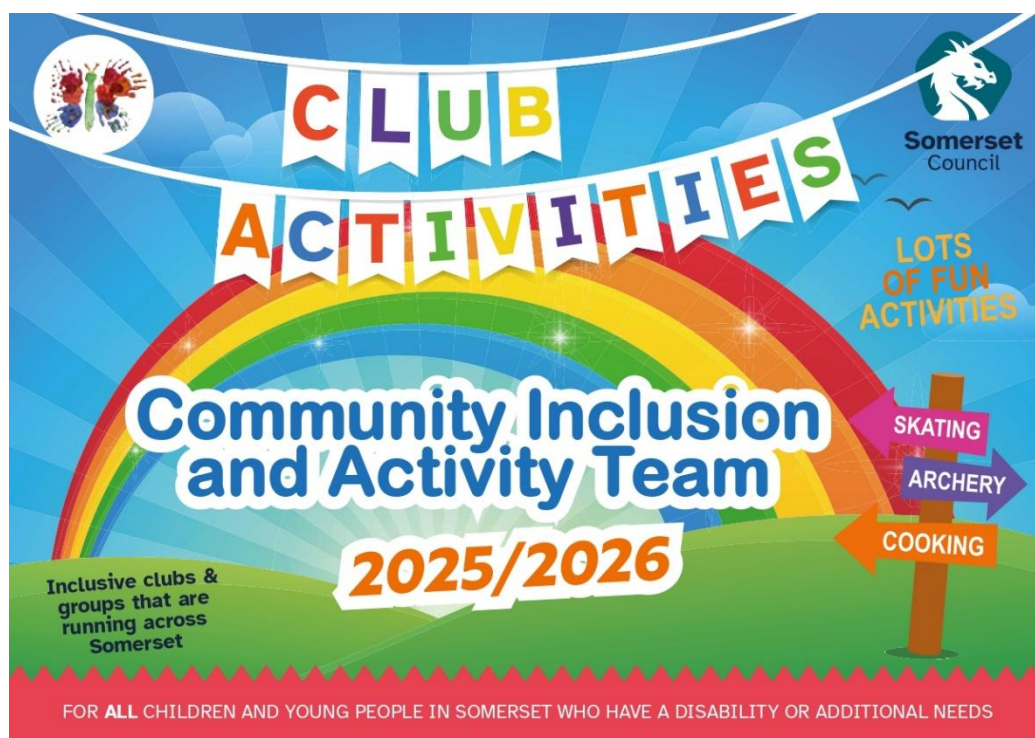
<b>Every Friday</b> 	<b>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</b> <b>Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p</b>
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	THALES Stem visit
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 5 
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Christingle Making for all classes. <b>All children to bring in an orange please.</b> 
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Christingle Service at St Barnabus Church at 10.45am. All welcome.
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025. Completed booking forms can be emailed to <a href="mailto:wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org">wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org</a>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Postbox - From Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December, the Christmas Post Box will be in the library. Please write names and classes clearly on the envelopes. Class photos are on the website class pages if children need to refer to them to remember all their friends! 
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Badminton tournament at Preston Academy, Yeovil. Selected pupils only.
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm 
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	THALES Stem visit
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 6 
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & Year 6 visit to Ansford to see performance of Oliver.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance at 2pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity evening performance at 5pm (details to be confirmed)
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	RSPCA workshops for all classes.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Preschool open morning – see details below.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>No enrichment clubs this week.</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School and preschool to watch performance of Dr Dolittle in school.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch – please book via ParentPay if meal wanted. Please see menu poster below.

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	Children may wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt with their uniform.	
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at St Barnabus Church (time to be confirmed)	
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term	
Christmas		

*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.*



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We would like to invite you to our Preschool Christmas  
Open Morning

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

9.00am – 10.30am



Please come along and enjoy some fun Christmas activities with  
the children and enjoy a cup of tea and a mince pie.

We look forward to seeing you

Countess Gytha PTFA  
**Christmas Fair Raffle**  
1st Prize £100 Cash  
Amazing selection of Christmas hampers &  
prizes to win!  
**Draw Date: Friday 5th December 2025**  
Promoters Details: H. Broochill (PTFA Treasurer) Countess Gytha  
Primary School, West Camel road, Queen Camel, Somerset, BA22 7TF  
Registered Charity No. 1205255  
**£1.00 each**  
Printed by Raffle Tickets 4U - [www.raffletickets4u.co.uk](http://www.raffletickets4u.co.uk)

*Please return all raffle stubs, money and  
unused books to the school office as soon as  
possible. Many thanks*

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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](mailto:COUNTESSGYTHAPTFA@YAHOO.COM)  
OR ASK IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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# Christmas Lunch

## Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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



*Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Please order via ParentPay by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.*

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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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*Thank you to The Vale of Camelot Grower who have once again donated our school a lovely Christmas tree in our front window.*



**CHRISTMAS TREES**

**WREATHS**

**FESTIVE PLANTS AND PLANTERS**

**GIFT IDEAS**

**Open 9.30am - 4.30 everyday**

**BA22 7JR - 07969 372979**

**Wear your wellies!**

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# **ST BARNABAS** **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**


in aid of the Fabric Fund

QUEEN CAMEL MEMORIAL HALL

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER , 2-4PM**



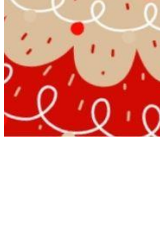
Donations urgently needed:

- Good quality toys, books and games
  - New/nearly new gifts
  - Bottles for the tombola
  - Prizes for the raffle
  - Christmas paper, tags and other gifts
  - Preserves and jams
  - Cakes and biscuits - on the day!
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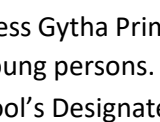
If you can help please contact Harriet Chappell

on 07880714559 or

[harrietchappell@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:harrietchappell@yahoo.co.uk)



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**St Barnabas Church**  
in aid of the fabric fund

# Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2-4pm

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Toys, books and Children's games

Christmas gifts, Cakes and biscuits

Raffle, Bottle tombola

Christmas cakes and wreaths

Handmade gifts

Decorating gingerbread men  
and more!



**DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT HARRIET CHAPPELL**  
**ON 07880714559 OR [HARRIETCHAPPELL@YAHOO.CO.UK](mailto:HARRIETCHAPPELL@YAHOO.CO.UK)**

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 *North Cadbury Primary*

# ACTIVE CAMP

➞ CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS (DECEMBER 22, 23, 24, 29, 30, 31)

**MONDAY  
22ND**

Target Day

**TUESDAY  
23RD**

Tournament Tuesday

**WEDNESDAY  
24TH**

Party Day

**MONDAY  
29TH**

Gymnastics Day

**TUESDAY  
30TH**

Nerf Battles/Laser Tag Day

**WEDNESDAY  
31ST**

NYE Science Experiments



[WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK](http://WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK)

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JOIN OUR FESTIVE FAMILY SPONSORED 4K FUN RUN

# SANTA DASH

with Yeovil Town Road Running Club

**SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025**

Goldenstones Leisure Centre, BA20 1QZ

ADULTS £10 | CHILD £5 | UNDER 5'S FREE



Bring your own  
Santa suit or  
festive outfit  
Refreshments  
available

Registration - 9am - 10am

Race starts - 10.30am

Medal on completion



Register at : [www.fullonsport.com/event/santa-dash-2025/profile](http://www.fullonsport.com/event/santa-dash-2025/profile)

# Will your child start or transfer school in 2027?

## Have your say

### School Admission Arrangements 2027/2028 Consultation

This consultation is taking place between  
**24 November 2025 and 5 January 2026**

The consultation allows parents, other schools, religious authorities, and the local community to make any comments on the proposed admission arrangements.



To view the arrangements and to comment,  
please scan the QR code or visit:  
[www.somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions-consultation](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/school-admissions-consultation)



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