



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

20th March 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Following a fabulously fun-filled week of science, it was great to see the sun shining this week and so with Easter on the way, the School Council have been scurrilously preparing for the upcoming Easter raffle and of course, Red Nose Day 2026!

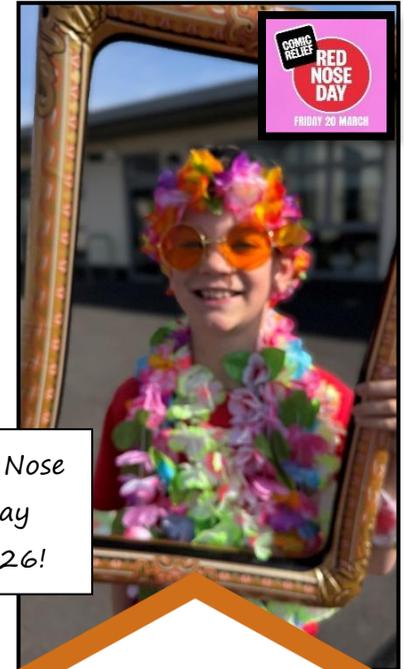
A big thank you to all who supported this year's charity efforts – the council are pleased to report a donation of £250 – amazing news!

With the return of the sun – and fingers crossed it is here to stay – then a reminder to bring in named sunhats/suncreams (don't forget those jumpers too!) as we always try to make the most of our fabulous outdoor environment at this time of year.

Unrelated but just as pleasing is the news that the school has been awarded bronze for its work regarding careers education as part of the Primary Futures Recognition Scheme.

Never a team to rest on its laurels however, letters have been sent out to families asking for interest in visiting classes to discuss and take questions about your own career pathways and whether you could spark the next generation! If you or somebody you know may be interested in this opportunity, please speak to Mr Gordon or Mrs Sherry in the first instance.

Following our recent AI careers workshop, CS Re:Boot is offering children 10+ the opportunity to complete a multi-day AI and Programming bootcamp. The camp is 7th–9th April (10am – 3pm each day) – [for further details please see here](#) or to [apply for a sponsored place here](#).



Red Nose
Day
2026!



School Council fill eggs
in preparation for the
hamper draw

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Speaking of careers, I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to join me in congratulating Miss Chloe Flagg, who has been appointed as the Preschool Deputy Manager from the beginning of the summer term. The school and I am sure many families will be sorry to see Carly leave the team, but I am pleased to say that she will continue to support local families as part of her new role with Somerset Council. A full staffing update will be sent to preschool families next week.



Looking ahead to the final two weeks of term, please can I take this opportunity to remind parents that enrichment clubs have now finished for the spring term, although after-school care is still operating.



Next week, we have our Parents' Evenings – please speak to the school office if you have not yet managed to make a booking for an appointment.

During the evenings, there will be quality, used uniform – with logoed cardigans/sweatshirts priced at £2 and all other pieces at 50p an item.

Whilst on the subject of the PTFA, families are warmly invited to the Easter Bingo event at the end of next week – on Friday 27th March (details below).

Before that however, parents are invited to meet with the school's Parent and Family Support Advisor, Beth Patton after drop-off on Tuesday. Come along to find out more about helping your child to recognise and manage their emotions, as Beth is offering to run another of our popular Tuning Into Kids courses at the school.

Don't forget, we would be pleased to see families join us at this year's Easter celebration at St Barnabas church on Wednesday 1st April at 10.45am – seating requests.



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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 Kacper, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week – you are working really hard in your phonics – keep it up, young man! Well done Bambi, as Merlin's Star of the Week, you are recognised for being a fantastic role model with classroom expectations and always being ready to learn – great to hear, Bambi!

Pendragon – Congratulations Charlie, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for being motivated and engaged in all of his learning, wanting to join in with the class – superb news, Charlie! The Worker of the Week this week goes to Jesse for such a big improvement in the care he is taking over his presentation – lovely to read, Jesse!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Mason as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week – for always trying his hardest in the weekly spelling tests – a key skill to be proud of, Mason! King Arthur's Worker of the Week is Noah – for his concentration and efforts across the board during his spring assessments – Miss Bridge is looking forward to sharing these at parents' evening next week, Noah!

Excalibur – Lincoln is the Star of the Week for always being helpful both to adults and peers – a brilliant characteristic to celebrate as we begin to look towards the final term of the school year. Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Holly, for creating some great writing about the Anglo-Saxons and successfully completing her 'Gold-Medal' tables Olympics – I know just how hard you have been working towards passing this Holly, very well done!

Lancelot – Mr Gallagher's Star of the Week is Emelia – for her outstanding contributions to the class discussions around the Highway Man text. A great book to get into following your previous history topic and lovely to hear you are still so enthused, Emelia! The Worker of the Week for Lancelot is Freddie W – for a great board game design and teamwork in geography – might I also add, you looked superb as part of today's Red Nose Day efforts too, Freddie!

A special mention goes to Phoebe in Excalibur, who has achieved her next level in her mathematics work as part of her Kumon education – great news, Phoebe!

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Exhibition

Monday 23rd March 4-7pm

Thursday 26th March 3-6pm

Guinevere classroom

Parents evening

We are delighted to share our pupils' brilliant artwork with you at our Art Exhibition. Each artwork reflects the children's hard work, enthusiasm and creativity. We hope you enjoy looking at their creations and celebrating their achievements with us.

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The following enrichment clubs are on offer for the Summer Term and will commence the week beginning 20th April 2026 - 21st May 2026 (5 weeks). Breakfast and After School childcare, run by the Preschool staff, is available Monday to Thursday to all - but must be booked in advanced.

Due to club popularity, in the first instance, we will be limiting choices to two clubs per child.

Please complete this form by 9am Tuesday 24th March 2026 - [Enrichment Clubs Summer Term 1 2026](#)

Camel Club runs in the school hall on a Monday 3:30- 4:30pm. However, please note this is an external club and places should be booked with Rev Caroline Walker via her email: carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

ENRICHMENT CLUBS SUMMER TERM 1 2026			
DAY	CLUB	YEAR	RUN BY
Tuesday	Country Dancing	Reception, Year 1, 2 & 3	Mr Gordon & Mrs Sherry
	Quiz Club	Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6	Miss Bridge
	Cricket Club	Year 4, 5 & 6	Mr Gallagher
Wednesday	Drawing Club	Year 4, 5 & 6	Ms Martin
	Clay Club	Year 1, 2 & 3	Mrs King
Thursday	Construction Club	Reception & Year 1	Miss Morris
	Film Club	Year 3, 4, 5 & 6	Miss Hegarty

Preschool Easter Open Afternoon
Thursday 2nd April 2026
2.00pm - 3.00pm




Please come along and enjoy some fun Easter activities with the children and enjoy a cup of tea and a yummy Easter treat.

We look forward to seeing you

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Friday

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p



Monday 23 rd March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Lesiure Centre. 
Week commencing Monday 23 rd March	 Pitch to be opened on school field during lunchtimes for all to enjoy.
Week commencing Monday 23 rd March	No enrichment clubs due to parent meetings.
Monday 23 rd March	Cross Country at Yeovil Recreation Centre.
Monday 23 rd March	Parent Meetings in school Art Exhibition in Guinevere Classroom 4-7pm
Tuesday 24 th March	Tuning into kids Coffee Morning – see poster below.
Wednesday 25 th March	Mr Gordon's Tea Party – selected pupils only.
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Meetings in school Art Exhibition in Guinevere Classroom 3-6pm
Friday 27 th March	School Council Easter Raffle Draw
Friday 27 th March	PTFA Easter Bingo – see poster below. 
Monday 30 th March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Lesiure Centre. 
Wednesday 1 st April	Easter Service at St Barnabus Church – details above.
Thursday 2 nd April	Preschool Easter Open Afternoon (2pm)
 Happy Easter!	Easter Holidays – school closed Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April 
Monday 20 th April	Back to school
Tuesday 21 st April	Vision screening for Reception Class – letter sent home this week. (Date changed)
Wednesday 22 nd April	King Arthur and Excalibur Class - Field to Food Learning Day at Bath & West Showground.
Tuesday 28 th April	Year 3 Ansford Sports Festival
Thursday 30 th April	Pendragon and King Arthur Class – Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Westlands Entertainment Centre, Yeovil.

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Wondering what all of the news about the Special Educational Needs (SEN) has been about in the news recently – a summarised .Gov webpage aimed at parents is available here: [SEN White Paper 2026](#)

- [What Parents Need to Know](#)

Still got questions about what the changes will mean for your child? Please ask to speak to Mr Gordon or Mrs Cullen (SENCo), who will be happy to help!



Tuning into Kids

INFO COFFEE MORNING!

≧ For Parents of Primary School Children Aged 4-11 ≧

Learn About:



- ✓ Emotion Coaching
- ✓ Understanding & Labelling Emotions
- ✓ Managing Your Child's Feelings
- ✓ Validating & Setting Limits

Help Your Child:



- ✓ Understand Their Emotions
- ✓ Cope with Upset & Anger
- ✓ Build Better Connections

Support for You:



- ✓ Managing Your Own Emotions
- ✓ Positive Parenting Strategies

Join Us On:

Tuesday 24th March
09:00 AM - 09:30 AM

Venue:
✓ **Countess Gytha Primary School**
West Camel Road, BA22 7FF

Come along to learn more about the full 6 week course!

 **01935 850345**

 **office@countessgytha.ppat365.org**

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 North Cadbury

ACTIVE CAMPS

➔ APRIL 7TH TO 10TH

➔ 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

TUE 7TH

Gymnastics Day

WED 8TH

Racket Sports

THU 9TH

Tournament Day

FRI 10TH

Laser Tag

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

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SEND White Paper Parent Information Event



Date: Tuesday 24th March



Online (via Microsoft)



Time: 6:30pm



We're delighted to welcome Polly Kerr, Head of Education Law at Simpson Millar, who will guide us through the **SEND White Paper** and what it means for families.

Polly will break down the proposals and explore what could be the most significant changes to the SEND system in over a decade.

She'll discuss both the legal and practical implications for:

- Children and young people
- Parent carers
- Schools and settings
- Local authorities

There will be a Q & A function in this webinar for Questions



Somerset Parent Carer Forum C.I.C.



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COMING SOON.



This April at Queen Camel CC

What is Dynamos Cricket?

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Dynamos is all about fun and provides children with a more social offer, focusing on developing the fundamental skills required to play cricket.

We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own Dynamos Cricket t-shirt, personalised with their name and number.

Queen Camel Cricket Club are looking for new players boys and girls particularly in school years 4 & 5 to start in April.

Friday evening training sessions at the Queen Camel playfields!

Contact:

Catherineleoniehill@hotmail.com

or

Queencamelcc@hotmail.com

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We're Looking for more players to join Ilchester's U9's Girls team.

- PERFECT FOR GIRLS NEW TO FOOTBALL OR LOOKING TO BUILD THEIR SKILLS.
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- TRAINING ON SUNDAY'S
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- MAKE NEW FRIENDS WHILE LEARNING AND DEVELOPING FOOTBALLING SKILLS

FIND OUT MORE

CONTACT BEN WOOD

07909 958788



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GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS

- ILCHESTER PLAYING FIELDS
- SUNDAY MORNINGS
- FIRST SESSION FREE
- AGES 5-9

TO FIND OUT MORE OR TO REGISTER:

CONTACT AARON LOMAX 07583 925136



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SASP
Somerset Activity & Sports Partnership

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GLOVERS

vs Morecambe | Saturday 21st March
vs Truro City | Friday 3rd April
vs FC Halifax | Saturday 11th April
vs Solihull Moors | Saturday 25th April

ADULTS - £10
U14/ U16 - £1



SCAN FOR TICKETS

AVAILABLE TO ALL SASP FAMILIES WITH VOUCHER CODE : SASPYEO

This is a community-discounted rate, allowing children U16 in for £1 and anyone over the age of 16 for £10 each. The final 4 home games are:

*vs Morecambe Saturday 21st March
Vs Truro City Friday 3rd April
Vs FC Halifax Saturday 11th April
Vs Solihull Moors Saturday 25th April*

Instructions:

- The discount is valid for all of these games, whether they come to one or all 4.
- Customers need to go to the YTFC website and select the tickets, then the relevant game
- On the stadium map section, there is a box that asks if you have a Coupon Code – the code is **SASPYEO**
- Enter the code there, and it will open up the areas available in the Screwfix Community stand.
- Tickets will be £1 for U14/U16 and £10 for adults. This will allow customers to purchase 4 at a discounted rate, with any additional items purchased at the standard price. Select seats and edit each one to the relevant concession.

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EASTER HOLIDAY CHILDRENS CRICKET COACHING

FROME YMCA

9th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4
Softball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

PERROT HILL SCHOOL, CREWKERNE

7th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4
Softball & Hardball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

8th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6
Hardball Cricket School Yrs 7, 8, 9

WESTON COLLEGE

14th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4
Softball & Hardball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

15th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6
Hardball Cricket School Yrs 7, 8, 9

WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

14th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4
Softball & Hardball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

15th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6
Hardball Cricket School Yrs 7, 8, 9

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, SCCC TAUTON

10th April

All Round Cricketer School Yrs 2, 3, 4
All Round Cricketer School Yrs 5, 6
Blast Batting School Yrs 7, 8, 9

16th April

Specialist Bowling - PACE, School Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10
All Stars Mini Cricket, School Yrs R, 1, 2

Booking details can be found by clicking the following link

- [Children's Coaching - Somerset Cricket Foundation](#)

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SPRING WREATH CRAFT WORKSHOP



7TH APRIL
10.00- 12.00PM
14.00- 16.00PM
£35 PER
FAMILY

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30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL

7TH - 9TH APRIL

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More information: ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk

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