



**COUNTESS  
GYTHA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL**

# Diary Dates

8<sup>th</sup> May 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A big thank you to everyone who supported our School Council Easter Fundraiser! Together, we raised an amazing £200. Congratulations to Pre-School, who raised the most money and have won a Party in a Bag! Well done also to Pendragon, our runners-up, who have earned an extra playtime to enjoy later in the summer term.

Thank you to all pupils, parents, and staff for your generosity and enthusiasm in making this event such a success!

Blackdowns were keen to follow up this week with an after-school cake sale, which raised £65.50 to help towards those little extras in school! A big thank you to all who donated cakes for the sale and for supporting at the event. A special thank you to the Mendips house captain, Will, who stepped in to assist on the afternoon too!



School Councillors congratulate Preschool Winners!



Blackdowns Cake Sale



We have received our Gold Award for our careers education efforts this year!

Following our recent workshops highlighting careers in the media industry and from police officer Tailby (more below!) – our continued efforts in raising the profile of the school's offer in personal development has been acknowledged with the Gold Award from Primary Futures! We are delighted to share this with parents ahead of our careers week in

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June, with an exciting line up of speakers and workshops for classes across the school to really spotlight the aspirational and exciting careers choices ahead of our young people!



Children in Merlin and Pendragon were delighted to welcome our local PCSOs for a special visit on Wednesday. The children asked lots of thoughtful questions about their role and the equipment they wear as part of their uniform. The highlight of the visit was the opportunity to explore a police car, complete with flashing lights and sounding sirens, which created great excitement for



Merlin and Pendragon enjoy the chance to explore a police

everyone involved!

One person it cannot fail to be said, who has been both an inspiration and led an inspirational career is Sir David Attenborough, who today we celebrated his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday for by planting some kindly donated oak trees around the site.



Planting Oaks to Commemorate 100 years of Sir David Attenborough.

We hope that these trees will continue to flourish and nourish our grounds for many more years to come – particularly resonant as we prepare to celebrate our 10<sup>th</sup> birthday in the school building!

The Government has launched a [national consultation](#) on how to better protect children online and support families. The consultation seeks views on issues like minimum age for social media, addictive features such as autoplay and infinite scroll, AI chatbots, mobile phones in schools and better support for parents and carers, including clearer guidance and simpler parental controls. Both children and adults are invited to have their say in the [national conversation with children over the age of 10 able to respond here and adults](#)



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here. Additionally, There is a free webinar available to all on 20<sup>th</sup> May – sign up at the link here.

Despite it being a shorter week, it is clear from all that we still managed to squeeze in alongside our learning of how vibrant the wider school culture is. We hope that you can join us for our Book Celebration event on 22<sup>nd</sup> May from 2:30pm. Families are warmly invited to share in their children's learning for the afternoon – please sign up here. Before then, I know that a lot of families are looking forward to our annual PTFA Colour Run on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:30pm – a firm favourite in the annual calendar of events here!

Families may also like to attend next week's village AGM where Mr Gallagher and I will be sharing with our local friends about our work and the fun we have each week! Doors open at the village Memorial Hall at 6pm, with the school choir opening the event at 6:45pm – we hope to see you there!

In the meantime, families can see the outline of topics and learning for the term ahead by reading the curriculum letters, published by each class available to view on our school website, by following this link.

Last Year's Colour Run



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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 Sophia, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week – for your fantastic sentence writing when retelling the story of the Three Little Pigs – well done, Sophia! Riley is Merlin's Star of the Week, for listening carefully to instructions and trying his best – lovely to read, Riley!

Pendragon – Congratulations Ari, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for your fantastic effort in your handwriting – keep up the hard work, young man! Pendragon's Worker of the Week goes to Eric, for his superb effort in maths – learning all about fractions of shapes – very impressive, Eric!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Poppy as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week – for always being prepared for lessons and ready to learn at all times during the day – keep it up, Poppy! King Arthur's Worker of the Week is Roma, for a detailed and factual article about Chichén Itzá – part of the wider topic of the ancient Maya – great to see you so enthusiastic, Roma!

Excalibur – Luke is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for listening to advice about his work and responding positively to it in his next piece – a great skill, Luke! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Iyla, for a lovely descriptive setting written at the start of her dilemma story – a lovely piece of work, all about the plastic pollution problems of our beaches.

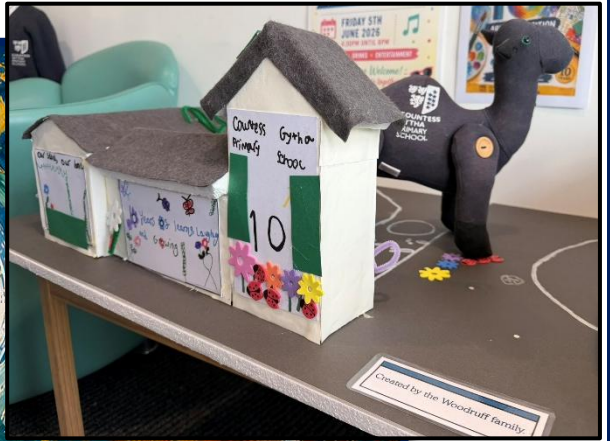
Lancelot – Mr Gallagher's Star of the Week is Emily – for her outstanding contribution and effort in every lesson; she is a role model to all in the class – including the Year 6s! The Worker of the Week for Lancelot is Olivia – for being an excellent teacher when marking Ned's arithmetic assessment – you were very thorough in your checking!

A special mention goes to Dylan, Eric, Harry, Lily, Willow and Charlotte all in Pendragon, who received their certificates from their Young Writer entries – top efforts all round! Congratulations to Molly S, who this week has been awarded her Level 6 swimming certificate, which included having to swim in clothing for water rescue – very impressive!

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**CELEBRATING  
10 YEARS!**



**ART COMPETITION  
FOR ALL PUPILS**

The theme is **10**

Create a piece of art to celebrate 10 years since the opening of our new school!



PAINT



DRAW



WATERCOLOUR



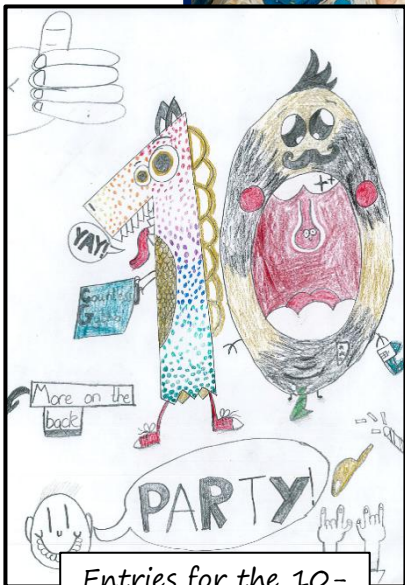
COLLAGE

**ANY STYLE  
YOU LIKE!**

**LET YOUR IMAGINATION SHINE!  
ARTWORK WILL BE DISPLAYED IN SCHOOL**



**DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES:  
TUESDAY 2ND JUNE 2026**



Entries for the 10-Year celebration!

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Details of the enrichment clubs that will be running June-July are listed below.

The link [Enrichment Clubs Summer Term 2](#)

This form will close at 9am Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May, so places can be allocated.

<b>ENRICHMENT CLUBS SUMMER TERM 2 2026</b>			
<b>DAY</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>RUN BY</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	Quiz Club	Year 1, 2 & 3	Miss Bridge
	Country Dancing	Year 4, 5 & 6	Mr Gordon & Mrs Sherry
	Tennis Club	Year 4, 5 & 6	Mr Gallagher
<b>Wednesday</b>	Drawing Club	Reception	Ms Martin
	Multi Skills	Reception & Year 1	Miss Sheehan
	Clay Club	Year 4, 5 & 6	Mrs King
	Gardening Club	Year 4, 5 & 6	Mrs Hewlett & Mrs Feierabend
<b>Thursday</b>	Construction Club	Year 2 & 3	Miss Morris

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Friday



# FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p

Week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May

Key Stage 2 Assessment Week (SATs)  
Year 6 Breakfast Club from 8am

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May

*Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2026.*

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May

PTFA Rainbow Run – see poster below



Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May

Mr Gordon's Tea Party – invited pupils only



Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Summer Term Book Celebration – Families are warmly invited to join children in sharing their workbooks from this term from 2:30pm – [sign up here](#).

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May

Bank Holiday – school closed Half Term

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May

*Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026.*

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June

Inset day – school closed for pupils

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Back to school



Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Deadline for entries into Art Competition celebrating 10 Years

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June

Summer Party at Countess Gytha – see poster below.

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June –  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 6 Residential to Land & Wave

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June –  
Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 – Fiver Challenge Week – details to follow next week

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Pendragon Class Trip to Monkey World

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June

Year 5 – Fiver Challenge Stalls in playground after school

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# 10 YEAR Anniversary

# SUMMER PARTY

★ COUNTRESS GYTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL ★



**FRIDAY 5TH  
JUNE 2026**  
4:30PM UNTIL 8PM

FOOD • DRINKS • ENTERTAINMENT

*Everyone Welcome!  
Let's celebrate together!*

**TICKETS JUST £2.50 PER TICKET**

TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM  
**THE OFFICE**  
OR  
**THE STALL AFTER SCHOOL**

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**COUNTESS GYTHA PTFA**

PRESENTS

**COUNTESS GYTHA**

**RAINBOW RUN**

**15TH MAY 2026**

STARTS AT 3.30PM | COUNTESS GYTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

**ENTRY: MINIMUM £5  
SPONSORSHIP PER CHILD.**

**SPONSOR ENTRY FORMS & MONEY TO BE  
RETURNED BY 13TH MAY**

**CLASS PRIZE  
FOR THE MOST  
RAISED**



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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26

# UPCOMING EVENTS



RAINBOW RUN

15<sup>TH</sup>  
MAY



4<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY



SUMMER FAIR



SUMMER DISCO

17<sup>TH</sup>  
JULY



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North Cadbury Primary

# ACTIVE CAMPS

➔ MAY 26<sup>TH</sup> TO 29<sup>TH</sup>

➔ 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

TUE 26TH

Tournament Tuesday

WED 27TH

Target Day

THU 28TH

Batting Day

FRI 29TH

Laser Tag and Nerf Battles



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



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

*£20 a day!*

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April/May/June 2026



# Somerset School Nurse Team Newsletter

## Welcome to the 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

### ONLINE SAFETY

Are you worried about your child being online?

For more information and advice visit:

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

**S** **M** **A** **R** **T**

**SHARE RESPONSIBLY**  
We all love to share photographs, fun things we're doing and much more.  
Be careful what you share and always ask permission if somebody else is in the photo or video.

**MANAGE YOUR PRIVACY**  
If you're using apps that can communicate with others, turn on privacy!  
Only let people you really know follow you unless you've asked permission from your parents.

**ASK for HELP**  
Don't ever be worried about asking for help from someone you trust.  
You will NOT be judged.

**RESPECT OTHERS**  
Be kind.  
Other people may have different opinions from you.  
That's okay, but if they become abusive, take screenshots, block and report and tell an adult.

**THINK CRITICALLY**  
**TRUST your INSTINCT**  
Be kind.  
Is it true?  
Does that person really know me?  
Has that really happened?  
Always question!

### Fussy Eating in Children



Do you worry about your child being a fussy eater?

For further information check out the following webinars, or speak with your GP or School Nurse team for further support

[Webinars on Fussy Eating in Children - patientwebinars.co.uk](#)



### ELSA Support



Did you know that most primary schools are able to offer ELSA support to school aged children in their care around a variety of topics including bereavement, anxiety, stress, friendships and managing emotions/feelings.

ELSA stands for Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, and they are specialist teaching assistants with a wealth of knowledge and experience of working with children.

ELSA's are trained and regularly supervised by the Educational Psychologists.

Their aim is to build your child's emotional development and to help them to cope with life's challenges.

The ELSA will help your child to find solutions to problems they may have.

Please speak with the ELSA in your school if you feel this support could benefit your child.



UK Government NHS

**WRAP YOUR CHILDREN UP WITH THE BEST PROTECTION - VACCINATIONS**

Are your child's vaccines up to date? Check their red book or speak to their GP practice.

**STAY STRONG. GET VACCINATED.**

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### HOW TO KEEP YOUR SMILE HEALTHY Just for kids!

DID YOU KNOW FEELING YOUR BEST STARTS WITH A HEALTHY SMILE?  
Follow Toothie's tips to keep your smile strong and you feeling great every day!



#### BRUSH EVERY MORNING AND NIGHT

- Use a fluoride toothpaste.
- Brush all the sides and surfaces of your teeth for 2 minutes.
- After brushing, spit don't rinse.

#### EAT HEALTHY FOOD AND AVOID SUGARY DRINKS

- Too much sugar is bad for your teeth.
- Sugary drinks and unhealthy snacks between meals can cause holes in your teeth if you have them too often.
- Our mouths and bodies are stronger and happier when we have healthy food and drinks.

#### VISIT THE DENTIST REGULARLY

- The dentist will ask you to open your mouth wide.
- The dentist will check your teeth are growing properly.
- The dentist will help keep your teeth clean and healthy.

**fdi** worldoraltheday.org | World Oral Health Day

### National Sun Awareness Week

11th May— 17th May 2026

As the nicer weather approaches it is important to remember to stay safe in the sun.

#### Sun Safety Tips

**Make sure you:**

- \*Spend time in the shade between 11am & 3pm
- \*Cover up with suitable clothing and sunglasses
- \*Take extra care with children
- \*Use at least factor 30 sunscreen

For more advice please visit:  
[Sunscreen and sun safety - NHS](#)

### ChatHealth

Parent advice & support  
Healthy lifestyles  
School transitioning  
Emotional health

**is your child 5-19 and are you looking for confidential help and support?**

A safe and easy way to contact your School Nursing Team

Just send a text  
**07480 635 515**

Improving LIVES

Disclaimer: This is not an emergency service; it operates Monday to Friday 9am - 5pm and is only available by using a UK mobile number. Your messages are stored on our secure system and can be seen by the School Nursing Team who run our ChatHealth Service. Although this is a confidential service, in the event of a safeguarding issue the School Nurse has a duty of care to act on this and may

**Somerset School Nurse Team Contact Details:**

Email: [schoolnurseduty@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:schoolnurseduty@somerset.gov.uk)

Tel: 0300 790 9854

### Tips for SATs Week

360°

- The SATs don't effect what school you will get into
- They are important, but most teachers just want you to do your best
- Lots of schools make the SATs week really relaxed, having breakfast clubs, extra playtime, relaxation time, no other lessons, so it can even be fun. Find out what your school is doing
- This is good practice for taking tests. But you can do it in the comfort of your school which you know well and will help support you
- Talk to your friends and family about how you are feeling about the SATs. It's likely that other people are feeling a bit nervous too
- If you're struggling, talk to your teacher or another adult at school that you trust and you know will listen
- If it helps, write a timetable for the week. Make sure you add some treats, like watching your favourite show, doing sport, or having your favourite meal/snack
- Talk to the people around you and tell them what you think would help you in that week, e.g. I might need more hugs or down time; I need to get to bed on time; I want you to walk me to school in the mornings
- Concentrate on the tests one at a time. Do your best and however they go, try to let the last one go and then focus on the next one
- Try to eat well, sleep well and take some exercise that week
- Get your c othes and school bag ready each night, so in the morning you can stay calm
- Celebrate when they are over!

As we approach exam season here are some tips to share with your child...



### Issues with bedwetting?

Check out the video below for advice...

[ERIC Helpline Podcast - Bedwetting \(short version\) on Vimeo](#)

For further advice or support speak with your GP, School Nurse Team or click on the link below:

[Home - ERIC](#)

The Children's Bowel & Bladder Charity

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## Introducing ...

### FLOC for SEND

a growing supportive community for parents and carers of children with SEND.

We warmly invite our Cary community to pop in for Coffee and Cake at

**The Market House, BA7 7AH**

and learn a little more about the Good Things they've been up to nearby.

Come as you are.



## We'd love to meet you

We support families raising children with **Special Educational Needs & Disabilities.**

Pop in and meet us. We can share with you what support we've been quietly building.

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May  
10:00-12:00**

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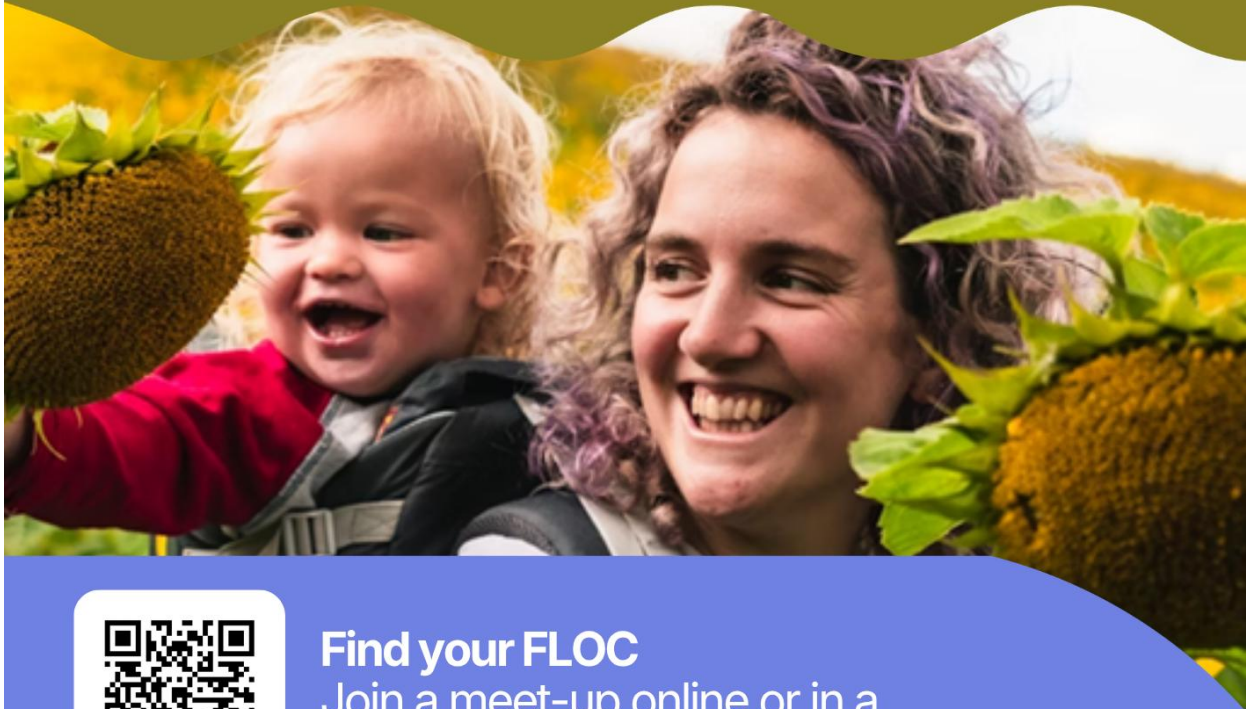
# FLOC Community

For families raising children  
with additional needs.

FLOC **meet-ups** are for anyone raising a child with additional needs, a disability or sensitivities. No diagnosis required - all are welcome.

A space to share experiences with other families who get it. No need to explain yourself - you're already understood. Come as you are.

**Connection  
changes  
everything.**



**Find your FLOC**  
Join a meet-up online or in a town near you.

Find out more: [www.floc.org.uk](http://www.floc.org.uk) or contact us: [findyourfloc@gmail.com](mailto:findyourfloc@gmail.com)

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