



COUNTESS  
GYTHA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

# Diary Dates

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Despite the darker weather drawing in closer still, Reception, Year 1 and 2 shone as brightly as ever!

Their performance of *Simply the Nativity* was enjoyed by families and children alike, with over 200 people watching the performances over the week! The children had learnt their lines, cues and moves brilliantly and as ever, there were plenty of ad-lib magical moments from cast members to really bring the Christmas spirit!

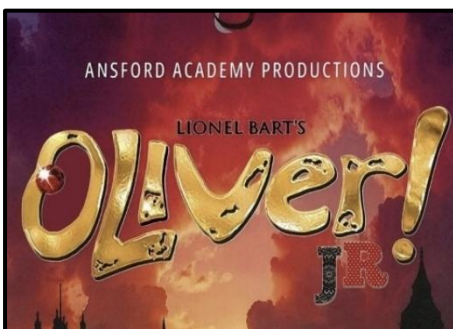
We value our strong links with the local RNAS base and were delighted to watch Father Christmas touch down once again with assistance from Commando 846 NAS, in a Merlin helicopter! Being one of the thirty schools chosen is always a special treat but having children on our school roll whose families serve with the RNAS teams makes it all the more so!



Simply the Nativity - 2025



Lyla and father, Nick with Father Christmas!



Ansford's  
Production  
of Oliver

Sadly, it seems there just aren't enough days in the week to spread all our enrichment opportunities out and so although Year 5 and 6 missed out on the special visitor, they had a brilliant time at Ansford, watching their musical production of *Oliver*. With a lot of the main cast characters played by alumni of Countess Gytha (Gythonians?) it was a special occasion for all.

Elsewhere across the school, classes have thoroughly enjoyed STEM

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workshops with apprentices from Thales. The children engaged in different investigative activities and explored the differing roles of engineers. Children put their problem-solving skills to test by building towers out of recycling materials and balancing a car on the top!

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

Before then, the school council will be running their 'Christmas Market' again this year, details to follow next week but it will be held after school on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December.

In sporting news this week, a brilliant group of Year 4, 5 and 6 athletes represented our school at the Indoor Athletics event hosted by Westfield Academy. The team took part in a range of exciting activities including the vertical and long jump, howler throwing, sprinting and balance challenges.

Kings, Camels and  
The Star!



Thales  
Workshops



Indoor  
Athletics  
Team



- [Wrap Around Care Survey](#)
- [Autumn Parent Survey](#)

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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 Ivy, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for an incredible performance as a top star in this year's Nativity – you shone very brightly, Ivy! Well done Ariarna, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for brilliant perseverance with your name writing – you're trying your very hardest, keep it up!

Pendragon – Congratulations Arthur, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for your energy and enthusiasm in the Nativity – great show! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Charlie, for his great number sentences and digit formation too – amazing work, Charlie!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Rupert as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for his effort and focus during the assessments this week – top marks, young man! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Archie, for working hard on his handwriting and overall presentation – great to hear, Archie!

Excalibur – Holly is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for being incredibly helpful with tidying the classroom, cloakroom and communal areas of the school – thank you, Holly! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Eyup, for working really hard and persevering to pass his mental maths Olympics for his halves – keep it up, Eyup!

Lancelot – Rupert has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for his excellent progress following his maths and SPaG assessments this week – a great way to end the term's learning, Rupert! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Rosie, for working incredibly hard in her maths across the year – her excellent progress measures reflect this, very well done!

A special mention to Freddie and Emilia who played in a very wet hockey tournament in Bruton last Sunday, their team winning 3 games and Emilia scoring an amazing goal! Congratulations to Miss Bridge, who has completed her National Professional Qualification in Educational Leadership – the staff are all very proud of you!



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# SCHOOL COUNCIL CHRISTMAS MARKET



## ITEMS ON SALE

Hand-painted light bottles

Christmas balloons

Sweets

Crackers

Christmas jewellery

Headbands

Christmas decorations

Pens

Lots and lots more



**TUESDAY 16TH AND  
WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

**SCHOOL HALL  
3:20-4:00**



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### *Payment Reminders*

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

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.





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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>Every Friday</b> 	<b>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</b> <b>Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p</b>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<i>No enrichment clubs this week.</i>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Whole School and preschool to watch performance of Dr Dolittle in school.
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council Christmas Market
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	School Council Christmas Market
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Lunch – please book via ParentPay if meal wanted. Please see menu poster below. Children may wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt with their uniform. Every child will receive a Christmas cracker from the PTFA. 
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Concert at St Barnabus Church. Arrive for 4.45pm for 5pm start.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>  Deadline for booking meals on ParentPay is Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December for the first week back at school.	
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Inset Day
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> January	Enrichment clubs start this week.

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.

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*Please do not park in the surgery opposite, when collecting children from school. Our relationship with the surgery is a strong one and so we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.*



**Vale of Camelot Growers**

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Welcome to The Vale of Camelot Growers website.

We are a small family-run business based in Sparkford, near Yeovil which supplies top quality produce. From beautiful plants in April, to magical Christmas trees and wreaths in December, we aim to sell only the best to our customers.

**CHRISTMAS TREES, WREATHS, FESTIVE PLANTS AND PLANTERS**

**Open 9.30am - 4.30 everyday**

**BA22 7JR - 07969 372979 - Wear your wellies!**

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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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**Yeovil  
Hospital  
Charity**



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)**

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# Will your child start or transfer school in 2027?

## Have your say

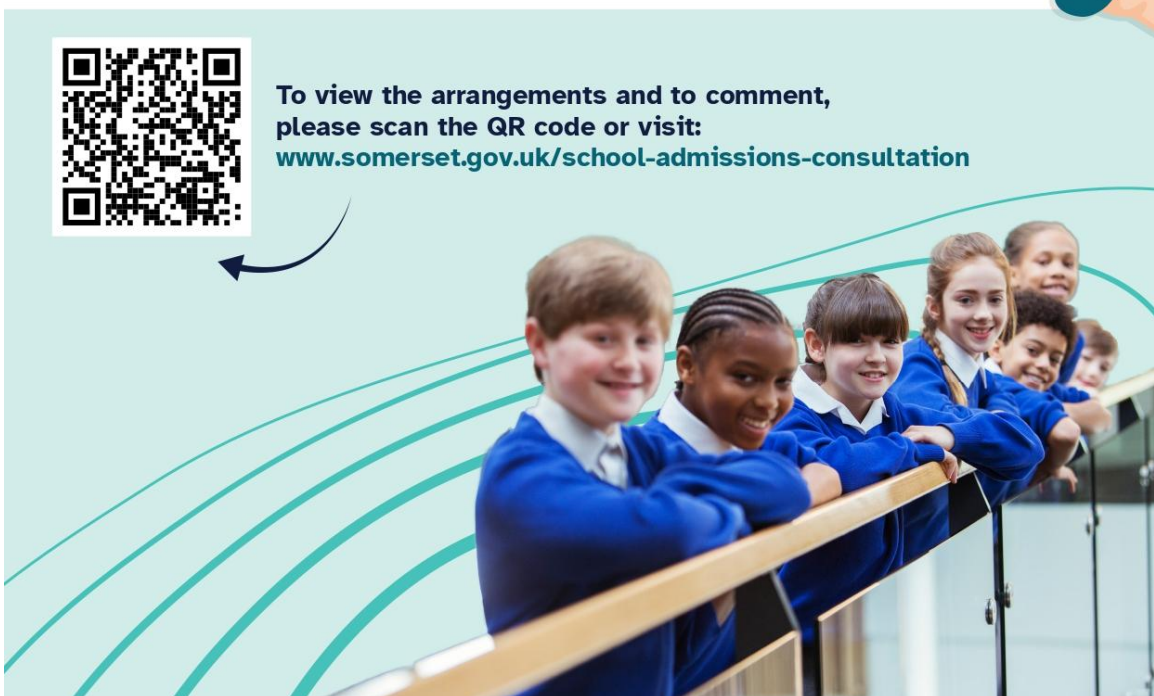
### School Admission Arrangements 2027/2028 Consultation

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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**FREE** COURSE FOR SEPARATED PARENTS

# Reducing the impact of separation on everyone

Two 5 week online courses start in January'26

To book scan codes below



Helping parents navigate separation, putting the well-being of their children at the centre.

'Really feel my relationship with my ex has improved since being on this course.' said mum after course

Course A starts Jan 14<sup>th</sup>    Course B starts Jan 15<sup>th</sup>

7 PM-8:30 PM



9:30 AM-11 AM



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