



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

17th October 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted to share the news that once again, Countess Gytha came first place in the school's category as part of the Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival 2025!

Children danced their way through the streets to the smiles and cheers of many – if you would like to see the highlights of the event, [please visit our Gallery webpage here](#). A big thank you to all who came out to support us!

Year 2 were also at Ansford this week, travelling there to participate in the first sports festival this year. Children enjoyed taking part in a range of running, jumping and throwing activities, alongside other Year 2 peers from local schools.



Yr 2 Ansford
Sports Festival



Maths Tournament – Queen's College

At the other end of our school, eight Year 6 children represented the school at Queen's College Taunton in a maths challenge event. From solving cryptic cross-number puzzles, to shuttle sprinting answers between team members across the hall, our mathematicians represented the school brilliantly, holding their own against some tough competition from the likes of Port Regis, Sunninghill Prep and of course, Queen's themselves.

Children in Lancelot have also enjoyed a virtual author visit this week. In conjunction with Waterstones bookshops, our pupils were thrilled to take part in a very special virtual event with award-winning author Piers Torday, who introduced his spectacular new gothic treasure hunt novel, *Midnight Treasure*. From clues and spells to imprisonments, escapes, fights, betrayals, and above all, courage and hope, Piers excited us all with his incredible storytelling and wealth of knowledge about writing.

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Continuing the reading theme, thank you to all who visited this year's Scholastic Book Fair. Your enthusiasm and generosity have helped us earn £450 of free books. This will be shared between each class and our school library, ensuring every child continues to have access to a wide variety of engaging reads.



Book Fair 2025

To round up a busy week, the children tonight have enjoyed their UV-themed disco, organised by the PTFA. The pictures speak for themselves as to how much enjoyment was had by all – thank you to the committee members and volunteers for tonight's fun and smiles!

Parents' evening meetings are due to take place next week – if you need to check or amend your booking, please speak to Mrs Annetts in the school office as soon as possible. Please note, that there will be no enrichment clubs running during the week; after school care will remain available for those booked in.



CC and Ansford
Carnival 2025



UV-themed Disco



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p	
Monday 20 th October	Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Class swimming session	
Monday 20 th October	Cross Country Event at Yeovil Town Football Club #3	
Monday 20 th October	Parents' Evening Meetings	
Thursday 23 rd October	Lancelot Class 1940s Day. Letter sent home 10.10.25.	
Thursday 23 rd October	9.15am School Tour for New Intake 2026	
Thursday 23 rd October	Cheerleading Festival at Westfield Academy. Selected pupils only.	
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening Meetings	
Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October	Half Term – school closed	
Wednesday 29 th October	Deadline to book school meals via ParentPay for week commencing Monday 3 rd November.	
Friday 31 st October	Deadline for Secondary school applications.	
Monday 3 rd November	Back to school	
Monday 3 rd November	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 1	
Tuesday 4 th November	King Arthur Class Trip to Cheddar Gorge. Letter sent home 9.10.25.	
Friday 7 th November	School & Preschool Photography by Imago – Individual & sibling photographs.	
Friday 7 th November	Mr Gordon's Tea Party. Selected pupils only.	
Monday 10 th November	1.30pm School Tour for New Intake 2026 – please see office to book a place.	
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 1 & Year 2 Cinema Trip – letter sent home 1.10.25	
Friday 14 th November	Children in Need 2025 – details to follow shortly.	
Tuesday 18 th November	Year 5 Dance Festival at Ansford Academy. Letters sent home 9.10.25.	
Tuesday 18 th November	10am School Tour for New Intake 2026 – please see office to book a place.	
Wednesday 26 th November	Year 3 & Year 4 Cinema Trip – letter sent out 1.10.25.	

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All Enrichment clubs will remain the same until Christmas except for Taskmaster Club and Tag Rugby Club which have now finished.

All clubs return week commencing 3rd November 2025.

Mr Gordon will be running a Computing Club for Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3.

Mr Gallagher will be running a Basketball Club for Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6.

Please complete the form below if you child would like to join one of the new clubs.

Breakfast and After School childcare, is available Monday to Thursday to all - but must be booked in advanced.

There may be occasions when enrichment after school clubs cannot run due to staff absence or additional training/meetings. We will endeavour to give as much notice as possible if we are required to cancel clubs.

There will be no clubs on the last week of term - week commencing 15th December 2025.

Please complete this form by 9am Monday 20th September 2025. You will be notified if your child has been successful or not in gaining a place in a club via email.

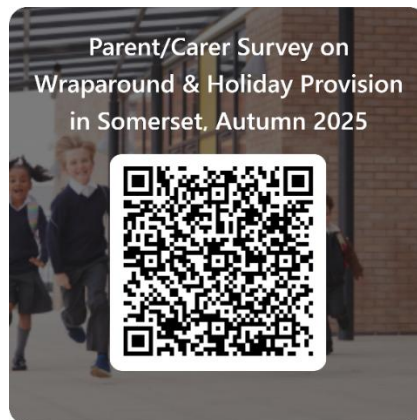
Camel Club will now be run in the school hall on a Monday 3:30-4:30pm. However, please note this is an external club and to places should be booked with Rev Caroline Walker on carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

[Link to Request Form for New Enrichment Clubs](#)

Have Your Say – Childcare Survey from Somerset Council

Somerset Council is seeking feedback from families around wraparound and holiday childcare needs across the county. The survey aims to collect information around current and future childcare needs, reasons why families may not use existing provision and any barriers or challenges families face. Where 10 or more responses are received, an anonymised summary will be shared with the school.

Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by midday on 14th November 2025: <https://forms.office.com/e/5wZtEjuYqP>



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.

The School Meals Menu for 3rd November – 5th December 2025 is now available on ParentPay.

Meals for the week commencing 3rd November must be booked by Wednesday 29th October 2025. (In half term).

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25

UPCOMING EVENTS



UV DISCO

**17TH
OCT**

**29TH
NOV**

**XMAS WREATH
WORKSHOP**



**COMING SOON-
ORDER PORTAL FOR
MY CHILD'S ART
CHRISTMAS CARDS**



NOV

**5TH
DEC**

XMAS FAIR





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Friday 7th November



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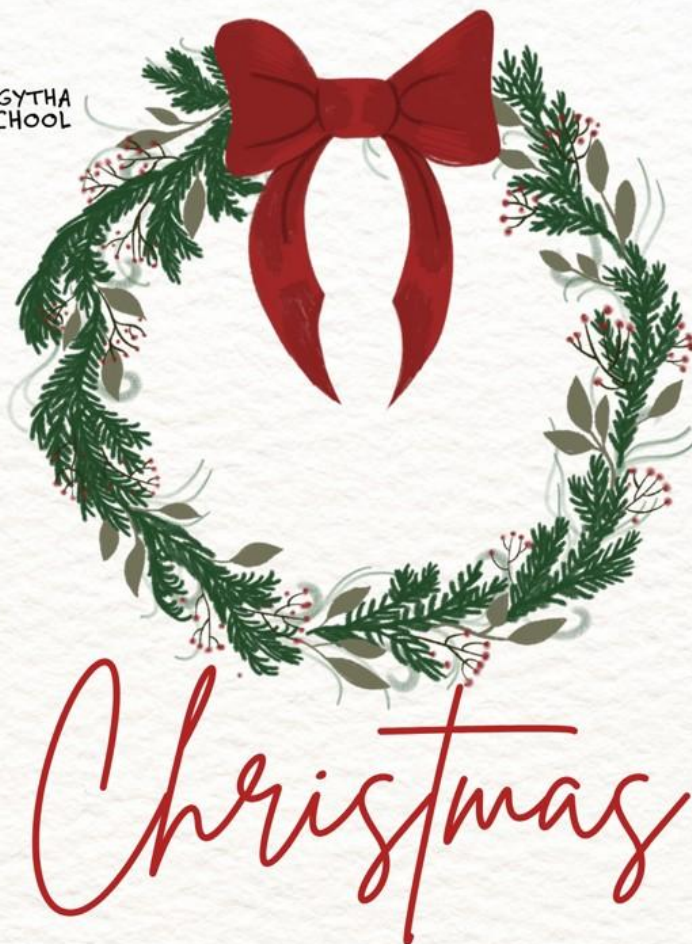


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Christmas

WREATH WORKSHOP

SATURDAY
29TH NOVEMBER
7-9PM

SPARKFORD VILLAGE HALL

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

LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE

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NEW TIME, NEW PLACE



GAMES

CHRISTIAN STORIES



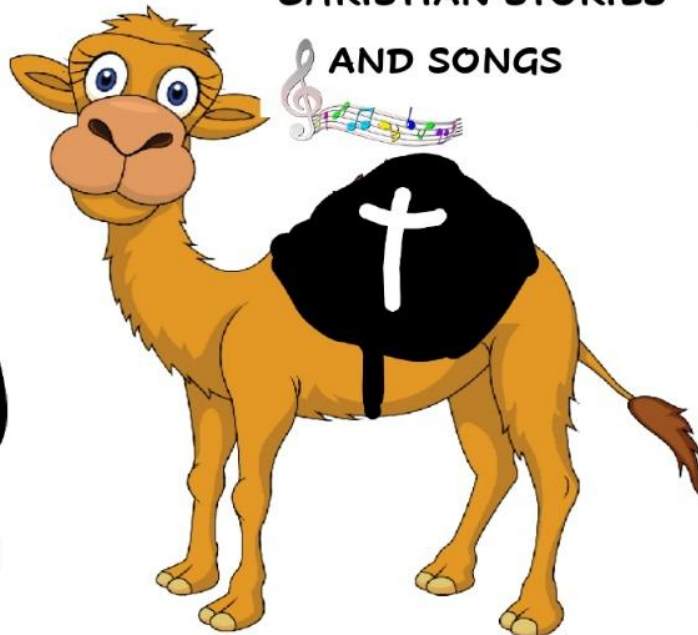
AND SONGS



COOKING



DRAMA



ART

CAMEL CLUB

WHERE?

COUNTRESS GYTHA SCHOOL

WHEN?

EVERY MONDAY 3:30-4:30

FROM 15TH SEPTEMBER

WHY NOT COME AND GIVE IT A TRY?

To book a place please contact...

Rev Caroline Walker...07765 126355

carolinehwalker@btinternet.com

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GIRLS HALLOWEEN SOCCER SCHOOL

27TH - 31ST
OCTOBER
9:30 - 15:00

| AGES 6-14 |

YEOVIL TOWN
COMMUNITY SPORTS
CENTRE



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OCTOBER HALF TERM SOCCER SCHOOL

27TH - 31ST
OCTOBER



9:00 - 15:00
YEOVIL TOWN
COMMUNITY SPORTS
CENTRE

BOOK
NOW

COMMUNITY
SPORTS
TRUST



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September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
M			7	14	21	28	Mo			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W		2	9	16	23	30	We			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	
December 2026							January 2027							February 2027						
M			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25	M			1	8	15	22
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu			2	9	16	23
W		2	9	16	23	30	W			6	13	20	27	W			3	10	17	24
Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th			7	14	21	28	Th			4	11	18	25
F		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29	F			5	12	19	26
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa			6	13	20	27
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su			7	14	21	28
March 2027							April 2027							May 2027						
M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	
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June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
M			7	14	21	28	M			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
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Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	

Key:

- School Holiday
- Bank Holiday
- Term Time
- Inset Days

Term dates summary:

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

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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