



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

13th March 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

A celebration of all things science this week, as it is British Science Week 2026! Children have enjoyed additional science activities throughout the week in classes, including our annual rocket launches – still a firm-favourite!

This year's theme is 'Curiosity' and it was wonderful to be joined by so many families to explore activities together including liquid chemical interactions and reactions, simple circuits and forces such as buoyancy and magnetism.

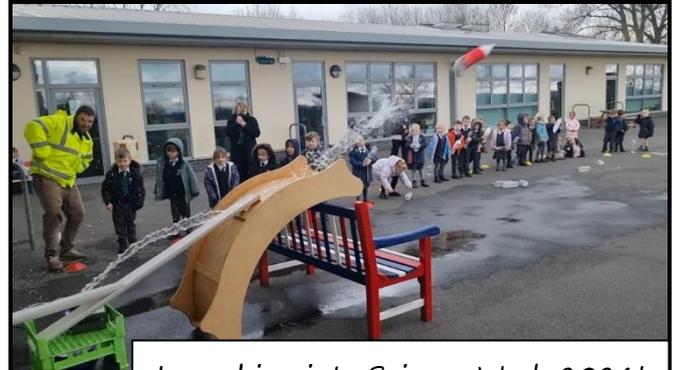
Please visit <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/> if you would like to follow up this week's learning with age-appropriate activity packs available as well as further science-themed games from BBC Bitesize here.

As part of our celebrations for British Science Week, Excalibur and Lancelot children took part in an exciting AI in Schools workshop delivered by Dr Beth. The session introduced children to the fascinating world of Artificial Intelligence and how it is becoming an important part of modern science and technology.

During the workshop, pupils explored what AI is and how computers can be trained to recognise patterns, solve problems, and learn from information. Beth shared real-life examples of how AI is used in areas such as healthcare, transport, and engineering, helping the children see how science and technology shape the world around us.

The practical session also encouraged pupils to think about using technology safely, responsibly,

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Launching into Science Week 2026!



and creatively. Children asked thoughtful questions and discussed how AI might influence the jobs and inventions of the future. It was a fantastic opportunity for pupils to develop their curiosity about science, technology, and innovation during Science Week.



AI Schools workshop



Today we were delighted to welcome some special visitors from the British Horse Society who came to speak to our pupils about staying safe around horses.

During the session, children learned about how to behave sensibly when they see horses on roads, bridleways, or in fields. Our visitors explained how large and powerful horses are, and why it is important to remain calm, quiet, and give them plenty of space. Children were particularly interested in learning how horses communicate through their body language and what different signs might mean.



British Horse Society Talk

Thank you to all who have made an appointment to see their child's class teacher via our online booking system. **The booking system is live and open until Friday 20th March.** During the week of Parents' Evenings, the PTFA will be offering quality, used uniform during the evenings, with logoed cardigans/sweatshirts priced at £2 and all other pieces at 50p an item. Please note that there is a cross-country event on Monday 23rd March, which may affect some families.

Parents are also invited to meet with the school's Parent and Family Support Advisor, Beth Patton after drop-off on Tuesday 24th March. Come along to an informal, information coffee morning (with biscuits!) and find out about helping your child to recognise and manage their emotions.

Beth is offering to run another of our popular Tuning Into Kids courses at the school or blended online (depending on interest levels) where parents will learn how to validate a child's feelings—even negative ones—while setting limits on behaviour, teaching emotional regulation, and building resilience to improve behavioural and academic outcomes.

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Thank you to Brenda and Paul who did an amazing job working in the wind yesterday tidying up our school garden.



Further ahead again, I would like to invite parents to this year's Easter celebration at St Barnabas church on Wednesday 1st April at 10.45am – [seating requests can be made here.](#)

Science Workshop 2026!



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 Beatrice, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – you have been extremely helpful to all the adults to keep the classroom tidy – keep it up, Bea! Well done Ashton – you have been incredible at solving subtraction problems this week! Sounds fantastic!

Pendragon – Congratulations Charlotte, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for her hard work in every lesson and taking great pride in her presentation. Worker of the Week this week goes to Lyla-May for your excellent handwriting throughout the week – huge congratulations, Lyla.

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Hollie-Grace as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week –

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for always being kind to her peers and adults in the classroom – great to hear. King Arthur's Worker of the Week is November – for writing an excellent factual and interesting non-chronological report on the Ancient Egyptians.

Excalibur – Eyup is the Star of the Week for always being helpful both to adults and peers. Well done, Eyup. Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Austin for persevering with your times tables to pass your Gold and Platinum medals! Keep up the great work.

Lancelot – Mr Gallagher's Star of the Week is Seb – you have created a wonderful comic-book explanation on why volcanoes erupt. Brilliant work, Seb. Worker of the Week for Lancelot is Ella. Ella, you have written an excellent newspaper report with bias and created two amazing posters for Science Week and the NHS day. Huge congratulations.



Yesterday afternoon, our tag rugby team travelled to Westfield Academy to take part in an tournament against several local primary schools, showing great determination despite torrential rain. The team performed brilliantly, winning three matches and losing just one. They also adapted well to the new T1 Rugby rules, growing in confidence and applying

them effectively as the games went on. Although completely soaked by the end, the children remained positive, supported one another and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

A special mention must go to Emelia and Freddie W for their efforts in the county finals for their hockey club this week with Freddie's team qualifying for the regional finals. Well done to Hollie-Grace for passing her stage 2 swimming award. Congratulations to Emily for another horse-riding rosette and to Austin for a Player of the Week award for excellent tackling in rugby last weekend. Also, well done to Molly S for passing her grade 2 ballet exam with flying colours!



Finally, a massive well done must go to the winners of the I Have A Dream Young Writer's Competition. Congratulations to: Aurelia, Emelia, Emily, Georgia H, Georgia L, Harriet A, Harriet E, Henry, Lydia, Molly, Sophie, Theo, William and Wren. We can't wait to see your fantastic published work!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Friday

FRIDAY TUCKSHOP



Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p

Monday 16 th March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Lesiure Centre.	
Monday 16 th March – Thursday 19 th March	Red Nose merchandise for sale in the playground from 3.20pm.	
Wednesday 18 th March	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 23 rd March 2026.	
Thursday 19 th March	Gymnastics event at Westfield. Selected pupils only.	
Friday 20 th March	Red Nose Day 2026 Cake Sale from 3.15pm	 
Friday 20 th March	National Child measurement programme for Reception and Year 6.	
Monday 23 rd March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Lesiure Centre.	
Week commencing Monday 23 rd March		
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Monday 23 rd March	Cross Country at Yeovil Recreation Centre.	
Monday 23 rd March	Parent Meetings in school	
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	
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.	
Easter Holidays – school closed Friday 3 rd April – Friday 17 th April		
Monday 20 th April	Back to school	

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Tuesday 21st April

Vision screening for Reception Class – letter sent home this week. (Date changed)

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:	Help Your Child:	Support for You:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Emotion Coaching✓ Understanding & Labelling Emotions✓ Managing Your Child's Feelings✓ Validating & Setting Limits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Understand Their Emotions✓ Cope with Upset & Anger✓ Build Better Connections	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 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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Red Nose Day Merchandise



Foam Red Nose - £1

Red Nose Badge- £1

Hair Accessories - £1

Sweet bags 50p

*On sale in the playground at the end of the day from
Monday 16th March 2026*

Red Nose Cake Sale

Friday 20th March 2026



Cup Cakes 50p each

[Countess Gytha Primary School Just Giving Page for Red Nose Day 2026](#)

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EASTER RAFFLE

★ Raffle Tickets Now On Sale! ★
Available from the School Foyer

Lots of fantastic prizes to be won!

£1 per strip
(5 tickets per strip)

Don't miss your chance to win –
Grab your tickets today!

Draw date: Friday March 27th

Organised by the School Council

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The HANDi app gives expert NHS advice for common childhood conditions - right at your fingertips. Get fast, trusted guidance and peace of mind.



- Expert local advice - created by Somerset's paediatric specialists.
- Built around Somerset pathways - the right care, first time.
- Always up to date - refreshed within 24 hours if guidance changes.
- Clear, complete care pathways - from home care to GP and hospital advice.

Download the HANDi app today.



Parents/Carers can access this FREE online session to

Scan me to book for the 18th March



- Learn about different types of exploitation.
- Understand the signs that a child may be at risk or being groomed.
- Discover how offenders groom and exploit children, both on and offline
- Know how to keep your child safe and what to do if you have concerns!

Led by Prevention Officer Andri Nicolaou from the dedicated child exploitation team.

Families are often the first to notice their child is being exploited.



Scan me to book for the 30th March



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🌸 Mothering Sunday 🌸

A Special Family Service

Sunday 15th March @ 9.30am

St Barnabas Church, Queen Camel

🌸 Come and celebrate with us! 🌸
A relaxed, happy service for all ages.

🌸 Posies

🎵 Sing together

☕ Enjoy refreshments

😊 Smile, chat and celebrate mums, carers & families

🌸 **Everyone is very welcome!** 🌸

Bring your family, bring a friend!



North Cadbury
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➡ APRIL 7TH TO 10TH ➡ 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

TUE 7 TH	Gymnastics Day
WED 8 TH	Racket Sports
THU 9 TH	Tournament Day
FRI 10 TH	Laser Tag

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£20 a day! *Extra Time available;
8-8.30am & 3.30-4pm*

The poster features a light blue background with decorative elements like a sunburst, colorful squiggly lines, and small flower icons. The text is in a mix of bold sans-serif and elegant script fonts.

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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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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



AVAILABLE TO ALL SASP FAMILIES WITH VOUCHER CODE : SASPYEO

SCAN FOR TICKETS

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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YEARS 4 - 6

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