



COUNTESS  
GYTHA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

## Diary Dates



5<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians,

After decorating their Christingle oranges on Tuesday, the school celebrated the beginning of Advent with a Christingle celebration at St Barnabas on Wednesday. It was wonderful to be joined by so many friends and families of the school for this joyous occasion – classes shared poems, prayers, and the meaning of Advent with the community, before a sneak preview from the nativity, courtesy of Merlin Class children!



Christingle at St Barnabas



Christingle Making

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. We would be delighted if all Key Stage 2 children could join us. It promises to be a wonderful and festive way to celebrate the end of term. Please confirm your child's attendance [by following this link](#).

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.



Pendragon's  
Cards to  
Special  
People

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A reminder that the Christmas Post Box is now in the library. Please write names and classes clearly on the envelopes. Class photos are on the website class pages if children need to refer to them to remember all their friends!

In sporting news this week, children travelled to Preston Secondary to take part in an exciting Badminton Festival - giving them the chance to develop skills and enjoy friendly competition. Barnaby, Phoebe, Alfie and Albie represented the school superbly, taking on challenges and showing great enthusiasm throughout the session. They played games against other schools, practised rallying, and movement, and demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship.



Badminton Tournament

The festival was a brilliant opportunity for the group to grow in confidence and prepare for future competitions. Their positive attitude and determination showed they are ready for the next tournament, where they will take part in full matches. We are very proud of them.

Parents are invited to have their say in the Autumn Parent and Wrap Around

Care Surveys, which are available now via the following links:

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

They will remain open until 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026, after which time, the results will be published in the following half-termly newsletter.



Christingle Readers

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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 Ettie, you are Merlin's Star of the Week – for being a king and considerate friend to all in Merlin – lovely news, Ettie! Well done Mason, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for trying your very best during all of your nativity rehearsals this week – keep up the great focus, young man!

Pendragon – Congratulations Ari, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for great effort and focus during the practices for the nativity – we can't wait to watch next week! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Keira, for writing a fantastic letter to Father Christmas – I'm sure he'll look forward to receiving it soon, Keira!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Lydia as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for overcoming her stage fright during nativity rehearsals and is looking forward to delivering a strong performance to families next week – great to hear, Lydia – good luck! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Maisie, for her superb acrostic poem in relation to Christmas – a very festive piece, well done!

Excalibur – Austin is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for making an amazing online safety poster for the school – during his own time! Great work, Austin – we look forward to displaying shortly! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Albert, for a clear, determined effort in lessons and always making sure that his work is neatly presented too – keep it up, Albert!

Lancelot – Enes has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for always working hard in lessons and for excellent comprehension answers from the 'Two against the tide' piece this week – great to hear Enes! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Grace, for being a great role-model and teammate in gymnastics as well as contributing excellent demonstrations – amazing skills Grace, well done!

A special mention to all those who came to support our school at the PTFA Christmas Fayre this evening – particular thanks go to stall helpers, volunteers and committee members!



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### Imago School Photos



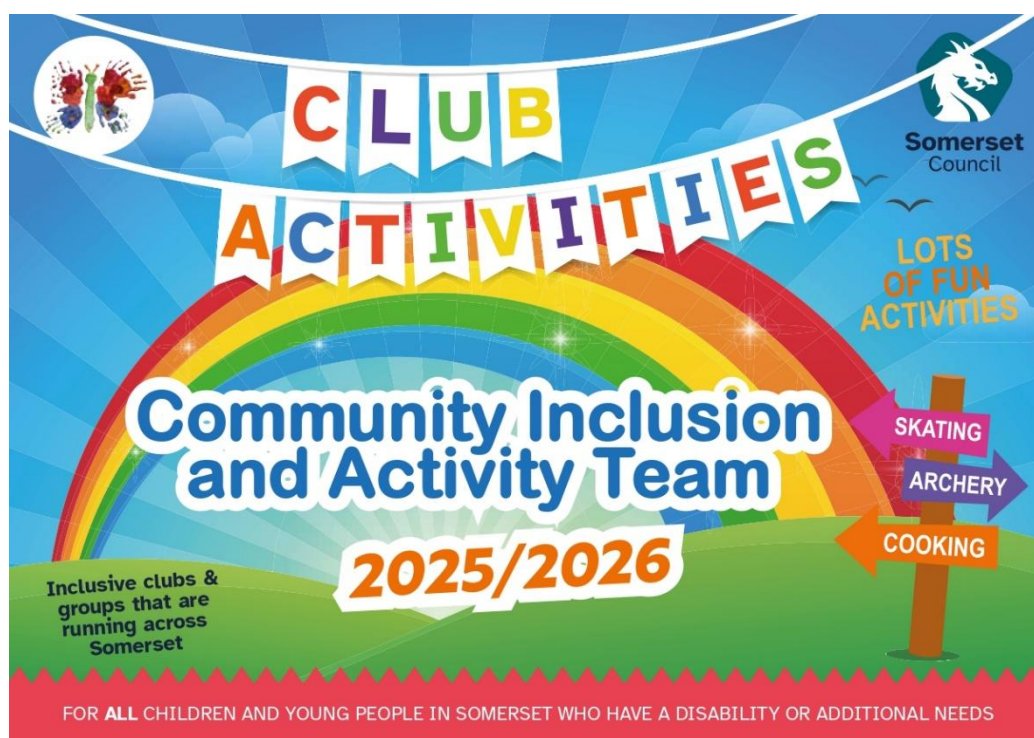
**Your Free Delivery Period is Ending on 9/12/2025**

You can still order after 9/12/2025, but a delivery charge will apply.

Please see email sent out 4<sup>th</sup> December for safeword/code.

#### **To View and Purchase your Images**

1. Login/Create your account – <https://www.imagophotography.co.uk/account/login>
2. Add your images in the Add Gallery Tab, using the gallery details on your contact sheet
3. View, select your favourites and Order your images by selecting your shoot from My Library tab.
4. Press Create Order to order






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



Every Friday 	<b>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</b> Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	THALES Stem visit (King Arthur; Excalibur and Lancelot)
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 4 Excalibur Class & Year 3 King Arthur Class swimming session 6 
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 & Year 6 visit to Ansford to see performance of Oliver.
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance at 2pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity evening performance at 5pm (details to be confirmed)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December 2025. Completed booking forms can be emailed to <a href="mailto:wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org">wraparoundcare@countessgytha.ppat365.org</a>
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	RSPCA workshops for all classes.
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Preschool open morning – see details below.
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>No enrichment clubs this week.</b>
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 4.30pm for 5pm start.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of term
<b>Christmas Holidays</b>	
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.

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*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.*

*A polite reminder all families about not parking in the surgery opposite the school. Our relationship with the surgery is a strong one and so we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.*



**We would like to invite you to our Preschool Christmas  
Open Morning**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025**

**9.00am – 10.30am**



**Please come along and enjoy some fun Christmas activities with  
the children and enjoy a cup of tea and a mince pie.**

**We look forward to seeing you**

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## Christmas Lunch

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Roast turkey, pig in blankets,  
roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli,  
stuffing and gravy

Or

Vegetarian puff pastry bakes,  
roast potatoes, carrots, broccoli,  
stuffing and gravy

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Chocolate Muffins  
Yoghurt  
Fruit pot  
Cheese & crackers



Bookable on ParentPay



*Christmas Lunch is on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December.  
Please order via ParentPay by Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025.*

*Thank you to The Vale of Camelot Grower who have once again donated our school a lovely Christmas tree in our front window.*



**CHRISTMAS TREES**

**WREATHS**

**FESTIVE PLANTS AND PLANTERS**

**GIFT IDEAS**

**Open 9.30am - 4.30 everyday**

**BA22 7JR - 07969 372979**

**Wear your wellies!**

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**St Barnabas Church**  
in aid of the fabric fund

# Christmas Fayre

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2-4pm

Queen Camel Memorial Hall

**FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY**

Toys, books and Children's games

Christmas gifts, Cakes and biscuits

Raffle, Bottle tombola

Christmas cakes and wreaths

Handmade gifts

Decorating gingerbread men  
and more!



**DONATIONS NEEDED PLEASE CONTACT HARRIET CHAPPELL**  
**ON 07880714559 OR [HARRIETCHAPPELL@YAHOO.CO.UK](mailto:HARRIETCHAPPELL@YAHOO.CO.UK)**

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## **CHRISTMAS EVE BREAKFAST PAJAMA PARTY**

**Make your child's Christmas just a little bit more special.**

**From 9:30-12:30 we are hosting a breakfast pajama party with a buffet style breakfast with various fruits, pancakes, and other sweet treats  
Each child also has the chance to meet and sit with santa and receive a small present.**

**Bacon and sausage baps are available for purchase for parents and guardians, aswell as coffee or tea**

**£15 PER CHILD**

**TICKET BOOKING IS NECESSARY**

**9:30-12:30**

**KIDS AND ADULTS WELCOME TO AND  
ENCOURAGED TO WEAR PAJAMAS**

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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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