



Diary Dates

27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the final Diary Dates of the term – next week’s publication will be the half-termly Newsletter with an update from all classes.

I am delighted to announce that all of our entrants in the last round of XC-running raced magnificently, reflecting the true determination and camaraderie of our children. Out of over 400 children and 33 schools competing that evening, our Year 2/3 girls finished in 3rd as a school team; the Year 4 girls finished 1st and the Year 5/6 boys brought back another top-10 school team finish, placing 4th, with determined effort from each boy in that race wanting to finish on behalf of the team.

Emily completed the Y4 girls’ race in first place, followed closely by Molly in second and then to round of a superb run for our school, Harriet finished in 10th! Grace brought back a resilient second place meaning that she, Emily and Molly will all go on to represent Yeovil at the inter-area level next week – we wish them the very best of luck in their final race at Yeovil Recreation against children representing Huish, Mendips and Sedgemoor areas.

Our school PFSA, Beth Patton was pleased to discuss her work and planned courses to a number of parents on Tuesday – Beth does a brilliant job working alongside our families and children to help them to really understand one another. If you are interested in joining Beth for one of her popular Tuning into Kids courses, please speak to myself or your child’s class teacher so that we can put you in touch!



XC racers –
Yeovil Rec

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Last week, teachers had put forward their Headteacher's Tea Party nominations, and we had a lovely afternoon together on Wednesday. The group enjoyed a selection of treats, board games and hot chocolate – before returning with full bellies and big smiles to class at the end of the day.

Rounding off a remarkably busy week at the school, children in Year 5 and 6 who had committed to taking part in this year's First Lego League challenge, stood for the school at the regional tournament, held locally for the first time this year, at iAero.

[For a full write up, please see the school gallery page here](#) but suffice it to say, much fun was had by all – two trophies topping off a great week!

The week didn't end there however, as tonight families returned to school to enjoy the PTFA's Easter Bingo and Raffle event. Great prizes were taken home, with both a three and four-way split! Thank you to all who supported our event this evening, as well as to the PTFA members, for organising a great event once again.



FLL Competitors



SSAFA Egg Designs

With the Easter theme, of course comes eggs and once again the school was pleased to take part in the SSAFA Armed Forces Charity Egg design competition. All were submitted from across the school with the level of talent on display this year once again surpassing 'egg-spectations!'

Thank you to all who attended parents' evenings across the week, your feedback has been shared with staff, and we have also opened an investigation ticket with the website providers as to how appointments were confirmed with families but not with the school!

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It is always a pleasure to welcome families into school and a reminder of our invitation to families or friends in arranging to visit some of children to discuss and take questions about your own career pathways - if you or somebody you know may be interested in this opportunity, please speak to Mr Gordon or Mrs Sherry.

A handful of reminders ahead of next week, there are no enrichment clubs (including no Camel Club) as it is the final week of term; if you are joining us for our Easter Service, we aim to begin at St Barnabas church for 10:45am and lastly, due to the Easter bank holiday, the school term finishes on Thursday!

PTFA Easter Bingo



First Lego League - iAero Yeovil 2026

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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 Ronnie, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week – this is for your fantastic maths work – finding addition facts within a part-whole model. Ronnie was very proud to bring this work to me and I have to say it looked fantastic in his book too! Well done Henry, as Merlin's Star of the Week, you are recognised for always being an enthusiastic and cheerful member of Merlin Class – wonderful to hear, Henry!

Pendragon – Congratulations Jack, you are Pendragon's Star of the Week – for fantastic listening – superb to 'hear' Jack! The Worker of the Week this week goes to Teddy for his brilliant efforts in reading – keep up the hard work, Teddy!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Hollie-Grace as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week – for always volunteering to help with classroom tasks as well as being kind and polite to all she meets in her school day – top efforts, Hollie-Grace! King Arthur's Worker of the Week is Theo – for his excellent effort on his Spring-themed poetry during English. It already sits upon the Board of Brilliance in my office, Theo!

Excalibur – Darcy is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for always being kind and considerate to her peers and friends – a lovely characteristic to praise you for, Darcy! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Wren, for her amazing progress in reading, particularly highlighted in assessments recently – you should be extremely proud, Wren!

Lancelot – Mr Gallagher's Star of the Week is Finley – for writing an extended write about the Highwayman and showing such effort during editing and revising – great work, Fin! The Worker of the Week for Lancelot is Jaxon-Blu – for taking such care in the presentation of his topic work – keep up the great effort, Jaxon!

A special mention goes to Hattie and Poppy for completing their Level 3 Achievement Award in Gymnastics – a brilliant effort girls, congratulations! Likewise, Harriet in Excalibur deserves a special mention, not only for her top 10 XC finish, but also for achieving her Level 4 Gymnastics Award – well done, young lady! Lastly, a special mention is also given to Olivia in Merlin – for completing her Level 1 Swimming Certificate – the hardest one if you ask me Olivia, great effort!

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Preschool Easter Open Afternoon

Thursday 2nd April 2026

2.00pm – 3.00pm



Please come along and enjoy some fun Easter activities with the children and enjoy a cup of tea and a yummy Easter treat.

We look forward to seeing you

Payment Reminders



Year 6 Residential – Land & Wave, Dorset

Balance to be paid by 20th April 2026

Payments to be made via BACS – see school office if details required.

Excalibur Class and King Arthur Class – Field to Food Learning Day at Bath & West Showground

Pendragon and King Arthur Class – BSO Orchestra at Westlands

Merlin Class – Puxton Park

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Friday



FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p

Monday 30th March

Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Lesiure Centre.



Wednesday 1st April

Easter Service at St Barnabus Church – details above.

Thursday 2nd April

Preschool Easter Open Afternoon 2pm – 3pm

Happy Easter!



Easter Holidays – school closed
Friday 3rd April – Friday 17th April



Monday 20th April

Back to school

Monday 20th April

Deadline for full balance of Year 6 Residential

Tuesday 21st April

Vision screening for Reception Class

Wednesday 22nd April

King Arthur and Excalibur Class - Field to Food Learning Day at Bath & West Showground.

Tuesday 28th April

Year 3 Ansford Sports Festival

Wednesday 29th April

Primary Schools Inter Area Cross Country Event – invited children only

Thursday 30th April

Pendragon and King Arthur Class – Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Westlands Entertainment Centre, Yeovil.

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday – school closed

Week commencing 11th May

Key Stage 2 Assessment Week (SATs)

Friday 15th May

PTFA Colour Run



Monday 25th May

Bank Holiday – school closed
Half Term

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!

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Tuning into Kids Course

 **Build a Stronger Connection with Your Child** 

Join us for a warm and supportive **Tuning into Kids** course, designed to help parents better understand and respond to their children's emotions.

Led by **PFSA Mrs Beth Patton**, this friendly and practical course offers simple strategies you can use every day.

Countess Gytha Primary School

When?

Tuesday 21st April – Tuesday 2nd June





Time

09:00 – 11:00

Duration

6 weekly sessions

Why join?


-  Learn to better understand your child's feelings
 -  Build stronger relationships
 -  Support your child's emotional development
 -  Meet other parents in a relaxed setting
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Booking is essential

Places are limited and fill up quickly!

Book your place

 **office@countessgytha.ppat365.org**

 **01935 850345**

 *We look forward to welcoming you!* 

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Year 6 Easter Maths Challenge

Thinking mathematically to solve problems is great preparation for SATs!

For Year 6 children and their families

led by experienced Year 6 Teacher and Maths Mastery Specialist

Year 6 children and grown-ups, join us online
9 - 9.30am on *all* or *some* the following dates:

- Tuesday 31st March
- Wednesday 1st April
- Thursday 2nd April
- Tuesday 7th April
- Wednesday 8th April
- Thursday 9th April

To get involved scan the QR code
and register on Eventbrite to receive
the Zoom link and reminders before
each session.



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 North Cadbury

ACTIVE CAMPS

➔ APRIL 7TH TO 10TH

➔ 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

TUE 7TH

Gymnastics Day

WED 8TH

Racket Sports

THU 9TH

Tournament Day

FRI 10TH

Laser Tag

 WWW.TLESPORTSCOACHING.CO.UK

£20 a day!

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

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COUNTESS GYTHA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

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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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Join Us For Our

Open Day

2nd May 2026 • 11am – 4pm

📍 Old School, Queen Camel



Explore the brilliant enterprises, crafts and skills that make our site a hub of creativity and community.



Hot & Cold Refreshments



Meet Our Tenants



Live Demonstrations



Classic Tractor



Bugfest from 2pm



Art Exhibition

☎ 07486 385224 | www.oldschoolqueencamel.org.uk

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We're Looking for more players to join Ilchester's U9's Girls team.

- PERFECT FOR GIRLS NEW TO FOOTBALL OR LOOKING TO BUILD THEIR SKILLS.
- FOR SCHOOL YEARS 2 & 3
- TRAINING ON SUNDAY'S
- MONTHLY MATCHES AT SOMERSET'S FESTIVAL OF FOOTBALL
- MAKE NEW FRIENDS WHILE LEARNING AND DEVELOPING FOOTBALLING SKILLS

FIND OUT MORE

CONTACT BEN WOOD

07909 958788



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GIRLS FOOTBALL SESSIONS

- ILCHESTER PLAYING FIELDS
- SUNDAY MORNINGS
- FIRST SESSION FREE
- AGES 5-9

TO FIND OUT MORE OR TO REGISTER:

CONTACT AARON LOMAX 07583 925136



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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



SCAN FOR TICKETS

AVAILABLE TO ALL SASP FAMILIES WITH VOUCHER CODE : SASPYEO

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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EASTER HOLIDAY CHILDRENS CRICKET COACHING

FROME YMCA

9th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4

Softball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

PERROT HILL SCHOOL, CREWKERNE

7th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4

Softball & Hardball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

8th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6

Hardball Cricket School Yrs 7, 8, 9

WESTON COLLEGE

14th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4

Softball & Hardball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

15th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6

Hardball Cricket School Yrs 7, 8, 9

WELLS CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

14th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 2, 3, 4

Softball & Hardball Cricket School Yrs 5, 6, 7

15th April

Softball Cricket School Yrs 3, 4, 5, 6

Hardball Cricket School Yrs 7, 8, 9

CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE, SCCC TAUTON

10th April

All Round Cricketer School Yrs 2, 3, 4

All Round Cricketer School Yrs 5, 6

Blast Batting School Yrs 7, 8, 9

16th April

Specialist Bowling - PACE, School Yrs 7, 8, 9, 10

All Stars Mini Cricket, School Yrs R, 1, 2

Booking details can be found by clicking the following link

- [Children's Coaching - Somerset Cricket Foundation](#)

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Same Roots
Collective

Sunday
April 5th

EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

Join Us for a Day of Joy and Celebration!



Come and join us on
Easter Sunday from
2pm to 6pm for lots of
fun and activities



You will find us at the very end of Laurel Lane

The Easter weekend is a fantastic time to spend with friends and family, when everyone has time to enjoy each other's company. To add into the enjoyment of the weekend we would like to invite you to bring your children down to Same Roots Collective on Easter Sunday afternoon for some family fun.

We will have an Easter trail with prizes; festive colouring sheets; fun games; and more. Enjoy our beautiful grounds in the Spring sunshine and have some refreshments to help you relax.

Come anytime between 2pm and 6pm.

You will find us right at the end of Laurel Lane in Queen Camel."

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Swimming
on all days



LEWESTON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

EASTER CAMPS

5-13 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, LASER TAG,
GLOW-IN-THE-DARK SPORTS, SILENT DISCO,
★ FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND MORE...!!



PRICES:
STANDARD DAY - £30
EXTENDED DAY - £35

30TH MARCH - 2ND APRIL

TIMES:
STANDARD: 8:45AM - 3:30PM
EXTENDED: 8AM - 5:30PM

7TH - 9TH APRIL

Book now:

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2026/03/30/leweston-ultimate-activity-camps-easter-holidays-2026>
query: Leweston

More information: ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk

TWO Weeks of FREE Badminton Coaching with Yeovil Badminton Club



Primary School
aged children
can become part
of Shuttle Stars

Saturday 9am till 10am
for complete beginners up to age 12
Cost £4.50 per session paid weekly

Saturday 10am till 12noon
for intermediate players 12 up
to age 16

Cost £8.00 per session paid weekly



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Yeovil
Badminton
Club

GIRLS ONLY BADMINTON SESSION

FRIDAYS FROM 6PM TILL 7PM

RUN BY HEAD COACH JANE LIPTON
NO BOOKING REQUIRED - TURN UP ON THE DAY

SESSIONS
COST £4.50

FIRST **4**
SESSIONS
ARE **FREE**
PAY ON THE DAY



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