



COUNTESS  
GYTHA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

# Diary Dates

18<sup>th</sup> September 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been wonderful this week visiting classes and seeing how the children have settled into their work so well and are enjoying the rhythms of regular school life. The Merlin Reception children are now fully into the swing of school life and are looking forward to their first full week from Monday!



Prefects 2026



Congratulations to our newly appointed Year 6 Prefects (Olivia, Lily, Emily, Emelia, Freddie W and Henry and also to our House Captains (Phoebe, Lincoln, McKenzie, Finley, Henry, Freddie W, Freddie L and Seb)! We are incredibly proud of everyone who put themselves forward for these important roles. We know they will be brilliant role models and represent our school wonderfully!

This week saw the return of enrichment clubs and school sport, with swimming lessons restarting for Years 5 and 6. We were also delighted to send a benchball team to Westfield. Our team had a fantastic time at the Festival, competing against Oaklands and East Coker. After some warm-ups and catching practice, we played two matches and won both! A brilliant first sporting event of the year, with great teamwork, sportsmanship and lots of smiles. Well done, team!



In case you missed the sign up, the ever-popular Cross Country series restarts on Monday with races open from years 2-6, hosted at Yeovil Rugby Club from 4:15pm. Please double check with the school office if you unsure about enrichment club places.



House Captains 2026

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It was lovely to meet with families on Thursday for an informal drop-in about the year ahead – a reminder that class letters, which include timetable information such as homework or P.E. days, as well as the overall curriculum plans have now been published, [copies of which can be found on the website here](#).



Those with siblings in Key Stage 2 last year will remember the excellent feedback from an online safety assembly led by Andri from Somerset Police. Wonderfully, Andri is offering 2 dates for parents to attend an online workshop regarding online exploitation and I have no hesitation in recommending these as she is very engaging and has lots of great ideas to support families.



Pendragon  
Science  
lesson on  
materials

Please see the sign up poster below for further information.

There were two important updates sent home via email this week, one outlining the government's changes to the Free School Meals programme (see email dated 16.9.2026) and the other with a Forms link sign up for the annual permissions, alongside the data collection responses (see email dated today). Please can these be completed and returned as soon as possible to ensure that the school holds the correct data for your children and families. If you have not received these emails or are unsure about them in any way, please do not hesitate to discuss with myself or Mrs Annetts in the school office as soon as possible.

Please note, any medical updates, including returning medication such as inhalers, allergy epi-pens or prescribed medication should be handed into the school office as soon as possible to ensure Individual Healthcare Plans are up to date.



We are boldly going where no carnival entrants have gone before – to Space! Perhaps an exaggeration, but a brilliantly fun theme all the same. If you think that you have any silver foil to spare or other recycling we could use such as cardboard, or plastic bottles etc. then these would be gratefully received at the school office! Don't forget, if your child is interested in taking part in this year's space-themed carnival, then don't forget to sign up via [this brief Microsoft Form](#) or let [Mr Gordon](#) know!

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## **A Polite Reminder...**

*Please respect our neighbours and each other when parking at school. The surgery car park is private property and should not be used when dropping/collecting children from school. The surgery and the school work closely together as local service providers and appreciate families helping to maintain this strong relationship.*



*Thank you for not parking in the Queen Camel Medical Centre.*

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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:

**Merlin (Reception) children will be joining the praise assembly after half term.**

Merlin (Year 1's) – Well done to Bambi for earning Star of the Week this week. She is always polite, shows great kindness towards her peers and adults in the room – well done.

Congratulations to Ronnie, who is Worker of the Week this week – for his impressive handwriting and presentation in his first Geography lesson, learning about the countries in the United Kingdom. Great work to you both!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Imogen, Pendragon's first Star of the Week – for fantastic effort and beautiful handwriting – well done, Imogen! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Barney for his brilliant listening skills in all lessons. Keep up the brilliant work!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Eric as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for always trying his hardest in each lesson – a fantastic learning trait to have! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Charlotte, for her excellent understanding of how to punctuate four types of sentences, amazing work!

Excalibur – Noah is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for a great attitude to his work and volunteering to support peers with their studies too – excellent to hear, Noah! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Roma, for some superb reasoning and problem-solving in her maths this week – keep up the great work, Roma!

Lancelot – Adley has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for showing great adaptation skills, enjoying the new structure, new class environment and doing so with a smile on his face too! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Isabelle, for working with a positive attitude in her baseline assessments and impressing with a big write on potions! Congratulations to you both.

A special mention this week goes to Molly won a gold medal in Sunday's Yeovil Games Athletics quad event for under 10s! Long jump, 50m sprint, 400m run and howler throw! Also well done to Noah for excellent training sessions on Saturdays with Ilchester Football club and finally, to Freddie W for participating brilliantly in his cricket season with Queen Camel Cricket club



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# European Day of Languages 2026



On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September, we will be celebrating the European Day of Languages, at Countess Gytha Primary School. The day will form part of our application towards the British Council's International School Award.

Classes have planned activities across the day but to give the occasion more of a theme, please could all children come to school dressed in the colour of the flag of a European Country, which has been selected by their class teacher. This country will then form the basis of a selection of fun and enjoyable activities throughout the day.

Preschool are representing United Kingdom



Merlin Class are representing France



Pendragon Class are representing Spain



King Arthur Class are representing Italy



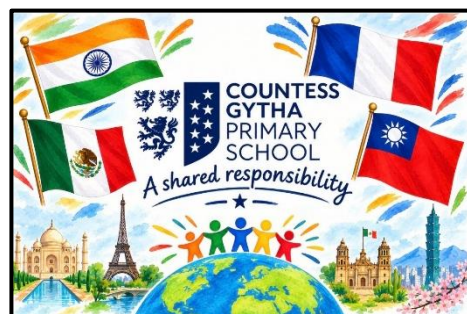
Excalibur Class are representing Netherlands



Lancelot Class are representing Portugal



I think you will agree, this will be a great opportunity for the children to learn some introductory basics of a new language and enjoy taking part in activities that promote an understanding of other cultures from around Europe. If you have any questions, please speak to Madame Sherry or Mr Gordon.



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**Somerset  
Council**

**Apply now for  
Secondary School  
places**

The online portal for applications for children to start secondary school in September 2027, or transfer to Upper school, is now OPEN.  
The closing date is 31 October 2026.

The Secondary School Admissions Guide is now live on our website Secondary admissions guide ([somerset.gov.uk](https://somerset.gov.uk)) We strongly encourage you to read this before making your application.

We recommend you always include your catchment school as one of your preferences. If you don't and it becomes oversubscribed, we can't guarantee your child a place there and if you don't get offered one of the schools you have chosen, your child might be offered a school further away with no travel assistance.



PLEASE NOTE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START SCHOOL IN RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2027 OR TRANSFER TO JUNIOR OR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027, THE ON LINE PORTAL WILL BE OPEN ON 28th SEPTEMBER 2026.

A few tips before you start;

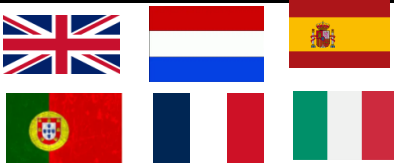
1. If you previously applied for a child starting or transferring school in 2017 or earlier you will need to re-register on the portal as a new system was introduced at this time.

2. If you do not receive your registration or forgotten password email please check your junk mail. If you still do not received an email please contact [schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk)

[Primary Admissions Guide](#)



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

|                                      | <b>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</b><br>Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p                                                                                                    |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September    | Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Swimming Session #2                        |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September    | Cross Country Event at Yeovil Rugby Club. Email sent out 14.9.2026                                                                                                |
| Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September | Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2026.                   |
| Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September  | Dance Festival at Preston School Academy. Yeovil. Selected pupils only.                                                                                           |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September    | European Day of Languages 2026. <br>Letter sent home this week, details above. |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September    | School tour for new intake 2027 at 9.30am. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.                                                                 |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September    | Deadline for consent forms and deposit payment for Year 6 residential.                                                                                            |
| Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> September   | School tour for new intake 2027 at 1.45pm. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.                                                                 |
| Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> September | Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2026.                      |
| Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> October     | Quantocks House Cake Sale                                                    |
| Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October     | School tour for new intake 2027 at 9.30am. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.                                                                 |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> October       | Hello Yellow Day 2025 – Details to follow                                    |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October   | School tour for new intake 2027 at 1.45pm. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.                                                                 |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> October      | PTFA UV Disco – details to follow                                            |

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## ★ SCHOOL TOURS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027 STARTERS ★

### LOOKING FOR THE PERFECT PRIMARY SCHOOL?

Visit our friendly, welcoming school and discover how children learn, grow and thrive.

### TOUR DATES

**Friday 25 September 2026 • 9.30am**

**Tuesday 29 September 2026 • 1.45pm**

**Thursday 8 October 2026 • 9.30am**

**Wednesday 14 October 2026 • 1.45pm**

### BOOK YOUR PLACE TODAY!

01935 850345

[office@countessgytha.ppat365.org](mailto:office@countessgytha.ppat365.org)

[www.countessgythaprimary.co.uk](http://www.countessgythaprimary.co.uk)

West Camel Road, Queen Camel, Yeovil, Somerset BA22 7FF

**We look forward to welcoming you and showing you around our school!**

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# Could you tell if your child was being **exploited** **online?**



Join one of our free online sessions led by Child Exploitation Prevention Officer **Andri Nicolaou**

**29 September** 19:00 - 20:30pm    **06 October** 13:00 - 14:30pm

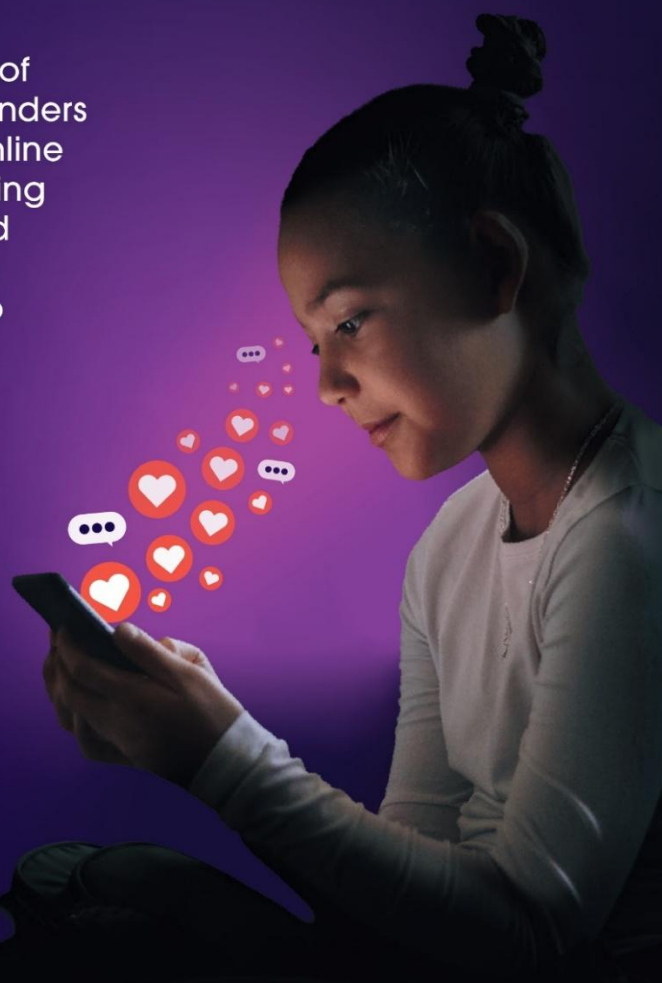
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

Visit the **Avon and Somerset Police Eventbrite page** or scan the QR codes below

**29 Sept**



**06 Oct**



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**2026**

# UPCOMING PTFA EVENTS



**UV DISCO**



**16<sup>TH</sup>  
OCT**

**27<sup>TH</sup>  
NOV**



**MUFTI FOR XMAS  
RAFFLE DONATIONS**

**CHRISTMAS WREATH  
MAKING WORKSHOP**



**28<sup>TH</sup>  
NOV**

**4<sup>TH</sup>  
DEC**

**CHRISTMAS FAIR**



**MORE DETAILS TO  
FOLLOW ON ALL EVENTS**



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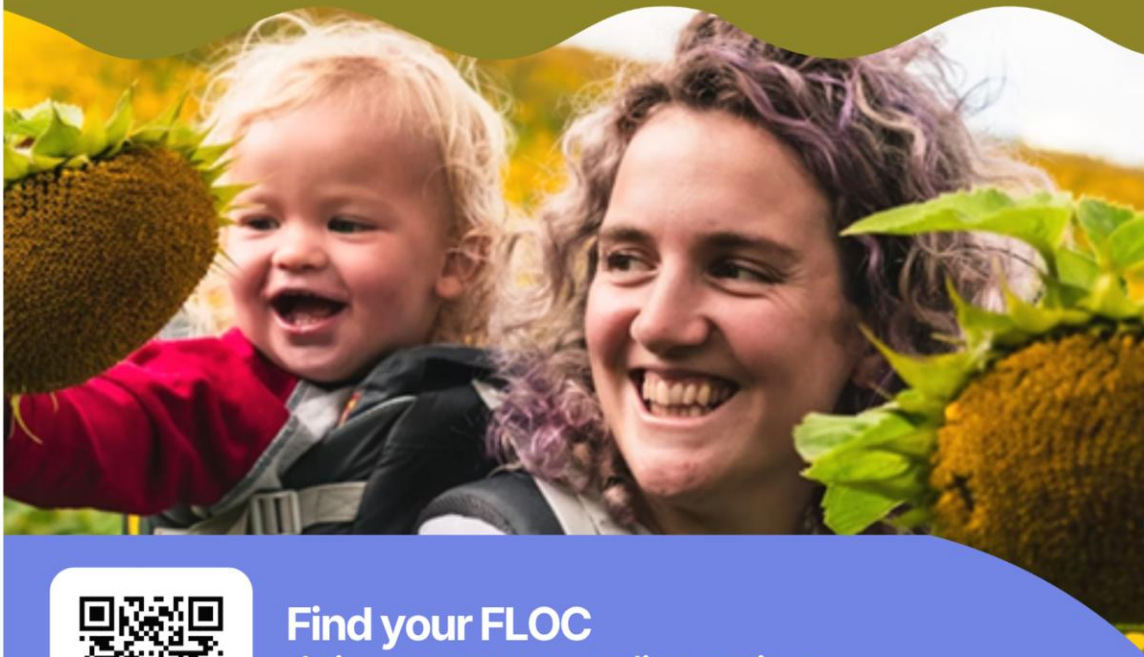
# FLOC Community

For families raising children  
with additional needs.

FLOC **meet-ups** are for anyone raising a child with additional needs, a disability or sensitivities. No diagnosis required - all are welcome.

A space to share experiences with other families who get it. No need to explain yourself - you're already understood. Come as you are.

**Connection  
changes  
everything.**



## Find your FLOC

Join a meet-up online or in a town near you.

Find out more: [www.floc.org.uk](http://www.floc.org.uk) or contact us: [findyourfloc@gmail.com](mailto:findyourfloc@gmail.com)

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