



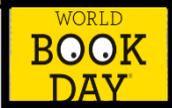
Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been another wonderful week of learning at Countess Gytha, with so much going on as ever!

I am delighted to say that all of the Year 6 children who participated in this week's Bikeability workshops have passed their courses with flying colours – even being cheered on by a lunchtime audience, they didn't lose their nerve (or control of their bikes!).



Y6
Bikeability
Riders



Shared Stories Across the
School for WBD 2026

World Book Day 2026 provided an epic stage for the school to celebrate reading and book culture! Thank you so much to everyone who took part, helped prepare costumes and really got involved in the spirit of the event this year – it was clearly enjoyed by all, with the book swap and whole-school story write being particularly popular this year – [you can read it for yourself here!](#)

The children looked incredible in their costumes and were so passionate about their characters when staff were talking to them throughout the day – amazing efforts!

World Book Day vouchers have been sent home with your child; these may be exchanged for one of the books published for World Book Day or used towards a book of their choice. A printable voucher is also available via this link. For those looking for ideas for books or to use their World Book Day token against, Mr Gallagher highly



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recommends the following sites to help with choosing – [The Reader Teacher](#); [Technology Books for Children](#); [Book Matching](#)

In other news this week, Countess Gytha took a strong squad to the 'hilliest' Cross Country event on the calendar – Aldon Hill – to take on the challenging course against 300 other schools in the sunshine. Great results, including LOTS of new personal bests and a few top 10 finishes for Emily B, Harriet A and Grace G, which topped off a fantastic effort from all!

Next week is British Science Week and the school is celebrating it with a science-based activity every day in classes. Please don't forget your bottle rockets on Tuesday if wanting to launch this year! Families are invited to join the fun on Wednesday afternoon, with the school hosting 2 science workshops with lots of activities on hand to share with your child. [Please sign up here.](#)

Parent Meetings are due to take place on Monday 23rd March and Thursday 26th March. We are using a new booking system which mean you need to create an account to access the time slots. These were emailed out yesterday. The booking system will go live on Monday 9th March. We will send an email to let you know the booking system has opened. If you experience any difficulties, or require an additional slot, then please contact the school office to arrange. Please note that there is a cross-country event on Monday 23rd March, which may affect some families.

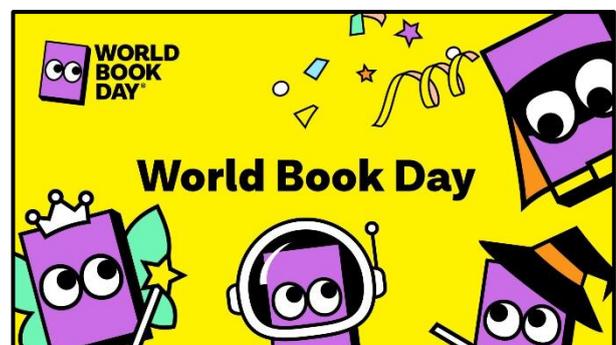


XC Runners



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With the amount of fun and celebrations brought along with World Book Day, we will resume usual Praise Certificates from next week! With that being said, we would love to give a special mention must go to all our wonderful families for putting above and beyond efforts into this year's World Book Day costumes – an outstanding effort!



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Every Friday



FRIDAY TUCKSHOP

Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p

Monday 9 th March	Pendragon Class and Year 2 King Arthur Swimming at Wincanton Lesiure Centre.	
Monday 9 th March – Friday 13 th March	British Science Week	
Monday 9 th March	Children to bring in empty 2 litre bottle to they wish to decorate their rocket in school.	
Tuesday 10 th March	Rocket Launching Day – bring in decorated rockets	
Wednesday 11 th March	Family science-based activities see letter sent home. Workshop 1 – 1.15pm-2pm or Workshop 2 2.15pm – 3pm	
Wednesday 11 th March	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 16 th March 2026.	
Thursday 12 th March	Step into the NHS Day 2026 – As part of British Science Week and the school's ongoing future careers project, Year 4,5,6 are gaining first hand insight into roles, skills and NHS job pathways by virtually meeting healthcare professionals; engaging in interactive activities and submitting a creative competition entry that captures the inspiration of the day. We can't wait to share these with you in that week's Diary Dates!	
Friday 13 th March	Visit from British Horse Society for Years 4,5 & 6	
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.	
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.	

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Week commencing Monday 23 rd March	
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Monday 23 rd March	Parent Meetings in school
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Meetings in school
Friday 27 th March	PTFA Easter Bingo – details to follow shortly.
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 to follow
Easter Holidays – school closed Friday 3 rd April – Friday 17 th April	
Monday 20 th April	Back to school
Tuesday 21 st April	Vision screening for Reception Class – letter sent home this week. (Date changed)



Just a few of this year's
Book-in-a-Box/Jar Entries!

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

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

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Red Nose Cake Sale

Friday 20th March 2026



Cup Cakes 50p each



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- 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!

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Scan me to book for the 30th March



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FRIDAY 27TH MARCH

Countess Gytha Primary School

Doors Open 5.30pm

Eyes Down 6.00pm

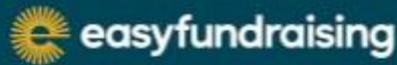
£1 a book or a book of 6 for £5

REFRESHMENTS &
HOT DOGS

RAFFLE



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 *North Cadbury*

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➔ 8.30AM TO 3.30PM

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WED 8TH

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THU 9TH

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FRI 10TH

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