



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

25th September 2026



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Bonjour, Goede Middag, Bom Dia, Hola, Bonjourno!
Children had a fantastic time immersing themselves in cultures and languages from around Europe today. Their face paints, outfits and enthusiasm to join in with dances, food tasting and language workshops really proved how popular European Day of Languages remains across the school – thank you to all for support our day!

Language Ambassadors



Merlin Class 2026

Children in reception stayed for their first full week this year and what a success they have made of it! All of the children have settled brilliantly, and it was a delight to hear the fun they were having together in their afternoons. Reception and Year 1 and 2 parents are invited to join Miss Morris, Mr Gallagher and Mrs King on 13th October from 3pm in the school hall to discuss the school's

approach to phonics, using the Little Wandle scheme and early reading more generally.

Turning to our regular sporting events, Cross Country has always been a favourite staple of our sporting calendar and Race 1 at Yeovil Rugby Club proved no different.

With 18 runners ranging from Year 2 to 6, Countess Gytha returned some impressive results from the first round, including 2x top-10 finishers! A huge well done to our first time runners, Alex, Louis, Harry, Jacob and Primrose – they are all very keen to encourage any others to join at our next round at Yeovil Showground. The format is both a



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team and individual race, so regardless of finishing positions, every racer collects points for the school team as a whole and with just one or two more runners in each age category, we would climb from the 9th and 10th middling positions to being within the top 3 schools currently, so all runners and abilities welcomed!



Letters will be available from class teachers and the school office next week but if you click the link right, this also goes direct to the office.

Those signed up for the carnival have been busy crafting their parade makes and we have had a lot of interest from across the school – if your child is interested but not yet signed up to the carnival then don't forget to sign up via [this brief Microsoft Form](#) or [let Mr Gordon know!](#) 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.

We have had around a third of the [External Visit forms returned which were emailed out last week.](#) 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.



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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 Archie B for earning Star of the Week this week. He is a fantastic role model to the new reception children and is helping them to settle into school wonderfully – thank you for all your help, Archie! Congratulations to Ezra, who is Worker of the Week this week for his great effort in reading – keep up the hardwork, Ez!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Sophie, Pendragon's Star of the Week – for being kind and helpful to all of her classmates – fantastic to hear, Sophie! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Charlie A, for his super effort in maths and fabulous problem solving skills – keep up the great work, young man!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Primrose as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for showing kindness and friendship during her cross-country race – supporting her friend around the course and ensuring enjoyment for all – a top effort! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Harry, for his excellent, detailed narrative on the Legend of Romulus and Remus – I can't wait to read it, Harry!



Excalibur – Bradley is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, passing his 9x Mental Maths Olympics – a real testament to his hard work in completing this level – well done, Bradley! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Riley, for producing some great maths and extended writing during his week – keep up the great work, Riley!

Lancelot – Erin has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for her brilliant contribution during the PSHE discussion; for her excellent diary writing and a great attitude to her learning this week – wonderful to hear, Erin! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Phoebe, for working hard on her presentation; always checking corrections, as well as her brilliant effort in maths this week – a real success, young lady!

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Secondary School
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Somerset School Admissions

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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) 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

[Primary Admissions Guide](#)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



FRIDAY TUCKSHOP -Every Friday morning breaktime – 20p

Friday 25 th September	Deadline for consent forms and deposit payment for Year 6 residential.	
Monday 28 th September	Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6 session 3	
Tuesday 29 th September	School tour for new intake 2027 at 1.45pm. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.	
Wednesday 30 th September	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 5 th October 2026.	
Thursday 1 st October	National Poetry Day	
Thursday 1 st October	Quantocks House Cake Sale 3.20pm	
Monday 5 th October	Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6 session 4	
Monday 5 th October	Cross Country Event 2 at Yeovil Showground – QR code above to sign up.	
Wednesday 7 th October	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 12 th October 2026.	
Wednesday 7 th October	SATs and Residential meeting for parents of Year 6 children. 3.30pm in Lancelot Classroom. Letter sent home 25.9.26.	
Thursday 8 th October	School tour for new intake 2027 at 9.30am. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.	
Friday 9 th October	Hello Yellow Day 2025 – Details to follow	
Monday 12 th October	Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6 session 5	
Tuesday 13 th October	Meet the Teacher and Phonics Information drop in meeting in the school hall 3pm – 3.45pm. For Merlin Class and Pendragon Class parents.	
Wednesday 14 th October	School tour for new intake 2027 at 1.45pm. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.	
Wednesday 14 th October – Monday 19 th October	Book Fair to be held in school hall. Dates and times to be confirmed shortly.	
Wednesday 14 th October	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 12 th October 2026.	
Thursday 15 th October	School Nurse team in school to give Flu vaccine (nasal spray) to all children with consent. Email sent out 22.9.2026.	
Friday 16 th October	PTFA Disco – details to follow	

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Saturday 17 th October	Castle Cary Carnival Event See sign up details above	
Monday 19 th October	Swimming for Year 5 & Year 6 session 6	
Week Commencing Monday 19 th October	Parents' Evening Events – Details to follow shortly. <i><u>Please note that there will be no enrichment clubs this week</u></i>	
Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October	Half Term – school closed	
Friday 31 st October	Deadline for Secondary school applications.	



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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

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

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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Please support your House
and bring some cakes in.

Quantocks Cake Sale



THURSDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2026

50P A CAKE

SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND BUY SOME DELICIOUS AND YUMMY CAKES

FAIRTRADE CAKES WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE

ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL

THANK YOU

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL



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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

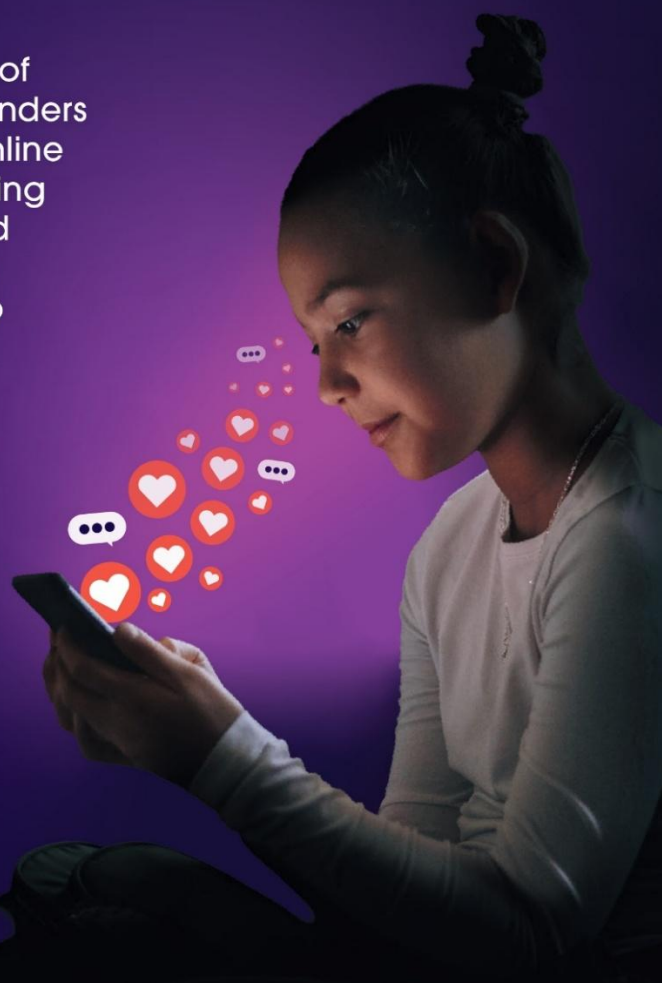
Learn about the different forms of child exploitation and how offenders groom/exploit children both online and offline. We'll highlight warning signs a child may be at risk and practical steps you can take to keep them safe and respond to any concerns.

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

29 Sept



06 Oct



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MONEY RAISED THIS TERM

TUCK SHOP
£30.57

2ND HAND UNIFORM
£21.50

EASY FUNDRAISING
£56.83

COLLECTION POT
£29.67

ASTRA RECYCLING
£52.75

SUMMER DISCO
£221.79

SUMMER FAYRE
£909.17

COLOR RUN
£1141.67

TOTAL £2453.95

SUMMER TERM 2026

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UPCOMING 2026 PTFA EVENTS



UV DISCO



16TH
OCT

27TH
NOV



MUFTI FOR XMAS RAFFLE DONATIONS

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP



28TH
NOV

4TH
DEC

CHRISTMAS FAIR



MORE DETAILS TO
FOLLOW ON ALL EVENTS



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Now in Queen Camel

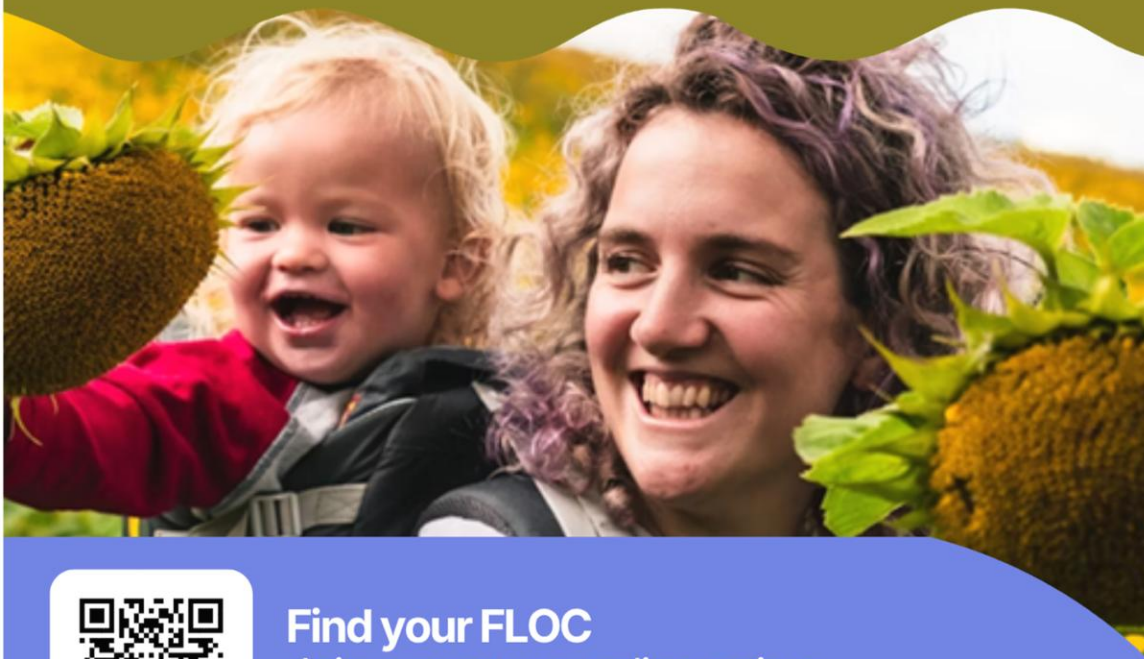
FLOC Community

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 or contact us: findyourfloc@gmail.com

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