



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

11th 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. Don't forget, we love to recognise, praise and celebrate achievements of all children beyond the school week in our Friday assemblies. It was wonderful to start off our year with children celebrating their Summer Reading Challenge; any other Reading Challenge entrants are welcome to share their news next week!



Quantocks Mufti Day – House Winners 2025-2026

Also starting next week are swimming lessons for Lancelot Class and Year 5 in Excalibur Class, as well as our enrichment clubs – please double check with the school office if you are unsure about places.

Class letters, which include timetable information such as homework or P.E. days have now been published, [copies of which can be found on the website here](#). Likewise, class curriculums have also been published. Printed copies of these are available from the school office, as well as an informal, drop-in opportunity on Thursday afterschool to meet with Mr Gordon and class teachers to discuss the curriculums of the year ahead.

Class photos are regularly updated on the school website, so do please keep an eye out as well as on the school gallery. Photo, data and trip permission forms will be sent to our primary contacts for all families next week, so if there are any changes to these details, please let the office know 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.

Classes welcomed back Mr. Hollard from Yeovil Town Community Sports Trust to assist in weekly PE sessions on Wednesdays, with new staff joining classes outlined specifically in class letters and class pages on the school website. The children really enjoyed their first PE lessons of the year and were delighted to be able to join Mr. Hollard at lunchtime too, for more sporting games and active-play activities (open to all children in Merlin, Pendragon and King Arthur classes on

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Wednesday lunchtimes, no sign-up required)

School Council members, as well as wider school roles such as librarians or eco-council and mental health ambassadors, are being elected next week by their peers, and we look forward to reporting on these in due course.



The return to school means it's also time to start thinking about It's that time of year again when we start to think about this year's Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival entry! Our lips are tightly sealed on the theme this year, until we share it first with our Carnival Club members on Tuesday! More details will follow shortly, but if you can indicate whether your child(ren) would like to join in representing Countess Gytha (open to all preschool/school children) on Saturday 17th October, [please could you complete this brief Microsoft Form or let Mr Gordon know!](#)



Finally, the PTFA are busy scheduling exciting events across the year and would be happy to hear from anybody who has time to help volunteering – please see the contact details on the PTFA noticeboard at the front of the carpark [or on their webpage here.](#) In the meantime, a reminder that they have a lot of excellent quality second-hand uniform available, please just ask at the school office for an up-to-date list of items and sizes available.

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 Lottie for earning Star of the Week this week. Her outstanding attitude and enthusiasm has meant she has been a great role model to the Reception children in the class –great to hear. Congratulations to Riley D, who is Worker of the Week this week – for his impressive focus in maths especially when finding 1 more than a given number. Great work to you both!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Lena, Pendragon's first Star of the Week – for setting a fantastic example to others – well done, Lena! Pendragon's Worker of the Week this week goes to Ivy for her brilliant effort with writing fantastic sentences with full stops, capital letters and finger spaces. Keep up the brilliant work!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Louise as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for settling into a new class and school with a smile on your face, well done for bringing so much positivity to King Arthur, Louise! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Rupert, for his excellent work in maths on place value – congratulations Rupert, I think you're going to really like it in Year 3!

Excalibur – Harry is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for starting his journey in Year 5 so successfully, being a brilliant role-model to all – excellent to hear, Harry! Excalibur's Worker of the Week is awarded to Maisie, for starting Year 4 demonstrating a brilliant attitude to her learning – great to hear, Maisie!

Lancelot – Toby has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for showing politeness, kindness and a great work ethic throughout his first week as a Year 6 – keep it up, young man! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Lincoln, for working hard in every lesson, especially in his recipe writing – Mr Gallagher is looking forward to a very successful year together, Lincoln!

A special mention this week goes to Archie in Excalibur and Freddie W in Lancelot, as well as Y6 leaver, Alfie who all passed their Grade 1 music exams over the summer break, with Freddie and Archie both receiving Merits for their efforts – brilliant news!

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p	
Monday 14 th September	Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Swimming Session #1	
Monday 14 th September	Enrichment Clubs start	
Wednesday 16 th September	<i>Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 21st September 2026.</i>	
Thursday 17 th September	Curriculum information drop in – school hall from 3.20pm	
Thursday 17 th September	Bench ball tournament at Westfield Academy, Yeovil. Selected pupil only.	
Monday 21 st September	Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Swimming Session #2	
Wednesday 23 rd September	<i>Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 28th September 2026.</i>	
Friday 25 th September	European Day of Languages 2026. Letter to be sent home shortly.	
Friday 25 th September	School tour for new intake 2027 at 9.30am. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.	
Friday 25 th September	Deadline for consent forms and deposit payment for Year 6 residential.	
Tuesday 29 th September	School tour for new intake 2027 at 1.45pm. Please book a place at the school office. All welcome.	
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	
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Payment Reminders

Swimming

Lancelot Class and Year 5 Excalibur Class

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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!

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

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UPCOMING 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

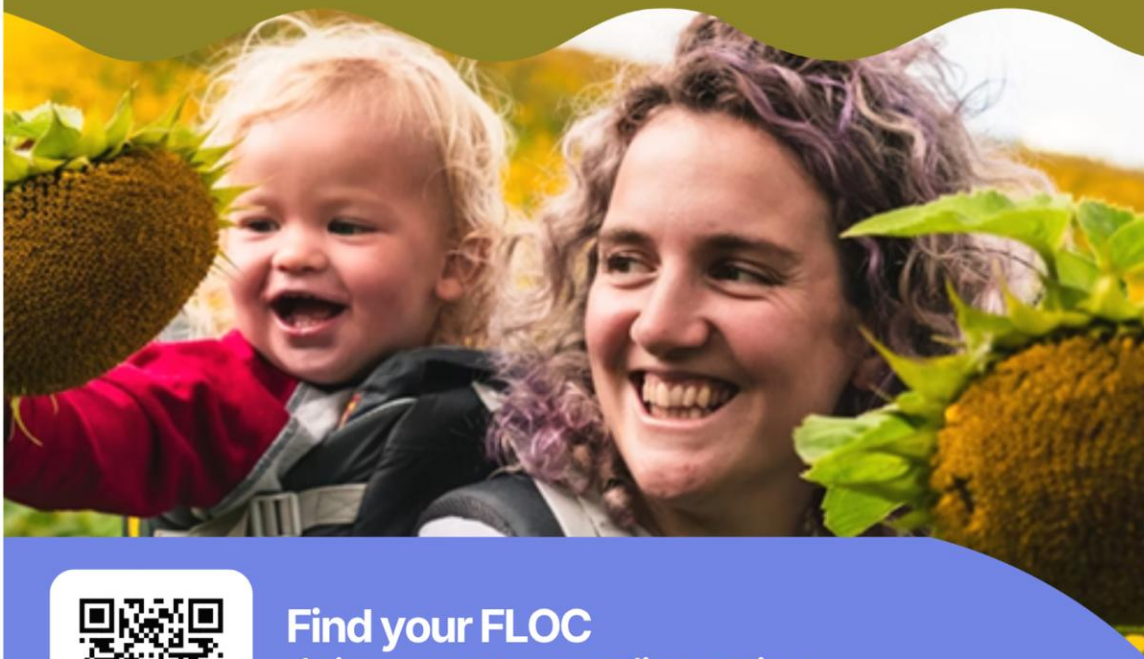
FLOC Community

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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