



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

11th July 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to the final edition of this year's Diary Dates! With 7 school days until the end of the term, our final publication will be the Summer Newsletter on Tuesday 22nd July. We are hoping to release next week's publication in a more-modern, digital format using Microsoft Sway and would welcome your feedback and comments!



Countess Gytha Primary School
Summer Parent Survey 2025



Likewise, I will take this opportunity to once again raise our Summer Parent Survey. [Simply by clicking here](#), it will take you to our twice-annual survey giving families an opportunity to respond to questions designed to help us monitor and improve the quality of our service towards education.

Please note, annual school reports have been sent home today. If any families require a second copy, please do email or speak to the school office.

This week's big event was of course the end of year play, performed by members of Lancelot class. Staging a performance of *The Little Orphan Girl* – based on the musical, *Annie* – the children performed wonderfully across two performances. Each child had clearly worked really hard to learn their lines and cues brilliantly, the audience enjoying powerful singing and solos as well as props to really bring the performance to life.

Having only watched the performance for myself for the first time at its opening to families on Tuesday afternoon, it was clear just how much effort the children and staff in Lancelot have put in to making it as special as possible for their families – well done all, your audience were enraptured!

Pendragon making refreshing
fruit kebabs!



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Official Guinness
World Record
Holders!

Year 6 have had a particularly successful week, with both confirmation that by representing the school, they are all Guinness World Record Holders and the small note of fact that their outcomes from the national Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs) were published on Tuesday.

A full report will be shared in next week's end of term newsletter, but it is safe to say that the school and families are incredibly proud of your achievements this year. For those who can't wait until next week's Newsletter, our full 2025 data is available on our website, including Reception, Key Stage 1 and Phonics outcomes. I am very pleased to share that all are very strong and all remain above national averages.

Following this, Year 6 visited Ansford Academy for their year group's Sports Festival. It was a joyous occasion of being able to meet form tutors and sport teachers for these children in anticipation for next year, as well as enjoying a whole day of activities alongside their peer groups for next year. Mrs Elsworth was very proud to accompany them for the last festival of the year.

Year 6 took part in a brilliant transition session this week with pupils from Years 7 and 8, all based around the powerful novel, *The Final Year* by Matt Goodfellow. It was a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6s to hear from older students about what to expect in secondary school and ask any questions they had about the move. As well as talking about *The Final Year*, the pupils swapped book recommendations, with lots of great new titles added to our reading lists! The session was a great way to connect with older pupils, ease transition worries, and inspire even more reading for pleasure.



Y6 Ansford Book
Club Zoom

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Speaking of reading, this year's Summer Reading Challenge has launched in libraries across Somerset – please see the flyers below for more details [or this short clip explaining the details](#) for this year's event. As ever, we would love to hear of those who participate or complete the challenge when we return in September!

As this is our last Diary Dates, a final note to say that enrichment clubs have now finished for the term (After-School Care is still open!) and a new offer of clubs will be shared with families to select from next term.

Monday 14th July will be the final swimming session for all children in Merlin Class.

Please can all children bring a named (marker pen is fine!) carrier bag or similar to school on Friday 18th July, in order to take home this year's work and books. Naming bags is particularly important in KS1, as we will be enjoying the disco after school on Friday.



T.L.E SPORTS COACHING

[Book on to TLE's Summer Club Camp at Countess Gytha here!](#)

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Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception.

Congratulations Lena, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for your fantastic reading all week. Keep up the hard work as we move into the last lessons of the year! Miss Morris has awarded Imogen the Star of the Week for showing great kindness to others all week – well done young lady, keep up the kind hands and words to all!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Lydia, for showing great resilience through challenges – a fantastic achievement, given the temperature and proximity to the end of term! Well done to Eric, Pendragon's Worker of the Week for his focus in all of his lessons – again, a brilliant effort Eric, keep up the hard work!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Maisie as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for consistently trying her hardest in all lessons – brilliant to hear Maisie, your focus and determination are standout characteristics! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Darcy, for being so helpful to both teachers and peers – thank you Darcy, it really helps teachers to have little helping hands across the week!

Excalibur – Edmund is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for putting his whole heart and effort into all of his work this week. A superb achievement Edmund, you are showing that preparation and readiness for Year 6! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is awarded to Henry, for consistently working to the best of his abilities as he is quietly determined to be the best he can be – high praise indeed, Henry!

Lancelot – Imogen has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for being an outstanding Miss Hannigan in all performances for the school play. A future star of the West End – with strong competition from a lot of peers in her class too it would seem! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week goes to Ella, for always demonstrating a fantastic work ethic and this has been particularly evident during her assessments this week – congratulations, Ella!

A special mention this week goes to Georgia in King Arthur, for achieving her Level 5 swimming certificate! Georgia has showed great water confidence, being able to tread water, scull as well as perform somersaults in the water too!




For children with Medical, Health or Care Plans, please inform the office as soon as possible if there have been any updates or changes, which should be reflected in your child's plan.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p	
Monday 14 th July	Merlin Class swimming session 6	
Wednesday 16 th July	Year 6 walk to South Cadbury	
Friday 18 th July	PTFA Summer School Disco – details to follow	
Monday 21 st July	Countess Gytha's Got Talent Show	
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Leavers' assembly 2:00 – 2.45pm	
Monday 21 st July	Year 6 Kayaking at Sutton Bingham	
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of the summer term.	



Please can parents return any Little Wandle reading books to Merlin and Pendragon classes in preparation for our weekly Reading Groups.

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COUNTESS GYTHA PTFA

Summer Disco

FRIDAY JULY 18TH

**£3 PER CHILD - INCLUDES DRINK,
SNACK & GLITTER/CAMO FACE PAINT**

PRE PAYMENT & PERMISSION SLIPS WILL BE SENT HOME WITH CHILDREN

**MERLIN, PENDRAGON & KING ARTHUR 3.30-4.45PM
EXCALIBUR & LANCELOT 5-6.15PM**



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If any children aged 9 and above are interested in the Autumn 2025 National Youth Choir – please speak to Mr Gordon or Mrs Sherry for further details or visit the [National Youth Choir Webpage here](#).



Joining the National Youth Choir is a wonderful opportunity for young singers to develop their voices and musicianship and expand their horizons in a wonderfully supportive environment.



Charles Harrison
Composer, Sound Designer, Musician
tuition@charlesevanharrison.com
www.charlesevanharrison.com



We are delighted to announce we now have a drum set and Charles is available for drum lessons in school each week.

If your child is interested in guitar, violin or drum lessons, please email Charles above. Tuition will be weekly on a one-to-one basis and will cost £10 per 20 minute lesson. You will be invoiced privately at the end of each term and only for lessons attended.



Calling Year 3 and Year 4! Come and join Queen Camel Cricket Club! Learn amazing cricket skills, play fun games, and be part of a brilliant team, who have loads of fun every week.

[Contact Catherine Robinson to find out more!](#)

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Summer Reading Challenge

Delivered in partnership with libraries

2025

Story Garden

Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors



summerreadingchallenge.org.uk

Sign up for free at your nearest library
from Saturday 5th July!



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Help Your Child Discover the Joy of Reading This Summer!


This summer, give your child the chance to fall in love with reading! The **Summer Reading Challenge**, created by The Reading Agency and delivered in partnership with public libraries, is a **FREE**, fun-packed way to keep kids reading and learning all summer long.

This year's theme is **Story Garden**, where imagination blossoms and stories grow! Children will explore creativity, storytelling, and the magic of books through exciting activities and adventures.

Why Join?

- It's **FREE!** Available at local libraries and online
- Inspires a **lifelong** love of reading
- Boosts **confidence, creativity, and imagination**
- Earn rewards, certificates, and prizes
- Fun for the whole **family**. Visit your **local library** together
- **95%** of children said they **read more** after joining!
- Children **choose their own books** to read over the summer, **collect rewards** for each milestone they reach, and **receive a certificate or medal** when they complete the challenge.



Visit your local library or go online at
 **summerreadingchallenge.org.uk**
to get started from 5 July 2025.

Help your child start their reading adventure today!



COUNTESS GYTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

OPEN
CALL FOR
STUDENTS

GOT TALENT? AUDITION!

OPEN
TO ALL

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,
DANCERS, RAPPERS,
ACTORS, COMEDIANS,
MAGICIANS, ETC.

HOW

SEE MISS BRIDGE AT
LUNCHTIMES TO
AUDITION

WHEN

SHOW ON MONDAY 21ST
JULY 2025 AT 10AM

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Queen Camel Tennis Club

OPEN DAY

Saturday 12th July: 9am – 2pm

Join us for some FREE tennis activities and coaching!

**Fun coaching sessions for all ages, skill games
for Juniors, social and family tennis.
Whatever your age come and have a go!**

9.00am – 9.45am – Red Ball (ages 5-8 yrs)

9.45am – 10.30am – Orange Ball (ages 8 – 10yrs)

10.30am – 11.15am – Green Ball/Yellow Ball (ages 11+)

11.15am – 2pm open courts for social & family tennis

* Children under 14 years must be accompanied. Rackets are available to borrow.

Refreshments available throughout

Queen Camel Tennis Club is a friendly and sociable two-court Club with floodlights. We enjoy competitive & social play and have a great coaching programme including Saturday mornings for children from 5 upwards and for adults Wednesday evenings.

In addition to our regular Club Night on Tuesday evenings, we also have Club morning sessions on the first and third Sunday of every month at 10am until noon. All members welcome.



Queen Camel Tennis Club, The Playing Fields, Green Lane, Queen Camel BA22 7NW
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/QueenCamelTennisClub

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RSPCA WEST HATCH

Animal Centre

SUMMER PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT!

**Looking for a summer holiday
activity or just want a reason to
get outside for some fresh air?**

**For just £5 you can take part in
our Summer Photo Scavenger
Hunt and raise money for the
animals at the same time!**



**Scan the QR code to
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**All Saints Church, West Camel.
Tuesday-Thursday 5th-7th August
Daily 10am-12.30pm**

'TREASURE HUNTERS' HOLIDAY CLUB



For children aged 4-12

Games, quizzes, crafts, Bible stories, songs, videos, and refreshments.

Lots of fun for everyone!

This will include a 'Lego Day' and a Treasure Hunt.

**Free admission, but children must be registered.
Please let us know by Monday 4th August to help
with catering etc.,**

Safeguarding: all the club leaders are DBS checked.

**Please contact: Geoff.mead@yahoo.com
or phone 01935 850838.**