



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

13th June 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Our first full week into the second summer term has certainly been a busy one! Merlin Class enjoyed their first swimming session of the year, with many swimming with their friends for the first time!

Miss Morris and the team have also been busy preparing for the September starters. We were delighted to welcome families new (and old!) to our New Starter evening this week, introducing the Reception team as well as the environment and topics all will be enjoying from September.

At the other end of the school, Mr Plumbley made one final return after retiring last year, to work with children in Lancelot class creating their props for the end of year play, The Little Orphan. Children enjoyed making a replica 1930s radio, hot dog stall, dog-catcher trolley (complete with cage!), microphones and rotary dial telephone!

I'm sure that many families will have noticed our plants and produce for sale at the front of school on a Friday. This forms part of our wider environmental education offer, which Excalibur class are relishing the opportunity to enjoy this half-term.

Reptile and Insect Visit for
Pendragon/King Arthur classes



Lancelot children crafting
props for the play!



This week, children from Excalibur were accompanied by those in Merlin to 'Plant their Pants!' This is a national campaign, aimed at providing opportunities to support children's physical, mental, as well as social and emotional well-being. This will form a wider piece of work in collaboration with The Country Trust, where we aim to help children connect with the natural world and the food that we eat.

King Arthur Class and Pendragon Class were treated to a visit from Animals 2U South West on Thursday and had some very unusual visitors come to visit! The children go to hold a stick insect, a frog, a snake and even a ferret! During the workshop they were taught how to handle these



Can you spot the
insect?

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creatures gently, safely and respectfully, as well as taught how to care for these animals. They also learned about their natural habitats and how they are adapted to survive in them. What a fabulous workshop.



Area Cricket Finals

Our cricket team put in two fantastic performances at the area finals held at Chard Cricket Club. They beat Chilthorne Domer by 64 runs and went on to score a huge 109 runs against Ashlands. Special mention to captain Cooper for his brilliant batting. We're now through to the county finals—well done, team!



Cricket Training

Well done to all the boys who took part in this week's cricket training session. The team showed great energy, focus and teamwork as they sharpened their batting, bowling and fielding skills. It was excellent preparation for the area finals, and we were really proud of everyone's effort and commitment.



Handball at Westfield

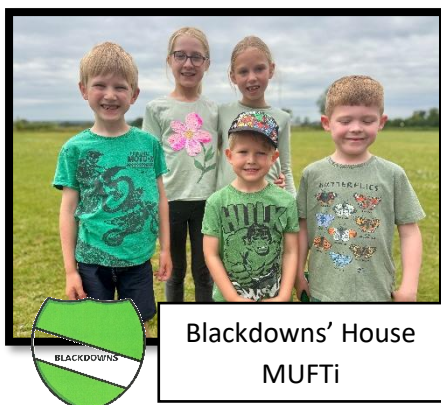
A group of our pupils had an exciting afternoon playing handball at Westfield Academy, where they competed against Year 8 girls (as no other Primary schools attended). It was a great opportunity to try something new and enjoy some friendly matches. Well done to everyone who took part!



Congratulations to those in Blackdowns House – they were our half-trembly winners

last term and enjoyed a MUFTi day today to celebrate!

Thank you to all who attended the Quantocks cake sale on Wednesday – the house raised an impressive £123!



Blackdowns' House
MUFTi



Quantock Cakes and
Bakes!

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The race is on to see who will lift the overall house trophy in just a few weeks time and with sports day, a house maths event and much learning yet to be enjoyed, it is going to be a close call!

Auditions for Countess Gytha Talent Show will soon be taking place. Any and all talents are welcomed – anything from singing, dancing to playing a musical instrument, comedy etc. Please see the poster below or speak to Miss Bridge if your child is interested in taking part this year!



Previous Talent Show entrants

Finally, a class staffing update as well as class allocation letters were sent out on Wednesday. Please contact the school office if you have not yet received this or if you have any questions regarding September 2025.



Race for Life – Wednesday 25th June 2025

Reminder to return your consent slips for all children taking part.

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Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Dylan, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for showing great determination and perseverance during child-led choosing times – keep up the fab work, young man! Congratulations Jack, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for always trying your best and keeping a positive attitude – such wonderful news, Jack!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Rupert, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for his fantastic sentences about his runaway vegetable! Your imagination is a wonderful place, Rupert! Well done to Teddy, Pendragon's Worker of the Week, who has shown brilliant progress in his phonics and worked his socks off with his reading – awesome efforts, Teddy!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Austin as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for sharing such interesting facts and knowledge during Thursday's Animal Workshop – it is always inspiring to see somebody sharing their passion, Austin! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Harry for reading scales so accurately during our weights and mass maths lesson – great to hear you taking such care, Harry!

Excalibur – All of the children in Year 4 have been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for their commitment and hard work with the Multiplication Check (MTC) – you have all made Mrs Trusson (and more importantly, yourselves) proud! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is awarded to Rupert, for being focused on his work, managing distractions to achieve his best work – amazing, Rupert!

Lancelot – Rosie-May has been recognised as Lancelot's Star of the Week for demonstrating amazing acting as a disgruntled orphan in the class play rehearsals – I've been eavesdropping on the singing rehearsals and I cannot wait to see your performance matching this Rosie. Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week is Georgia, for an outstanding double-page spread on the 1980s and 1990s during their 'living history' topic – keep up the hard work, Georgia!



A special mention this week goes to Emily B, Luke, Olivia and Emelia, who represented Countess Gytha in a Year 3/4 talented writers event. Mrs Hills was full of praise for the way that they conducted themselves as well as their inspirational ideas and story craft!

Our Cubs had an action-packed weekend at camp, enjoying glass etching, archery, and pizza making. From creative crafts to hitting the target and cooking up tasty treats, there was something for everyone. A brilliant time was had by all – well done to the Cubs for their enthusiasm and teamwork!










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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP
	Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p
Monday 16 th June – Thursday 19 th June	Year 6 Residential to Land & Wave, Swanage.
Monday 16 th June	Merlin Class swimming session 2 
Monday 16 th June	Children's Parliament for selected pupils.
Friday 20 th June	Mufti day in exchange for Summer Fair donations 
Friday 20 th June	Preschool Trip to Axe Valley
Friday 20 th June	Merlin Class Art Specialist Day
Monday 23 rd June	Merlin Class swimming session 3 
Wednesday 25 th June	Race for Life Charity Event – Whole school and preschool.
Thursday 26 th June	Sports Day – please see letter emailed out 1.5.2025
Friday 27 th June	PTFA Summer Fayre – poster below 
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 1 Ansford Sports Festival. Letter sent 6.5.25 Parents to collect at 3pm at Ansford Sports Hall.
Wednesday 2 nd July	Somerset Transition Day – Year 6's to attend Somerset secondary schools; all years to move up to new groups – details of classes will be sent next week. Please note, for Year 6 children, the individual secondary schools will write to families.
Thursday 3 rd July	Merlin Class visit to Puxton Park.
Tuesday 8 th July	Tulip Photography in school for class photos and Year 6 Leavers photos 
Thursday 10 th July	Year 6 Ansford Sports Day – details to follow
Friday 18 th July	PTFA Summer School Disco – details to follow 
Monday 21 st July	Countess Gytha's Got Talent Show
Tuesday 22 nd July	Last day of the summer term.

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If anyone has a surplus of homegrown plants that we can sell or use in our garden, we would be happy to receive them.

Thank you for your support.

Mrs Hewlett or Mrs Feierabend



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CALL FOR
STUDENTS

GOT TALENT? AUDITION!

OPEN
TO ALL

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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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SOFT TOY DONATIONS



We are looking for donations of good
quality, pre-loved soft toys for our
Summer fair



**Please drop off at:
Main school reception
BY 25TH JUNE**

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SUMMER FAIR

Friday 27th June
3.30 – 5.30pm

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FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Twinnies petting farm •
- Hook a duck •
- Splat the rat •
- Ice cream van •
- YFW bloodbikes •
- Raffle •
- Tombola •
- Craft area •
- and much more!

RAFFLE



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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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TIMES:

STANDARD- 9:00AM - 3:30PM

EXTENDED - 8:00AM - 5:30PM

2025 Dates:

WEEK 1 - 28th - 31st July

WEEK 2 - 4th - 7th August

WEEK 3 - 11th - 14th August

WEEK 4 - 18th - 21st August

WEEK 5 - 26th - 28th August

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DORSET

DT9 6EN

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/07/28/leweston-ultimate-activity-camps-summer-2025?query=Leweston>

More Information: ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk /07903347412

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SUMMER CAMPS 2025

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WEEK 1 / WEEK 3

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
KINETIC K'NEX	LEGO MACHINES	Strawbees Structures	3D CREATIONS	LASER TAG
MICRO ROBOTS	COOL CODING	MOVIE MAKING	AUGMENTED REALITY	MINECRAFT ROCKETS
Electric	Conductive	Motorised	Aquatic	Wind

Take Home Inventions

WEEK 2 / WEEK 4

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
CRASHY CIRCUITS	LEGO CONTRACTIONS	Little Bits INVENTIONS	VIRTUAL REALITY	SCIENCE EXPERIMENTS
BIG BOTS	VIDEO GAME DESIGN	ANIMATION	MINECRAFT VS MARVEL	STEM CHALLENGES
Electric	Hydraulics	Microbot	Solar	Light

Take Home Inventions

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