



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

13th December 2024



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Despite the darker weather drawing in closer still, Reception, Year 1 and 2 shone as brightly as ever!



Their performance of The Big, Little Nativity was enjoyed by families and children alike, with over 200 people watching the performances over the week! The children had learnt their lines, cues and moves brilliantly and retold the Christmas story to the joy of all!

Next on our Christmas list was Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day! Paper hats and terrible jokes were the order of the day with much fun had by all!



On Thursday afternoon, Mr Gallagher hosted our annual Parents Vs Children 'Are you smarter than your 10-year-old?' quiz. The quiz contained

five rounds covering literature, the Tudors, geography, general knowledge and a music round. Well done to the eventual winners: Evie, James, Albie and Noah, proving the 10-year-olds smarter this year!



Thank you to all who attended, the children and staff really enjoyed the afternoon – this remains a firm favourite of the Lancelot annual calendar!



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To round off a very festive week, the children watched this year's pantomime – Dick Whittington – produced and performed by Out of the Box Productions. This was followed by the PTFA's Christmas Film Night – showing The Grinch with children enjoying this festive favourite with their friends!



Next week there are no enrichment clubs (wrap around care is running as normal) but there will be opportunities for Merlin and Pendragon children to visit the Christmas Scene at St Barnabas on Tuesday, the Key



Stage 2 Carol Concert on Wednesday evening and then our Autumn Book Celebration on Thursday afternoon. Booking details are available below, please note that only children in King Arthur, Excalibur and Lancelot are performing in this year's Carol Concert.

Parents are invited to have their say in the Autumn Parent Survey, [which is available now via this link. It will remain open until 12th January](#), after which time the results will be published in the following half-termly newsletter.

Similarly, we are once again canvassing parents who use the school's Wrap Around Care to ascertain the level of need and likely use on days throughout the week. [The form is available here and will remain open until 12th January 2025.](#)

Finally, well done to the School Council, who raised £135 at this year's Christmas Market, held on Wednesday evening and then again before the Nativity performances. Thank you to all who supported their efforts!



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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:

Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Arthur, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for your supportive friendship and the kindness that you show to all of your peers in class – well done, young man! Well done Jesse, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week, for your brilliant independent writing of the Stickman story – keep up the hard work!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Milo, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for his great attitude to learning all week – great news, Milo! Well done to Jude, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for his brilliant efforts in his maths work – keep up the great work, Jude!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Georgia as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for performing her role as a narrator in this year's nativity performance so confidently – you read brilliantly, Georgia! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Henry L, for working hard to achieve new levels in his mental maths Olympics – keep up the hard work, Henry!

Excalibur – Rosie has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for offering to go without chocolate following her choir performance – a wonderful display of friendship, Rosie! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is Arlow, for making good progress through his mental maths Olympics recently – keep up the commitment, Arlow!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Imogen, for a set of outstanding results this week, in particular her maths, achieving over 100 marks (out of a possible 110) – an incredible achievement! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Cooper, for exceptional progress in his assessments, especially within his reading paper – keep up the brilliant work, Cooper!



Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert



Please indicate your child's attendance and seating requests for this year's Christmas Carol Concert, hosted at St Barnabas Church on Wednesday 18th December - [Click Here to Sign Up!](#)

Families are also invited to join their children on Thursday 19th December from 2pm to share their workbooks from this term! It is always a wonderful event to see children sharing in their learning journeys and watch the pride they have in telling and sharing in their books. [If you would like to join us, please sign up via the link here.](#)



Christmas Post box - The Christmas Post box is now in the library.
Please write names and classes clearly on the envelopes.
Class photos are on the website class pages if children need to refer to them to remember all their friends!

Tuesday 24th Dec
4pm - St Barnabas Church
Queen Camel



Crib Service - children can - come in costume!
*Bring your friends and family
As we set the scene around the crib and sing carols*

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Thank you to all who helped with the Asda Cashpot Scheme. Although now closed, this is how much you helped to raise for our school!

Cashpot for schools

Thank you!

Together we have raised

£145.28

Countess Gytha Primary
School

🕒 Completed!





Don't forget - visit any Tesco Store in the local Yeovil area to support our school through the blue token scheme

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	<h1>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</h1> <p>Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p</p>
Week Commencing 16 th December – <i>No enrichment clubs this week</i>	
Wednesday 18 th December	Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) Carol Concert at St Barnabas Church – Arrival from 4:30pm to start for 5pm – Please confirm attendance and seating requests via this link.
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Friday 20 th December	Last day of the Autumn term.
Monday 23 rd December – Monday 6 th January – Christmas Holiday and INSET Wednesday 1 st January 2025 is the deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 6 th January 2025	
Monday 6 th January 2025	INSET DAY – School closed for pupils.
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children return to school
Monday 13 th January	Enrichment Clubs start this week.
Monday 13 th January	Swimming for Pendragon Class Year 1 & 2 and King Arthur Year 2's. (session 1) 
Monday 10 th February	Cross Country Event 4 – Yeovil Showground Please note change of date.

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During The

Christmas Holidays



Four Action Packed Days

9:00—3:00pm

£18.00

Per Day

Countess Gytha Primary School, West Camel Road, Queen
Camel, Yeovil. BA22 7FF

Christmas Holidays—December 30th and 31st 2024, January 2nd and 3rd 2025

For more information visit: www.tlesportscoaching.co.uk or call **07951 291471**

Family Holiday Activities

at Wells Cathedral

Festive Foliage

Saturday* 21 December 2024

Get the holidays off to a festive start with this creative workshop for children!

- **Make a seasonal centrepiece** to adorn your table this Christmas using natural materials, including foliage from the Cathedral gardens
- **Explore the Cathedral** with our free Christmas Story trail

FREE with adult entry

No need to book – simply drop in on the day!

Sessions in the Education Room of Wells Cathedral

11.15am – 3.15pm

There is no charge for children. Standard adult admission tickets include re-entry for 12 months from date of purchase, so you can enjoy access to a number of seasonal events, including exhibitions and Family Holiday Activities beyond your initial visit. Only assistance dogs are allowed at this activity.



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CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOLS



23rd and 24th December
2nd and 3rd January



**NOW UP TO
AGE 13!**

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