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GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

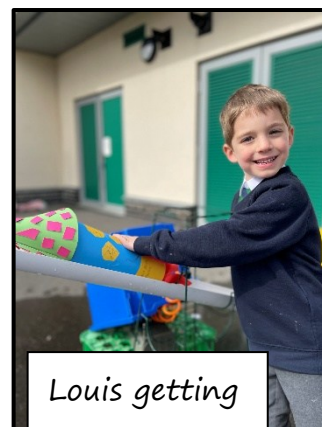
Diary Dates

14th March 2025

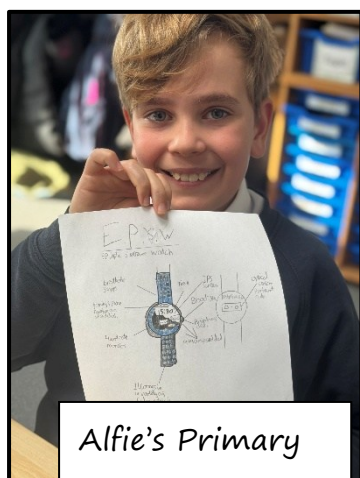


Dear Parents & Guardians,

A celebration of all things science this week, as it is British Science Week 2025! Children have enjoyed additional science activities throughout the week in classes, including our annual rocket launches as well as a day of NHS careers activities for Yr 5 and 6!



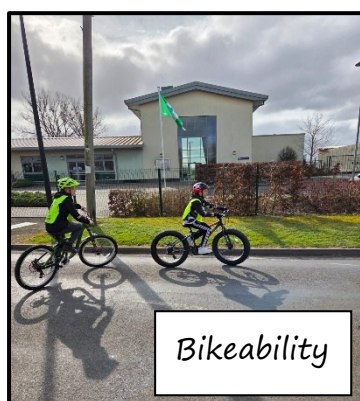
Louis getting ready to launch!



Alfie's Primary Engineer Entry

This year's theme is 'Change and Adaptation' and so teachers worked hard to dream up unique activities, which linked to time in some way. Please visit <https://www.britishscienceweek.org/> if you would like to follow up this week's learning with [age-appropriate activity packs](#) available as well as further activities as part of [their community engagement projects here](#).

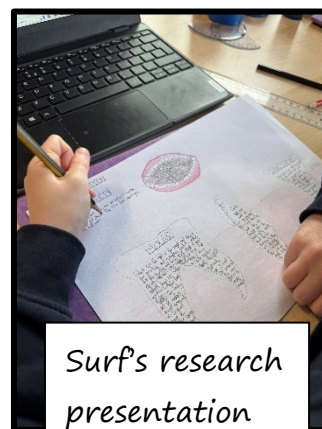
Following the Parent Governor nominations, I am pleased to announce there were two candidates forwarded for the position. A letter outlining the voting system was sent home in book bags today, please return your voting slips to the ballot box in the school reception area by 4pm on Friday 21st March.



Bikeability

I am delighted to say that all of the Year 6s who participated in this year's Bikeability group have successfully passed their Level 2 certificates, with growing confidence and technique to ride independently on the road safely – well done all!

Raffle tickets are available from the school office for the School Council organised Easter Hampers, currently in the foyer, council representatives will be selling tickets after school every day next week.

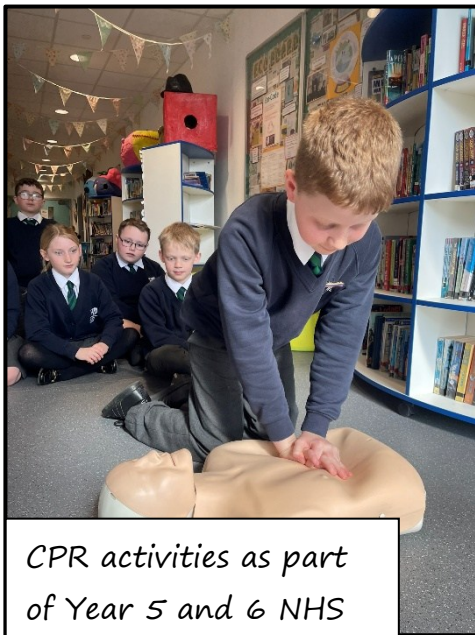


Surf's research presentation

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Thank you to all who have made an appointment to see their child's class teacher via our online booking system. If you require an additional appointment, please contact the school office. During the week of Parents' Evenings, the PTFA will be offering quality, used uniform during the evenings, with logoed cardigans/sweatshirts priced at £2 and all other pieces at 50p an item.

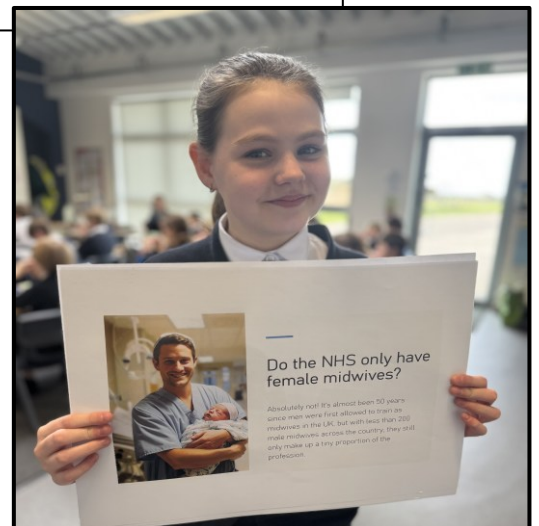
Further ahead again, I would like to invite parents to this year's Easter celebration at St Barnabas church on Wednesday 2nd April at 2pm – [seating requests can be made here.](#)



CPR activities as part of Year 5 and 6 NHS careers day.



Rockets at the ready!



Entries to the Step into NHS competition



Merlin crafting their new inventions!



Alex with his villainous rocket!

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Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Bettsie-Mae, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for your fantastic creativity during Science Week – she created a wonderful machine to instantly tidy everything up, I think that we could all benefit from one of those! Well done Charlie, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week, for your super number bonds to 10 works, whilst trying hard to record number sentences in his book too – keep up the great work, Charlie!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Charlotte W, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for supporting her classmates and excellent focus throughout all of her learning – very high praise, Charlotte! Well done to Joseph, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for his fantastic efforts in handwriting – great to hear and keep it up, Joseph!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Henry as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for his confident understanding of fractions in maths – a brilliant young mathematician! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Archie, for writing an excellent narrative in English about escaping from Pompeii – no doubt full of danger and suspense – wonderful news, Archie!

Excalibur – Rosie has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for being a helpful member of eh class, offering to support peers with their work once completing her own – keep up the hardworking attitude, Rosie! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is actually awarded to whole of Excalibur Class, for 'wowing' Mrs Trusson with the amazing writing completed as part of the story of the eruption of Vesuvius in 79AD – brilliant work, all!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Albie, for an outstanding effort in all areas; for participating in clubs, sport and a variety of competition. Keep up the great work! Mr. Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to James, for an excellent attitude when working independently in English; for demonstrating the ability to retrieve facts from a fiction text – and to top it all off, James created a fantastic X-Wing themed rocket too!

A special mention this week goes to Harrison in King Arthur for being awarded the Player of the Match in his recent club's win on the rugby pitch. Harrison greatly enjoys playing for Midsomer Norton and would recommend his club training to all on a Sunday.



Countess Gytha School Council Easter Fundraiser



*The School Council are raising funds for the school this
Easter by holding a raffle for some lovely hampers.*

Tickets are available at the school office for £1 a strip for 5 tickets.



COUNTESS GYTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL

*Thank you to all who attended and contributed to the PTFA AGM
last week; [minutes from the meeting have been published on the
school website, here.](#)*

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p
Monday 17 th March	Handball tournament at Westfield Academy – selected pupils only
Wednesday 19 th March	AIM High Writing event for selected Year 1 & 2 pupils
Wednesday 19 th March	Blackdown House Cake sale after school. 
Friday 21 st March	Red Nose Day 2025 <i>Non uniform – Wear all or something red for 50p donation. All proceeds to Comic Relief.</i> 
Week commencing Monday 24 th March	No Enrichment clubs this week Parent meetings. Booking details to be sent home shortly.
Monday 24 th March	Excalibur Class – Art Specialist Day
Monday 24 th March	Cross Country at Yeovil Recreation Centre Letter sent home 6.3.25 or available from the school office.
Tuesday 25 th March	King Arthur Class trip to The Newt
Friday 28 th March	Author, Ben Pullett visits King Arthur Class
Friday 28 th March	PTFA Easter Bingo. 
Week commencing 31 st March	No Enrichment clubs this week
Tuesday 1 st April	Pendragon Class trip to Haynes Motor Museum. Letter sent home 7.3.25
Wednesday 2 nd April	Easter Service at St Barnabus Church at 2pm. Please see link above to reserve seating.
Thursday 3 rd April	Year 4 and 5 trip to Legoland, Windsor.
Friday 4 th April	Preschool Easter Open Morning – see details below
Monday 7-18 th April	Easter Holidays
Monday 21 st April	Easter Monday – school closed
Tuesday 22 nd April	Back to School
Thursday 1 st May	Deadline for full balance of Year 6 Residential
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Week commencing 12 th May	Key Stage 2 Assessment Week (SATs)
Tuesday 13 th May	Pendragon Class and King Arthur Class trip to Westlands to watch Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

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Preschool Easter Open Morning

Friday 4th April 2025

9.00am – 10.30am



Please come along and enjoy some fun Easter activities with the children and enjoy a cup of tea and a yummy Easter treat.

We look forward to seeing you

Payment Reminders

Merlin Class – Puxton Park

Pendragon Class and Year 2s in King Arthur Class – Swimming

Pendragon and King Arthur Class – BSO Orchestra at Westlands

King Arthur Class – The Newt

Excalibur Class and Year 5's in Lancelot Class – Legoland

Year 6 Residential – Land & Wave, Dorset

Balance to be paid by 1st May 2025

Payments to be made via BACS – see school office if details required.

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CAKE SALE



Please support your House
and bring some cakes in.

Blackdowns Cake Sale



WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH

50P A CAKE

SUPPORT EACH OTHER AND BUY SOME DELICIOUS AND YUMMY CAKES

ALL MONIES RAISED WILL GO TOWARDS THE SCHOOL

THANK YOU

THE SCHOOL COUNCIL

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COUNTESS GYTHA PTFE

EASTER BINGO

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

COUNTESS GYTHA
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Doors Open 5.30pm

Eyes Down 6pm

£1 a book or a book of 6 for £5

Refreshments & Hot Dogs

Raffle



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Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting programme
for parents of adolescents aged 10-18

Would you like to learn how to:

- *be better at talking with your teen?*
- *be better at understanding your teen?*
- *help your teen learn to manage their emotions?*
- *help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?*
- *teach your teen to deal with conflict?*

'Tuning in to Teens' shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.

Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- *are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure*
- *have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers*
- *are more able to cope when upset or angry*
- *have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties*
- *have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults*
- *have greater career success.*
- *Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!*

Starting 29th April 9.30am in person. Please contact

rachel.clements@ansford.net to book a place.

Venue TBC (Ansford /Castle Cary area)



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30-DAY

Acts of Kindness Challenge



List all the things you are grateful for	Give 5 people a high five	Make a thank you note for someone special	Paint some rocks with messages of kindness to leave around	Tape a coin to a vending machine
Tell yourself you are kind, brave, smart, strong and loved in the mirror	Make a gift for someone you love	Tell someone how much they mean to you	Hold the door open for someone	Write a positive note with chalk on the footpath
Write a thoughtful card to someone you love	Leave a kind note in a letterbox of somebody you know	Help prepare breakfast, lunch or dinner	Donate some of your items to charity	Offer to do some extra chores
Give hugs to those you love	Help set or clear away the table for a meal	Go for a walk with an adult outside	Come up with your own way to be kind for the day	Be kind to nature, water a plant or plant a seed
List all the things you love about yourself	Hide kind notes around the house for a family member to find	Compliment someone	Encourage somebody by using positive words	Make someone a bookmark
Practise some mindfulness meditation	Pick up some rubbish outside	List all the things you love about your family	Start a conversation at dinner on the ways everyone can be kind for the next day	Create a kindness jar for home and record all the kindness you see others do



Kind





The Knight Frank Schools Triathlon is the UK's largest sport fundraising event for children aged 7 - 13 years old. King's College, Taunton has been selected as a local host venue to your school!

[More information for this specific event can be found here](#)

Children are invited to take part in this unique event designed especially for young people by getting into teams of 4 and coming up with a fun creative team name; then they get fundraising with their teammates.

On the day, the three sports are completed in a relay format, allowing each team member to swim, cycle and run before crossing the finish line together as a team. All abilities are welcome to take part in this event!



**RESTLESS
DEVELOPMENT**



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SCAN TO BOOK!



LEWESTON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP

4-13 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, SWIMMING, INFLATABLES, LASER TAG,
ARTS & CRAFTS, FOOTBALL, HOCKEY, DODGEBALL & MORE!



PRICES:

STANDARD DAY - £30 (PER CHILD)

EXTENDED DAY - £35 (PER CHILD)

TIMES:

STANDARD - 9:00AM - 3:30PM

EXTENDED - 8:00AM - 5:30PM

2025 Dates:

Monday 7th - Thursday 10th April

Monday 14th - Thursday 17th April

LEWESTON SCHOOL

SHERBORNE

DORSET

DT9 6EN

Booking Link:

<https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/04/07/leweston-ultimate-activity-camps-easter-2025>

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



JOIN US FOR OUR EASTER BINGO NIGHT!

ST MICHAELS ACADEMY
SUNDAY 13TH APRIL
Doors Open: 6pm
Eyes Down: 6:30pm
CASH ONLY

**WE ARE ALSO HOLDING A RAFFLE
 WITH GREAT PRIZES TO WIN!**

**BINGO WILL END WITH
 A SPECIAL GAME WITH AN
 AMAZING PRIZE OF £50 FOR
 MATTIA DINER**

**Some vouchers/prizes from
 companies below and many more:**

Majestic **Nando's** **Tattoos & art by Elle**
Hollywood Rowl **PALMERS**
GARDEN CENTRE
HAYNES **Goldenstones**
MOTOR MUSEUM

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Queen Camel Community Land Trust Ltd. (QCCLT) is carrying out a survey to help inform the updating of their business plan. QCCLT would be very grateful if recipients of this newsletter would kindly complete the individual section of the survey, which can be accessed via the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CB2V5ZJ>

As a reminder, the primary purpose of QCCLT is to meet the needs of local residents through the ownership and development of community assets. The updated business plan will set out how we will use the existing assets at the Old School site in Queen Camel and identify new opportunities to hold and manage assets on behalf of the communities within the area of benefit referred to as the doughnut. This will include the possibility of providing more affordable homes, if such a need is identified.

**Queen Camel
Community Land Trust**

[Further details about the history, aims and benefits can be found on the QCCLT website.](#)



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Barclays Big Tennis Weekends | Play Tennis For Free



Barclays Big Tennis Weekends

6.1 miles away

3 sessions

Date

Saturday, 12th April 2025

Venue

Yeovil Recreation Centre, Somerset, BA21 4AW

Class type

Beginner, Intermediate, Advanced, Improver

Spaces Available

Barclays Big Tennis Weekends

Date

Saturday, 12th April - Saturday, 12th April

Total sessions

0

Total Cost

0 sessions

Free

[Book class](#)

Free cancellation up to 24 hours before booking. Please see the policy for full details.

About the class

Don't miss your chance to pick up a racket and play tennis at your local park, club or community centre and try our sport for FREE at an open day near you.



Session times

Class details

Session lead

Venue details

Please choose the sessions you'd like to attend

Junior

No matter what your ability you'll have fun on court with other junior players your age. Coaches will be on hand to offer tips to help your game and advice on how you can continue to play.

☐

Saturday, 12th April 2025

10:00 - 11:00 • 10+ left • Free • Ages 3-11

Adult Coaching

Try our adult coaching taster session. Ideal for people new to the sport or who haven't picked up a racket in a long time. You can borrow our rackets if you don't have your own, just come prepared to hit a few balls and have some fun.

☐

Saturday, 12th April 2025

Free Play

If you don't fancy a coaching session why not just try out our new facilities. You can book a slot on one of the courts for free!

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Saturday, 12th April 2025

12:00 - 13:00 • 8 left • Free • Ages above 18

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TECH & STEM CAMP

EASTER 2025

NEW TAKE HOME INVENTIONS!

ofsted Registered



EASTER CAMPS 2025

Every day at Tech Camp is an adventure with hands-on tech fun, iPad creativity, and take-home inventions!

Example Camp Schedule. Please check online for specific camp schedule.

Day 1 (NOT RUNNING ON 23RD APRIL)	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5 (NOT RUNNING ON 18TH APRIL)
9 am drop off				
ROBOT LAB	LEGO Engineering	ELECTRIC CREATIONS	3D CREATIONS	LASER TAG OR VIRTUAL REALITY
COOL CIRCUITS	CRAZY CODING	MOVIE MAKING	MINECRAFT REDSTONE	MINECRAFT MAZE
Take Home Inventions				
Electric	Motorised	Light	Hydraulics	Solar
4 pm pick up				

WHAT TO EXPECT:

At Next Thing Education, our goal is to ignite curiosity, fuel creativity, and empower young minds for the future!

Through hands-on coding & STEM experiences, we inspire the next generation of inventors, creators, and tech leaders. Led by DBS checked, friendly and supportive instructors, kids will explore STEM through exciting activities and challenges.

★★★★★

"The best camp we've tried! A perfect mix of fun and learning!"

★★★★★

"My child loved every minute - already asking to come back!"

★★★★★

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