

Diary Dates

PPAT EDUCATION

15th November 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With Monday marking the 11th November, the school and preschool observed the two-minute silence following readings and recitals from members of Lancelot class. The Gytha Troops were proud to represent the school at RNAS Yeovilton, alongside family members and serving personnel at the base. Not only did the Gytha Troops make the front page of the Western Gazette this week, the school was also awarded a token of gratitude for presenting a beautifully crafted wreath which Georgia, Imogen and William laid against the memorial.





Congratulations to Poldens House, who this week raised £87, through baking and selling cakes after school on Thursday. All proceeds will go to the school, but Poldens have set the bar high and we will eagerly await to see if they can be matched (or beaten!) by the other houses later in the year...

Mr Gallagher attended two football tournaments with school teams this week. On Monday, the team played five matches at Bucklers Mead

against local primary schools. Wes, Jack, Cooper, Barnaby, Alex, Hunter, Enes and Noah performed brilliantly, winning one match, drawing three and loosing only one. Barnaby and Cooper were our goalscorers with Barnaby scoring his first ever goal for the school! Well done to the team and a special mention must go to Noah who was the standout performer on the day.





On Tuesday, we were hoping to qualify for the county finals. We started off brilliantly with dominant 4-0 and 6-1 victories; the goals being shared out amongst the squad. In the third game, we came up against an inspired goalkeeper who made save after save and unfortunately we lost to High Ham. In our final matches, we won 5-0 against Chard and drew 1-1 with Kingfisher. Sadly, we didn't qualify for the finals but the team played with great spirit throughout.

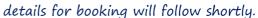
Not just a sportsman, Mr Gallagher is inviting all aged 7–12 to take part in a short writing Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



competition of no more than 100 words to outline a setting description. Details have been scanned below but are available from class teachers to all interested. The deadline is Friday 13th December 2024 – good luck!

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 began their rehearsal this week for this year's Nativity – The BIG Little Nativity – which will be performed during the week of 9th December. If

families have the opportunity to practise songs for the performance, they can all now be found online at our school website here. Further



Thursday saw the final school tour of the term for prospective parents in September 2025; if any parent is aware of families considering our school for new starters next year, please put them in contact with the school office as soon as possible.

Topping off a brilliant week at Countess Gytha, children came dressed in their finest pyjamas accompanied by their teddies too! It was a wonderful way to mark Children in Need 2024 and word on the street is that we will be receiving a special visitor in the coming weeks to say a great big thank you for the staggering £220, raised on the day. On behalf of the school and charity, I would like to take this opportunity to thank families for their support and generosity.







Finally, please don't forget to sign up via our short form here if you plan to join us for Christingle Celebrations, on Wednesday 4th December at St

Barnabas Church.



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 Primrose, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for your brilliant enthusiasm in the nativity rehearsals this week — keep it up! Well done Dylan, you have been chosen as the Worker of the Week for trying really hard in all of your reading groups — reading is the key to success in all of your learning!

Pendragon —Hero has been chosen as Pendragon's Star of the Week, for helping to keep Pendragon class tidy and organised — a big help to Mrs King, Hero well done! Well done to Jett, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for working really hard in his English all week, writing a persuasive letter to a certain head teacher asking for a class pet!

King Arthur — This week, we are celebrating Luke as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for working collaboratively with his peers during lessons — keep it up, Luke, it's great to see! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Freddie W, for writing a lovely letter in English this week and focusing hard on the important letter features and layout — great work, Freddie!

Excalibur – Adley has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for developing super confidence with his two times tables scoring brilliantly on his 6-seconds-a-question challenge! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is Wilf, for great writing in his diary entry as well as working hard to complete 'prove and solve' questions in his maths too – great work, Wilf!

Lancelot — The Star in Lancelot class this week is Betsy, for always being willing to help; showing kindness to others and a wonderfully persuasive letter to Poseidon — great to hear, Betsy! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Rothen for his excellent maths throughout the week, particularly his work on BODMAS and long multiplication — keep it up, Rothen!

Finally, a special mention to Phoebe in Excalibur who successfully conquered her fears of skating around the Clark's Village ice rink as well as sharing her latest achievements with the Brownie troop she belongs to!

Payment Reminders



Excalibur Year 4 and King Arthur Year 3 swimming - £22.50

Pantomime £3.50 Cineworld Trip £3.80



Deadline for Early Bird Discount is Tuesday 19th November 2024.











COLOURFUL CLASSES DAY

MONDAY 25TH NOVEMBER

MUFTI DAY IN YOUR CLASS COLOUR IN EXCHANGE FOR HAMPER PRIZES IN THE SAME COLOUR



RED - MERLIN

ORANGE/GOLD - PENDRAGON

YELLOW - KING ARTHUR

GREEN - EXCALIBUR

BLUE- LANCELOT

PURPLE/SILVER - PRE-SCHOOL



Example: Merlin class wear a Red T-shirt and bring in some red wrapping paper





Beech Catering Christmas Lunch

December 2024

Main

Roast Turkey Crown with a Pig in Blanket,
Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes,
Carrots, Brussels Sprouts
and Rich Gravy
Allergen Change - GF Pig in Blanket, GF Stuffing

Vegetarian

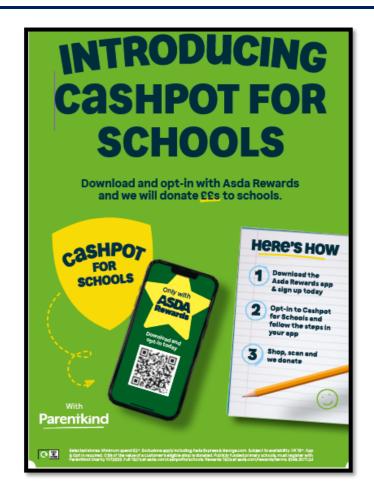
Vegetable Wellington with Sage and Onion Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Brussel Sprouts and Rich Gravy Allergen Change - GF Wellington, GF Stuffing

Pudding

Christmas Pudding served with Creamy Custard

Strawberry Gateau

Gluten Free Christmas Pudding with Dairy Free Custard



Apparently we are currently a close second...

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Visit any Tesco Store in the local Yeovil area to help the school be in with a chance of receiving additional funding from Tesco's Community Grant!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday COUNTESS GYTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p
Monday 18 th November	Excalibur Year 4's and King Arthur Year 3's swimming at Wincanton swimming pool. (session 3)
Thursday 21st November	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & 6 Cineworld Trip.
Thursday 21st November	KS1 Sports Festival at Westfield Academy for selected pupils
Friday 22 nd November	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Cineworld Trip.
Monday 25 th November	PTFA MUFTI Day for Christmas Donations – Details above
Tuesday 26 th November	Year 5 Ansford Dance Festival – letter sent home 17.10.24
Tuesday 26 th November	Somerset Sustainable Futures Ecvent at Taunton Rugby Club. Selected pupils only.
Friday 29 th November	PTFA Christmas Fair 3.30pm
Tuesday 3 rd December	Christingle Making – all children to bring in an orange to decorate in school.
Wednesday 4 th December	11am Christingle Service at St Barnabas Church - please request your seats via this link. Confirmation will be sent closer to the event.
Tuesday 10 th December	Village Café Choir Performance
Tuesday 10 th December	Nativity Performance 1 (afternoon performance) <i>Details to follow shortly</i>
Wednesday 11 th December	School Christmas Lunch – Book via ParentPay by 4th November. Children may wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt with their uniform.
Wednesday 11 th December	Nativity Performance 2 (evening performance) Details to follow shortly.
Thursday 12 th December	Lancelot Class children vs Parents Quiz 'Are you smarter than your 10 year old?'.
Friday 13 th December	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school.
Week Commencing 16th December – No enrichment clubs this week	
Wednesday 18 th December	Key Stage 2 Carol Concert at St Barnabas Church – Arrival from 4:30pm to start for 5pm – details and booking to follow.
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school term.
Monday 23 rd December – Monday 6 th January – Christmas Holiday and INSET	
Tuesday 7 th January 2025	Children return to school
Monday 10 th February	Cross Country Event 4 – Yeovil Showground Please note change of date.







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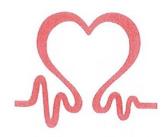
9:00-3:00pm

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

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

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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 16 November 10.00am -12.30pm Queen Camel Memorial Hall Cream teas, Home-made cakes, Cake Stall and Raffle

Please come along and support Donations appreciated to help fight heart disease



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