



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am pleased to share that Year 6 have achieved another milestone in their journeys at Countess Gytha, with all completing their end of Key Stage 2 assessments (SATs). We look forward to publishing the results when they are returned to schools, expected this year in the second week of July. As you can see from the smiles, the group rightly feel proud of themselves and are looking forward to their final half-term together.



Y6 having  
completed their  
assessments

Following the final paper, Year 6 were delighted to discover that their end-of year production will be, 'Annie'. The children have been given an excerpt to consider rehearsing in preparation for auditions on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June with Mr Gallagher and Mrs Sherry. I am sure like me, you cannot wait to see the play at the end of the summer term and I know that the children will enjoy rehearsing and building their props.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils enjoyed a fantastic rounders match this week, full of energy, teamwork and fun! It was a great opportunity for them to build their skills, learn the rules, and try out tactics ahead of next week's inter-school fixture.

The children showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout, and it was lovely to see their confidence grow. They're now feeling well-prepared and excited for their upcoming match – we wish them the best of luck!



Rounders – Y5/Y6

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The Eco Committee and members of the School Council are very pleased to tell you that Countess Gytha Primary School has been successful in meeting the requirements for the Fairtrade (Fairactive) Award.



Fairtrade Assembly

The panel of judges loved the variety of activities contained in our Action Plan, as it perfectly demonstrated our different approaches to creating positive change within the environment. To quote, 'Congratulations to everyone at Countess Gytha on achieving the Fairactive Award! Your hard work, creativity, and commitment to making the world a fairer place truly shines...The fantastic posters made by the pupils showed not only your understanding of Fairtrade, but also your passion for justice and fairness. You are setting a brilliant example for others—well done!'

Once again this year, the school has been invited to speak at the Queen Camel Annual Village Meeting. If you are able to join us from 6pm tonight, at the Queen Camel Memorial Hall, I assure you that there will be plenty of school success stories we can share in telling the community and feel proud to be part of such a special school community!

Speaking of community, if you are able to assist in any way on Saturday morning (9-11am), Mrs Hewlett and Mrs Feierabend are looking forward to working with volunteers in the school allotment area – no experience or tools necessary (although of course welcomed)!

Looking ahead to next week, on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May, we will be visited by team members from Somerset Cricket Club all day for assemblies and workshops with all classes. **Please make sure all children have their PE kits in school on this day.**

On Thursday, the school is hosting the first of two identical Online Safety Workshops open to parents/relatives of children in all classes on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 9.15am – 10.30am, [please sign up here](#). On Friday afternoon, parents and relatives are once again invited to share in their children's workbooks from the late spring and early summer terms – [the signup link is available here](#). Immediately after school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>, the PTFA are hosting their Colour Run event – late entries welcomed, please don't forget your 'eyewear!'



Colour Run  
2023

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At last, it almost feels like the summer is on its way. For this reason, you may wish to apply sun cream to your child at home before leaving for school. An appropriate sun hat would be useful to provide the best protection when your child is outside.

**Please make sure sun hats are labelled with your child's name.**

Sun creams cannot be applied by our staff, or shared with other children, so please ensure that the sun cream you use will give them the protection they need during the school day.





# Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool

Dear Parents and families,

**We are looking for adult volunteers  
to come and help us tidy up our  
school allotment area.**

**Saturday 17th May 2025  
9am – 11am**

**Just turn up on the day  
and bring some  
gardening tools.**

**Any questions, please speak  
with Mrs Hewlett or Mrs  
Feierabend or leave your  
details with the school office.**



*A New Menu is now available on ParentPay for June – July 2025.*

### **Payment Reminders**

*Pendragon and King Arthur Class – Animals 2U South West  
Merlin Class – Puxton Park*

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Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Eliza, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for taking such care in your work – Eliza always makes sure her presentation is top-tier! Congratulations Charlie, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for being so polite, thinking carefully and making excellent choices all week – it sounds like somebody is getting ready to step into those Year 1 shoes soon!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Koby, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for his fantastic concentration in all subjects and tasks – keep up the top work, Koby! Well done to Hero, who has shown brilliant resilience and determination across his English work this week – I'm sure that your parents will be keen to share your work on Friday's Book Celebration, Hero!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Molly S as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for always setting a brilliant example in class – well done for listening, volunteering, participating and following instructions so diligently – keep up the great work, Molly! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Arthur, for working really hard on the class maths topic of time, being able to confidently read the time to nearest full and half hours – great work Arthur!

Excalibur – McKenzie has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for demonstrating that he can consistently complete his work greater pace, whilst retaining the quality – keep it up, McKenzie! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is awarded to Freddie W, for working super-hard to use as wide a range of features in his writing to great effect – outstanding work, Freddie!

Lancelot – Year 6 have all been recognised as Stars in Lancelot class this week, for completing their assessments with smiles all round, each individual working to show their very best – congratulations, Year 6! Accordingly, Mr. Gallagher has recognised the Year 5s as his Workers of the Week for their independence in completing biographical presentations across the mornings with a variety of staff members – thank you, Year 5.

A special mention this week goes to Harrison in King Arthur, who recounted his amazing experience with the Bristol Bears in Cardiff, alongside his Midsommer Norton rugby teammates. Congratulations to Albert, who was selected as the player of the season, as part of his Castle Cary team's rugby season – an outstanding achievement, Albert!

Well done to Molly S and Molly M in King Arthur, who have both completed swimming awards this week. Molly S is now working towards her level 6 certification, whilst Molly M deserves a special mention for completing her 15m distance badge – great work both!



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>Every Friday</b> 	<b>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</b> <b>Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p</b>
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Somerset Cricket Club in school all day for assembly and workshops with all classes. Please ensure PE kits are in school.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Deadline to book After School Childcare via booking forms for week commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Rounders event at Keinton Mandeville Primary School. Selected pupils only - Letters to be sent home shortly.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Online Parent Safety Workshop - Join Mr Gordon for an hour-long workshop exploring children's common experiences online. This will be the first of two identical workshops, with a second planned in the second summer term. <a href="#">Please sign up here.</a>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Summer Book Celebration event – parents are welcome to come and share in their children's learning from 2:30pm – <a href="#">please sign up here or notify the school office.</a>
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTFA Rainbow Run – see poster attached. Forms sent home last week or available at the school office. 
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May 	Deadline to book school meals and breakfast club via ParentPay for week commencing 2 <sup>nd</sup> June. <b>PLEASE NOTE NEW MENU</b>
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	School reopens to all
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket training session at Westfield Academy for selected pupils.
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Childhood Day Mile 2025 – letter to follow shortly
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Merlin Class swimming session 1 
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Art Day – Mr Plumbley in for Year 6 making props for their show – a large shirt or other similar item of clothing would be helpful to avoid getting uniforms dirty!
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Handball event at Westfield Academy for selected pupils.

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Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket Festival at Westfield Academy for selected pupils.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	King Arthur Class and Pendragon Class visit from Animals 2U South West. Letter sent home 7.5.2025
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Cricket Tournament at Chard Cricket Club for selected pupils.
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Welcome meeting for parents of new starters at 4.30pm in the school hall.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential to Land & Wave, Swanage.
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Merlin Class swimming session 2 
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Children's Parliament – details to be sent out shortly.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Preschool Trip to Axe Valley
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Merlin Class Art Specialist Day
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Merlin Class swimming session 3 
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Race for Life Charity Event – Whole school and preschool – details to follow.
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – please see letter emailed out 1.5.2025
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fayre – Details to follow 
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 1 Ansford Sports Festival. Letter sent 6.5.25 Parents to collect at 3pm at Ansford Sports Hall.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 in June. Please note, for Year 6 children, the individual secondary schools will write to families.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Merlin Class visit to Puxton Park.
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Tulip Photography in school for class photos and Year 6 Leavers photos 
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Ansford Sports Day – details to follow
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	PTFA Summer School Disco – details to follow 
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of the summer term.

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Email: [office@countessgytha.ppat365.org](mailto:office@countessgytha.ppat365.org)

## **LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANT**

### **Full-time and Part-time options considered**

- Starting salary is currently £12.45 per hour, with a pay award pending
- Fixed Term Contract (contracts run 1<sup>st</sup> September – 31<sup>st</sup> August annually)
- Paid on a pro-rata basis – working term time only
- **Employers Pension contribution 24.4%**

We are looking to appoint a committed and enthusiastic Learning Support Assistant to join our friendly and supportive team at Countess Gytha Primary School.  
The ideal candidate will:

- Have a passion for supporting the education and well-being of our wonderful children.
- Have a flexible approach and ability to work as part of a team.
- Be willing to participate fully in all aspects of school life.
- Demonstrate excellent classroom practice.
- Have the ability to think on their feet and use their initiative.
- Be motivated, passionate and reflective about their work.

Preston Primary Academy Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.  
All positions require a criminal background check via the disclosure procedure before any post is confirmed.

Visits to our school are welcome; please telephone the office to make an appointment.

Please apply in writing by completing the application form available from the school website:  
<https://www.countessgythaprimary.co.uk/staff-vacancies/> indicating any preferences regarding working hours on a covering letter or email.

Applications should be returned by post to the school address above, or emailed to:  
[office@countessgytha.ppat365.org](mailto:office@countessgytha.ppat365.org)

**Closing date: Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2025**  
**Interviews will be held on: Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025**

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The children have been really busy sowing and growing plants for our school garden. We will be selling our surplus plants to raise money to further develop our outdoor environments.

We hope to enhance our garden area with the addition of a rainwater collection station and a polytunnel/ outdoor classroom.

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





**COUNTESS GYTHA PTFA**

PRESENTS

**COUNTESS GYTHA**

**RAINBOW RUN**

**23RD MAY 2025**

**STARTS AT 3.30PM | COUNTESS GYTHA PRIMARY SCHOOL**

**TICKETS: £6 EACH OR  
£20 PER FAMILY**

**\*FAMILY TICKET = 4 PEOPLE\***

**PRICE INCLUDES - ENTRY | MEDAL**

**PRE ENTRIES & PAYMENT BY 14TH MAY**



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# #Help4All



## Get free support and advice on:



**Money** - including cost of living, debt, energy costs, jobs, benefits and transport.



**Food** - find your local food bank, Happy Healthy Holidays, and more.



**Home** - housing support and advice, including help with your rent or mortgage.



**Health and Wellbeing** - find local support and toolkits for adults, young people and children.



**Domestic abuse** - help if you or your family are affected by domestic abuse or violence.



**Problems with drugs or alcohol** - for young people and adults affected by substance abuse.



**Parenting** - tools and guides for parents, carers and grandparents.



Scan the QR code or visit:

**[www.connectsomerset.org.uk/help4all](http://www.connectsomerset.org.uk/help4all)**

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## Get into Teaching with Somerset SCITT

**Want to be a Primary School teacher?**

**Want to inspire, motivate and encourage pupils to be the best they can?**

Somerset SCITT are hosting a series of open events to find out more about becoming a teacher

- **School Experience** - spend the morning in one of our partnership schools, meet current trainees, current Early Career Teachers and Senior Leaders, observe a lesson and get all your questions answered regarding the application and interview process.
- **Trainee Experience** – spend the morning at Somerset SCITT (Broughton House, TA1 2PX), meet current trainees, join in with a taught session and get all your questions answered regarding the application and interview process.
- **Drop in** – meet member's of the team, find out about all our routes into teaching and get all your questions answered regarding the application and interview process.



**May 2025 Events:**

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May: 9:30am – 12pm: School Experience in a Taunton based school; Booking essential.**
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May: 4pm – 5pm: Drop in at Broughton House, Taunton, TA1 2PX**

**June 2025 Events:**

- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: 9:30am – 12pm: School Experience in a Taunton based school; Booking essential.**
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June: 4:30pm - 5:30pm: Drop in at Broughton House, Taunton, TA1 2PX.**

**July 2025 Events:**

- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: 9:30am – 12pm: School Experience in a Taunton based school; Booking essential.**
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: 4pm – 5pm: Drop in at Broughton House, Taunton, TA1 2PX**

**Book by calling: 0300 123 1967 or emailing: [scil@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:scil@somerset.gov.uk)**  
**Check out our website: [www.sciltraining.co.uk/scitt](http://www.sciltraining.co.uk/scitt)**



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CHILD DEVELOP EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

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AND COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM. YOU  
WILL THEN BE CONTACTED WITH  
CONFIRMATION OF YOUR PLACE AND  
FURTHER DETAILS OF HOW TO JOIN



## WHEN?

TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY (HALF TERM)  
TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE  
MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
TIME: EVENING TBC



Tuning into Teens - online



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# FUN-filled, Action-packed Active-Camps

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## May Half Term 2025



Four Action Packed Days

9:00—3:00pm

£18  
Per Day

Tuesday May 27th to Friday May 30th 9am to 3pm  
Extra Time available 8am to 9am and 3pm to 4pm

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

For more information visit: [www.tlesportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.tlesportscoaching.co.uk) or call **07951 291471**

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Dear Parent/Guardian

Over the school summer holiday, Somerset Cricket Foundation offering a FREE GIRLS Dynamos cricket camp for 9-11 year old

Dynamos Cricket is a perfect introduction for all 9-11 year-olds new to the sport of cricket! The session will take place at Yeovil Cricket Club.

Dynamos Cricket provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

We know how important it is to look like the heroes of the game, so every child who registers will receive their very own personalised Dynamos Cricket **t-shirt!**

**Programme Details:**

Dynamos Cricket (8 – 11 Year olds)

**When:** 27<sup>th</sup> May

**Time:** 10am – 1pm

**Where:** Yeovil Cricket Club

**Booking information**

To book a place, simply enter your details and then your child's details using this online booking link:

<https://ecb.clubspark.uk/Book/4db61016-f18c-43e4-b243-4a28ee7f652d?venue=SomersetCricketFoundationCCB>

You will notice that the cost of the programme has been set to £50. Before you check out, please enter this voucher code **477D8** that will take the cost of the programme to £0

If you have any questions about booking, please email [Amber.Casely@somersetcricketfoundation.org](mailto:Amber.Casely@somersetcricketfoundation.org)

Yours faithfully

Amber Casely  
Somerset Cricket Foundation



**DYNAMO CRICKETS**

**FREE!**

**YEOVIL**

**TUESDAY 27 MAY**

**GIRLS ONLY:**  
**10AM - 1PM**

Yeovil Cricket Club, Westbourne Grove, BA20 2DD

**BOOK NOW - USE CODE 477D8 - ONLY 24 SPACES**

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YEOVIL TOWN COMMUNITY SPORTS TRUST

# MAY SOCCER SCHOOL



YEOVIL TOWN  
COMMUNITY SPORTS  
CENTRE



27 - 30<sup>TH</sup> MAY

**BOOK ON FOR THE WEEK OR INDIVIDUAL DAYS**

**6 - 13 YRS**

**9:30 - 15:30**



**BOOK  
NOW**

[HTTPS://OFFICIALSOCCERSCHOOLS.CO.UK/YEOVILTOWN/](https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/yeoviltown/)

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 **Tecnifibre**

# LET'S PLAY TENNIS!

Join us at Yeovil Tennis Club

**Monday**

**Tots/Red (4-5 yrs): 4:45 -5:30pm**

**Orange/green (8-12 yrs): 5:30 to 6:15pm**

**Thursday**

**Red (5-8 yrs): 4:30 to 6:15pm**

**Saturday**

**Red: 9 to 9:45am**

**Orange/green: 10:30 to 11:15am**

**Yellow (12-16 yrs): 11:15am to 12:15pm**

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**Tennis Camp - May 28<sup>th</sup>, 9am-3pm, £28 pp**

**FREE Junior Open Day - Saturday 28 June, 12-2 pm**

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**20% off if you book on the term-time programme & tennis camp!**



**Contact Luke Andrews on 07437 404242 / [Latennis@hotmail.com](mailto:Latennis@hotmail.com)**

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