



COUNTESS  
GYTHA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

# Diary Dates

17<sup>th</sup> January 2025



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Thank you to all who supported the Mendips cake sale on Thursday, Tommy and Thomas – House Captains for Mendips – are pleased to report a



total of £105 raised. All monies raised will be totaled following the final house cake sale in the summer term and put towards school extras!



King Arthur Class had the pleasure of working with Darrell Wakelam today, who helped them to create a magnificent mosaic. The children picked this focus for their art day, as the class are learning about the Romans this term. The children soon gained an



appreciation for how long it must have taken for the Romans to create such mosaic masterpieces; the miniscule pieces of tile were very fiddly and time consuming to assemble! Despite this, King Arthur Class have created a wonderful piece of artwork, which they are all very proud of.



Our enrichment clubs have restarted for the term, with many of our children taking up wider development opportunities.

From board games to chess, dodgeball to cross country,

we know that there is something for everyone on offer!



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Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Jacob, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for having an outstanding attitude to learning all week, striving to achieve your best in every task and being determined to complete tasks on his own – high praise indeed, Jacob! Well done Bettsie-Mae, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week, for your incredible determination towards home learning tasks – you have shown brilliant enthusiasm in all that you do!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Milo, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for working really hard in his phonics – brilliant to hear and well done on passing your phonics assessment today! Well done to Ayla, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for writing great descriptive noun phrases about the character, Beegu – keep up the effort, Ayla!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Wren as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for developing her confidence in maths, particularly in the recent unit on money – well done, Wren! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Emily, for writing an excellent explanation article in English about daily life for the Romans – keep up the hard work, Emily!

Excalibur – Wilf has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for always being polite, very helpful to others and supportive to all his peers – great news, Wilf! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is Ruby, for working extremely hard to pass her Championship 100 medal and producing a detailed description of a volcanic eruption – keep up the hard work, Ruby!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Isabelle, for an excellent diary entry as Mr Charles using semi-colons and colons confidently challenging herself in every lesson – brilliant effort, Isabelle! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Jack, for demonstrating excellent effort in all lessons, particularly history with an outstanding report of Skara Brae!

A special mention this week goes to Eliza in Pendragon, who was recently awarded her Level 2 swimming certificate and hat! Well done also to Grace in Excalibur – who has received her beret after joining the Junior Sea Cadets at Yeovilton – [here's the link to any other interested children!](#)



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## **Payment Reminders**

**Swimming for:**

*Pendragon Class and Year 2's in King Arthur Class - £22.50*

**Legoland**

*Excalibur Class and Year 5's in Lancelot Class - £27.50*

**Year 6**

*Year 6 Residential*

*Balance to be paid by 1<sup>st</sup> May 2025*

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

*I am pleased to report that 'Project Pond' continues well, with a seating area underway and pathways beginning to take shape!*








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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



<b>Every Friday</b> 	<b>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</b> <b>Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p</b>
<p>Yoga for King Arthur and Excalibur Classes – Our weekly Yoga sessions continue with Paula. Paula is an accredited Yoga Instructor and her Green Crow Yoga classes help children to find their own sense of calm and contentment, a key skill in all walks of life.</p>	
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming for Pendragon Class Year 1 & 2 and King Arthur Year 2's.  (session 2)
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	A.I.M High Maths Day at Thornford Junior School. Selected pupils only.
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Book Club trip to Yeovil Library – selected pupils only.
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming for Pendragon Class Year 1 & 2 and King Arthur Year 2's.  (session 3)
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Ansford Sports Festival
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Chinese New Year – Year of the Dragon
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Swimming for Pendragon Class Year 1 & 2 and King Arthur Year 2's.  (session 4)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Swimming for Pendragon Class Year 1 & 2 and King Arthur Year 2's.  (session 5)
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country Event 4 – Yeovil Showground Please note change of date.
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	HALF TERM

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# TREASURE ISLAND



## *A Buccaneer of a Panto* by the West Camel Theatre Group at The Davis Hall, West Camel

### Performances

23rd, 24th, 25th January at 7.30pm

*Matinée* Saturday 25th at 2.00pm

### Contact

[mpc609@gmail.com](mailto:mpc609@gmail.com) / 07801 968608  
or the Queen Camel village shop

### Tickets

*Thursday:*

Adult £10 / 16 & under £5

*Friday & Saturday:*

Adult £12 / 16 & under £6

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# HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS

## FEBRUARY HALF TERM PROVISION

**Exciting activity clubs for children aged 5 - 16, who are eligible for benefits-related free school meals across Somerset**

**5 DAYS  
PER CHILD**

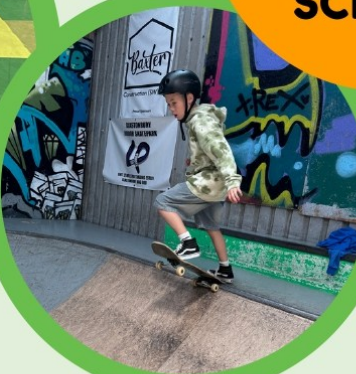


**GET A  
BOOKING  
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YOUR  
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**BOOKINGS  
OPEN ON  
20TH  
JANUARY**



**FOOD  
INCLUDED!**



**Find and book FREE local activities by visiting:  
[www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays](http://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays)  
or scan the QR code!**

**SCAN ME**



This provision is funded by The Household Support Fund 'Help Through Winter' programme by Somerset Council, who are working alongside partners across education and the VCFSE sector to deliver essential support to families and residents.

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# Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays



**Need help with booking?  
Watch this video**



**Bookings open on  
Monday 20th January at 10am**



**LOG IN**

**Login to Playwaze  
(same login as used at Winter)**



**Enter the code your school  
has given you**

**5**

**5 days of provision per child only**



**Need help? Call or email our  
HHH team**



**hhh@sasp.co.uk**



**07843 816168 / 01823 653992 (Open 9am - 1pm)**

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# Key information for Happy Healthy Holidays

- Before bookings go live take a look at our 'how to make a bookings video' using this link [www.youtube.com/watch?v=7flnPPFjSbU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7flnPPFjSbU)
- Bookings open on Monday 20th January at 10am which you can access using [www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays](http://www.sasp.co.uk/happy-healthy-holidays)
- To book onto activities you will need to login into Playwaze, and enter the code your school should have given you
- Your Playwaze login is the same you used for the Winter programme, if you have forgotten your password you can reset it by clicking the reset button
- Book your desired activities, you can book up to 5 days of provision per individual child
- If you need assistance you can email our HHH team or call between 9am-1pm Monday- Friday



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