



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

18th October 2024

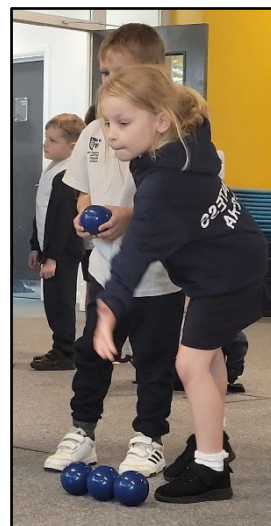


Dear Parents and Guardians,

The rain did little to dampen spirits at this year's Castle Cary and Ansford Carnival, with children dancing their way through the streets to the smiles and cheers of many – a big thank you to all who came out in the weather to support us! I am delighted to say that we won the school's category, with the trophy set to return to our foyer shortly! If you would like to see a highlights video of the event, [please visit our Gallery webpage!](#)



Year 2 travelled to Ansford on Tuesday to take part in the first group festival this term. Children enjoyed taking part in a range of running, jumping and throwing activities – alongside other Year 2 peers from local schools.



Merlin and Pendragon classes were treated to an afternoon of singing and wellbeing from Somerset



Music. Children enjoyed all sorts of workshopped activities, from the funniest sounds to singing together in rounds – impressive for such young children!

Speaking of Merlin Class, they will be joined by Miss Emily Young – a trainee teacher – learning her craft from the brilliant Miss Morris and her team for the remainder of the autumn term.



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Parents' evening meetings are due to take place next week – if you need to check or amend your booking, please speak to Mrs Annetts in the school office as soon as possible. Please note, that there will be no enrichment clubs running during the week; after school care will remain available for those booked in.

Next year's academic calendar is [now available on our school website](#) – a copy has also been attached to the end of this edition of the Diary Dates.

Finally, the children are also very much looking forward to the PTFA disco on Friday 25th – please return any slips to the school office as soon as possible.



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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:

Merlin Class will be joining our Praise Assemblies in the second half of the Autumn term.

Pendragon – Roma has been chosen as Pendragon's Star of the Week, for her great attitude to her learning – keep it up, Roma! Well done to Lydia, whose fantastic work in R.E. is a real standout treat – brilliant to hear, Lydia!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Arthur as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for being a kind friend and making sure everyone has someone to play with on the playground – wonderful to hear, Arthur! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Harriet, for her excellent description of the Ice Queen in her English work, including expanded noun phrases and similes – very impressive, Harriet!

Excalibur – Sebastian has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for showing great commitment to join his handwriting to improve his work further – brilliant news, Seb! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is Freddie W, for his good use of possessive apostrophes and working hard to improve his reasoning skills in maths by adding greater detail – keep it up, Freddie!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Ella, for always demonstrating a positive, ready-to-learn attitude and showing kindness to others in the class – well done, Ella! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Frayer, for demonstrating a positive attitude in booster; an excellent advert for her robot dog – showing great teamwork!

A special mention to Phoebe in Excalibur, for racing in a mud run recently – receiving a medal for completing the 2km course! Congratulations to Emily in King Arthur, who wears her silver Blue Peter badge with pride following her charity work over the last year – an amazing achievement!

Mr Gordon



TASKMASTER CLUB – TO BE CONTINUED..... ON TUESDAYS

Taskmaster Club has been running this term and we have had great fun...



If your child would like to join, payment needs to be made directly to Taskmaster for £25 per child for the 5 weeks.

UPCOMING CLUBS

SCHOOL DETAILS

Name: Countess Gytha
Address: West Camel Road, Queen Camel, Somerset, BA22 7FF
Head Teacher: Dave Gordon
Code: D2K6W

A Club consists of 5 or 6 sessions per half term, depending on which option works best with your term dates. Sessions are charged at £5 per session, so for each child the price will be £25 or £30 per half term.

If you want to register multiple children for a Club, simply click the 'REGISTER A CHILD' button below and when redirected to your cart, enter the required number of children in the Quantity box. You will need to click 'UPDATE CART' to recalculate the total price before proceeding to checkout.

Taskmaster Club at Countess Gytha - Autumn Term 2 (Oct-Dec 2024) [5 Sessions]

Club Session Dates

Tuesday, 05/11/2024
Tuesday, 12/11/2024
Tuesday, 26/11/2024
Tuesday, 03/12/2024
Tuesday, 10/12/2024

Price

£25.00

Start / End Time

3.30pm - 4.30pm

Please note Taskmaster Club will not be running on Tuesday 19th November.

Taskmaster Club at Countess Gytha - Autumn Term 2 (Oct-Dec 2024) [5 Sessions] (16 spaces available)

[Register a Child for Taskmaster Club – November 2024](#)

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A new enrichment club will be starting after half term on Thursdays with Mrs Feierabend. This will be Christmas Craft Club and will be for children in Year 3 and Year 4.

Please let the office know if your child is interested in joining.



Congratulations!

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Lancelot & Year 5 Excalibur Class swimming - £22.50

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

Pantomime £3.50

Cineworld Trip £3.80

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Please remember that all children in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 have the option to take up a free lunch (including the new packed lunch option) via the Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme.

Families in receipt of Free School Meals will also be entitled to this extra choice.

All meals are charged at £2.65 for paying families.

All Allergens for meals are available on our website:

[New Menu Website Link \(November 2024 – February 2025\)](#)

[Allergens Website Link](#)



Tuesday 5th November

Main

Hot Dogs with Fried Onions with Potato Wedges and Salad
(Allergen Alternative - Served in GF roll)

Vegetarian

Vegetarian Hot Dogs with Fried Onions with Potato Wedges and Salad
(Allergen Alternative - Served in GF roll)

Pudding

Toffee Apple Crumble served with Custard
(Allergen Alternative - GF/DF Apple Pie)

S'mores Chocolate Dessert
(Allergen Alternative - GF/DF Chocolate Pudding with GF/DF biscuit crumb)

Fruit Pot

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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

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p
Monday 21 st October	<u>Please note that there will be no enrichment clubs this week.</u>
Monday 21 st October	Year 5 & Year 6 Swimming at Wincanton Leisure Centre (session 6)
Monday 21 st October	Cross Country Race 3 @ Huish Park, Yeovil. Letter sent home or from the school office.
Monday 21 st October	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 22 nd October	School Tours for New Intake 2025 at 9.30am and 2pm
Wednesday 23 rd October	Parents' Evening
Thursday 24 th October	Hockey tournament at Westfield Academy. Selected children only.
Friday 25 th October	PTFA Disco – Disco slips sent out or available from the school office. 
Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November	Half Term – school closed
Wednesday 30 th October	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 4 th November 2024.
Monday 4 th November	Back to School Autumn Term 2 Enrichment clubs – New groups for Term 2 start for all clubs apart from Film Club and Mindfulness Club which remain with the same group.
Monday 4 th November	Year 3 & Year 4 Swimming at Wincanton Leisure Centre (session 1)
Monday 11 th November	Imago Photography in school for Individual and sibling photographs.
Thursday 14 th November	School Tours for New Intake 2025 at 9.30am
Thursday 21 st November	Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 & 6 Cineworld Trip.
Friday 22 nd November	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 Cineworld Trip.
Tuesday 26 th November	Year 5 Ansford Dance Festival – letter sent home 17.10.24
Friday 29 th November	PTFA Christmas Fair 
Wednesday 11 th December	School Christmas Lunch – Book via ParentPay
Friday 13 th December	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school.
Friday 20 th December	Last day of school term.

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Countess Gytha School Terms and Holidays 2025/2026 Academic Year

September 2025							October 2025							November 2025						
M		1	8	15	22	29	Mo			6	13	20	27	M			3	10	17	24
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			7	14	21	28	Tu			4	11	18	25
W		3	10	17	24		We	1	8	15	22	29	W			5	12	19	26	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th	2	9	16	23	30	Th			6	13	20	27	
F		5	12	19	26		Fr	3	10	17	24	31	Fr			7	14	21	28	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	1	8	15	22	29		
Su		7	14	21	28		Su	5	12	19	26		Su	2	9	16	23	30		
December 2025							January 2026							February 2026						
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23		
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24		
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Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa	3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28		
Su		7	14	21	28		Su	4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22			
March 2026							April 2026							May 2026						
M		2	9	16	23	30	M		6	13	20	27	M		4	11	18	25		
Tu		3	10	17	24	31	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		5	12	19	26		
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Sa		7	14	21	28		Sa	4	11	18	25		Sa	2	9	16	23	30		
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June 2026							July 2026							August 2026						
M		1	8	15	22	29	M		6	13	20	27	M		3	10	17	24	31	
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu		7	14	21	28	Tu		4	11	18	25		
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Key:

	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:

Term 1: 02 September – 24 October 2025 (39 days)	
Term 2: 03 November – 19 December 2025 (35 days)	
Term 3: 05 January – 13 February 2026 (30 days)	
Term 4: 23 February – 02 April 2026 (29 days)	
Term 5: 20 April – 22 May 2026 (24 days)	
Term 6: 01 June – 22 July 2026 (38 days)	TOTAL = 195

Bank and public holidays 2025/26

Christmas Day	25 December 2025	Easter Monday	06 April 2026
Boxing Day	26 December 2025	May Day Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
New Year's Day	01 January 2026	Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026	Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.

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Somerset School Admissions

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The deadline for September 2025 secondary and upper school place applications is 31 October. The online Citizen Portal will close at midnight!! If you do not apply by 31st October, you are at risk of missing out on a place at your preferred school and your local school.

Most school open evenings have taken place now so please go online and make your application if you haven't already done so.

You can make changes right up until the deadline but don't forget to resubmit your application each time.



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Starting at a secondary or upper school in September



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Somerset School Admissions

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16 Sep · 🌐

The online portal for applications for children to start secondary school in September 2025, or transfer to Upper school, is now OPEN.
The closing date is 31 OCTOBER 2024.

📌 PLEASE NOTE FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE DUE TO START SCHOOL IN RECEPTION IN SEPTEMBER 2025 OR TRANSFER TO JUNIOR OR MIDDLE SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2025, THE ON LINE PORTAL WILL BE OPEN ON 30TH SEPTEMBER 2024. 📌

A few tips before you start;

1. If you previously applied for a child starting or transferring school in 2017 or earlier you will need to re-register on the portal as a new system was introduced at this time.
2. If you do not receive your registration or forgotten password email please check your junk mail. If you still do not received an email please contact schooladmissions@somerset.gov.uk
3. We do not use Unique Identification Numbers (UID) in Somerset so if prompted, just click 'NO UID'.
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Wreath Making Workshops.

I have a few spaces to fill for wreath preparation at:
Burleigh, Wolfester Terrace, Sparkford,, BA22 7JE.

on: Monday 2nd Dec.	9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Wednesday 4th Dec.	9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.
Thursday 5th Dec.	9.30 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.

and need a CROWD in Queen Camel Memorial Hall
on: Friday 6th Dec. 10.00 a.m. onwards.

The workshops are FREE, tea/coffee, cake, fun!
All the wreaths are for sale at:
St Barnabas Church Christmas Fayre on:
Saturday 7th December 2-4p.m. in the Memorial Hall.

If you would like to help please contact:
Sheila Reeves. tel 01935 593272

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Day Out With The Kids

KIDS EAT FREE
October Half Term

Bill's

Bill's - Up to two kids can get a free meal when 1 adult order a full-price main. 21st Oct - 1st Nov.

Beefeater

Beefeater, Brewer's Fayre & Table Table - Two kids under 16 eat unlimited breakfast for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.

Dunelm

Brewdog - Kids eat free when you buy an adult main from 26th October to 3rd November.

Hard Rock

Dobbie's - Kids eat free at Dobbie's cafes when you buy an adult breakfast or main meal.

Morrisons

Dunelm Cafe - Kids get one mini main, two snacks and a drink for free with any £4 spend after 3pm

Gordon Ramsay restaurants - Get a free kids meal when you buy an adult main from the a la carte menu at selected restaurants.

Franco Manca - Under 12s get a free kids' pizza when you order a full-priced adult main

Hard Rock Cafe - Kids Eat FREE at 5 venues across the UK with our VIP Pass membership

Morrisons - Spend £5 and get one kids meal for free, all day every day

The Real Greek - Kids eat free every Sunday for every £10 spent by an adult

Premier Inn/Travel Lodge - Buy one adult breakfast from £8.99 and up, and two kids can eat for free

Yo! Sushi - Kids eat free all day with any adult spend £10 or over until 14th November.

Information correct at time of posting

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