



COUNTESS  
GYTHA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

# Diary Dates

20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

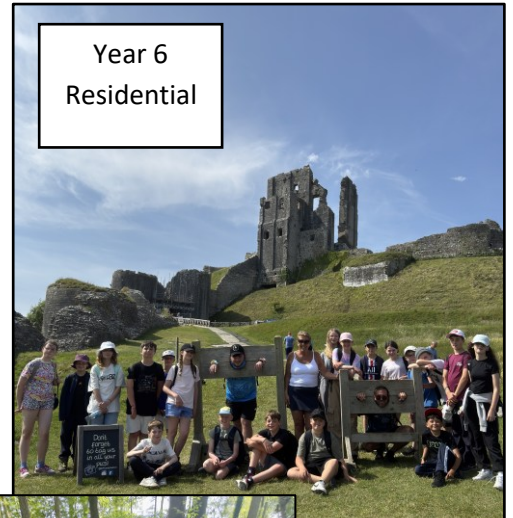


Dear Parents and Guardians,

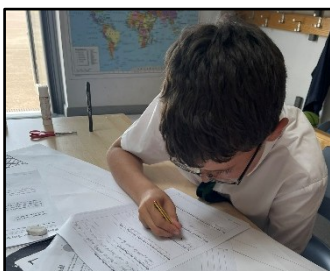
The return of fine weather was welcomed this week, particularly by staff in Lancelot class!

Perhaps the most anticipated event in children's calendars in Year 6 – the annual residential took place between Monday and Thursday. As you can see from a selection of the images, all had a fabulous time with so many activities to enjoy – they managed to squeeze in paddleboarding, slip and sliding, bushcraft and coasteering amongst othklers! Please visit Lancelot Class page on the website, to see a full slideshow of their experience.

With their Year 6 peers away for the week, Year 5 capitalised on their opportunity to be 'top of the shop!' They launched their businesses as part of the Fiver-Business Challenge! With companies hoping to entice you to purchase some tasty treats, delight you with brilliant games or tempt you with a refreshing drink – they are sure to raise some healthy profits and learn some good business lessons along the way! Each business will be ready to welcome your custom at the PTFA Summer Fayre on 27<sup>th</sup> June!



Year 6  
Residential



A small group of the Year 5s enjoyed sharing their and the wider work of children and staff in the school over the past 18 months on our sustainability, Fair

Trade and ecological awards.



Children's  
Parliament



Year 5s work through  
their business plans

The group created a presentation to share at this year's Children's Parliament at Broughton House in Taunton, alongside peers from other schools across the county.

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It was the turn of Merlin Class to enjoy the opportunity to work with local artist Darrell Wakelam. The children explored collage and paint techniques to create a lovely, Merlin-inspired piece of artwork. They worked with enthusiasm and imagination, combining textures and colours to bring their magical theme to life. It was a fantastic day of creativity and collaboration!



Merlin Class working with artist, Darrell Wakelam



Summer Fair Donations  
MUFTi Day

It wasn't just Merlin providing the colour to our Friday however, thank you to all who have donated a little (or big!) something to the PTFA Summer Fair – don't forget this is taking place after school next Friday, with (fingers crossed!) Sports Day being celebrated on Thursday and our Race for Life event on Wednesday – what a week ahead!

Details regarding Sports Day, Race for Life and the Summer Fair events were sent out earlier in the term. I have taken the opportunity to reattach the Sports Day letter to the Friday email blast and if you have questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me and I look forward to seeing many of you at our events next week.

Well done to all who have already auditioned for the talent show, any further interest will be welcomed by Miss Bridge at lunchtimes next week.



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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 working hard to keep the classroom tidy and taking care of our resources. You have been very mindful this week, Eliza – top job! Congratulations Primrose, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for reading with fabulous prosody in your group all week – keep up the great attitude to reading!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Alex, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for working independently and writing a brilliant poem – keep up the great work, Alex! Well done to Elif, Pendragon's Worker of the Week, who has shown brilliant learning and presentation in her PSHE work – awesome efforts, Elif!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Ella as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for always being kind and considerate to others – wonderful praise, Ella! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Albert for his excellent understanding of units of measure in maths – great to hear, Albert!

Excalibur – Emily is the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for completing a superb leaflet, detailing facts and images based on Cadbury Castle, as part of our local history topic. A great presentation, Emily – well done! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is awarded to Jaxon-Blu, for working incredibly hard in maths this week, engaging with learning about Roman Numerals and passing his 8x tables – keep up the great work, Jaxon!

Lancelot – Year 6 have all been recognised as Lancelot's Stars of the Week for a fantastic week of activities at Land and Wave – full of teamwork fun and laughter! Mr Gordon had the honour of choosing the Workers of the Week and with so much effort put into a brilliant week together, it has gone to all in Lancelot. From creating businesses to adventure stories, Blooket quizzes to redesigning the playground – it was tremendous to see all getting so involved, well-done!

A special mention this week goes to William, who represented Yeovil District Swimming Club at the TDSC Summer Sprint Series in Weston-Super-Mare. He came away with 3 new PB's, 2 more county qualifying times and 2 gold medals in both the 50m and 100m backstroke – coming first for his age group! Just one of these would be an amazing achievement; superb performances William, well done!

On Sunday, Willem and Rupert took part in their first triathlon, covering a 100m swim, 1,500m cycle and 800m run.

Willem & Rupert's age category had 55 entrants and I am delighted to report that Willem (10min 45seconds) was 6th and Rupert (11min 01seconds) was 10th. Incredible achievements, both!









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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



| <b>Every Friday</b><br> <b>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</b><br><b>Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p</b> |   |
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| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June   | Merlin Class swimming session 3    |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June  | Year 5/6 Small Schools County Cricket Finals – selected children only   |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> June  | New Intake Stay and Play with parents – Group 1 1.30-2.30   |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June  | Race for Life Charity Event – Whole school and preschool.    |
| Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June  | New Intake Stay and Play with parents – Group 2 1.30-2.30   |
| 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 – poster below   |
| Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July   | Year 1 Ansford Sports Festival. Letter sent 6.5.25<br>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 next week. 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 Leavers photos  Year 6  |
| 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   |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | Countess Gytha's Got Talent Show  |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July   | Year 6 Leavers' assembly – 2:00pm   |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July  | Last day of the summer term.  |

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# BBC CBeebies PARENTING

[bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting](http://bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/parenting)



Race for Life - Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2025

*Reminder to return your consent slips for all children taking part.*

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We are delighted to announce we now have a drum set and Charles is available for drum lessons in school each week.

If your child is interested, please email Charles above to arrange lessons. Tuition will be weekly on a one-to-one basis and will cost £10 per 20 minute lesson. You will be invoiced privately at the end of each term and only for lessons attended.

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



### Singing Lessons

Available from September

- ★ Fun and engaging lessons!
- ★ Learn to sing your favourite songs with confidence
- ★ Work towards Rockschool grades
- ★ Improve vocal & breathing techniques
- ★ Grow musicianship skills
- ★ Suitable for Year 3 and above

Free 15 minute session available before starting regular lessons (£18 per half hour thereafter)

Please contact  
[janebaileymusic@gmail.com](mailto:janebaileymusic@gmail.com) to book in!



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# GOT TALENT? AUDITION!

OPEN  
TO ALL

MUSICIANS, SINGERS,  
DANCERS, RAPPERS,  
ACTORS, COMEDIANS,  
MAGICIANS, ETC.

HOW

SEE MISS BRIDGE AT  
LUNCHTIMES TO  
AUDITION

WHEN

SHOW ON MONDAY 21ST  
JULY 2025 AT 10AM

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# SOFT TOY DONATIONS

We are looking for donations of good  
quality, pre-loved soft toys for our  
Summer fair



**Please drop off at:  
Main school reception  
BY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

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# Working with Wildlife

MONDAY 4TH - WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST  
2025

Suitable for ages 14-19yrs



Are you aged between 14-19 years old and interested in learning more about British wildlife and the work we do in rescue centres to help a variety of species?

**Join and Learn with us this summer**



# Wild Academy: Back to Nature

TUESDAY 19TH - THURSDAY 21ST  
AUGUST 2025

Suitable for ages 10-14yrs

This three day workshop gives young people the opportunity to connect with nature and the countryside through walks, bird box building workshops and hands-on wildlife studies.

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# Wild Academy: Minibeasts

TUESDAY 26TH AUGUST 2025  
10 AM - 12.30 PM

Suitable for ages 5-12 yrs










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Secret World Wildlife Rescue

From £15 per session

# Home Educator Days






Visit [events.secretworld.org](https://events.secretworld.org) for more information

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# SUMMER FAIR

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June  
3.30 – 5.30pm

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FREE ENTRY

JOIN US FOR LOTS OF FUN!

- Twinnies petting farm •
- Hook a duck •
- Splat the rat •
- Ice cream van •
- YFW bloodbikes •
- Raffle •
- Tombola •
- Craft area •
- and much more!

RAFFLE



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# Queen Camel Tennis Club

## OPEN DAY

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July: 9am – 2pm**

**Join us for some FREE tennis activities and coaching!**

**Fun coaching sessions for all ages, skill games  
for Juniors, social and family tennis.  
Whatever your age come and have a go!**

**9.00am – 9.45am – Red Ball (ages 5-8 yrs)**

**9.45am – 10.30am – Orange Ball (ages 8 – 10yrs)**

**10.30am – 11.15am – Green Ball/Yellow Ball (ages 11+)**

**11.15am – 2pm open courts for social & family tennis**

\* Children under 14 years must be accompanied. Rackets are available to borrow.

**Refreshments available throughout**

Queen Camel Tennis Club is a friendly and sociable two-court Club with floodlights. We enjoy competitive & social play and have a great coaching programme including Saturday mornings for children from 5 upwards and for adults Wednesday evenings.

In addition to our regular Club Night on Tuesday evenings, we also have Club morning sessions on the first and third Sunday of every month at 10am until noon. All members welcome.



Queen Camel Tennis Club, The Playing Fields, Green Lane, Queen Camel BA22 7NW  
[www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/QueenCamelTennisClub](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/QueenCamelTennisClub)

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# LEWESTON ULTIMATE ACTIVITY CAMP



SCAN TO BOOK!

4-14 YEARS OLD

NERF GUN BATTLES, SWIMMING, LASER TAG, ARTS & CRAFTS, GLOW IN THE DARK SPORTS, DODGEBALL, CRICKET, FOOTBALL, INFLATABLES & 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:

WEEK 1 - 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> July

WEEK 2 - 4<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August

WEEK 3 - 11<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> August

WEEK 4 - 18<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> August

WEEK 5 - 26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> August

#### LEWESTON SCHOOL

SHERBORNE

DORSET

DT9 6EN

BOOKING LINK - <https://www.primary-sports.co.uk/events/2025/07/28/leweston-ultimate-activity-camps-summer-2025?query=Leweston>

More Information: [ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk](mailto:ed.doble@primary-sports.co.uk) /07903347412

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