



COUNTESS
GYTHA
PRIMARY
SCHOOL

Diary Dates

25th April 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope that all enjoyed a restorative break and enjoyed that wonderful first week of sunshine! Already, it is clear all are eagerly anticipating the delights of the Summer Term and all which lies ahead. Curriculum letters outlining the class topics this term will be published on the website and emailed to parents next week.



Blackdowns MUFTI – House winners Spring Term



Young Writers

Congratulations – Young Writers Published!

We are thrilled to announce that several of our talented pupils have been selected for publication in two exciting national writing projects: Wonderverse – *Whispers of Young Minds* and Monster Acrostics – *Poetic Voices*.

These competitions challenged children across the country to unleash their imaginations and express themselves through poetry and creative writing. Our pupils rose to the occasion with incredible ideas, and having their work chosen for publication is a wonderful achievement and something they should be extremely proud of. We can't wait to see their work in print and share it with friends and family! Well done to Emily, Molly, Molly, Alex, Alfie, Henry, Rosie, Surf, Archie, Maisie and Harriet – your voices truly deserve to be heard!

Bookman wishes to thank all those who have completed the recent Bookman Easter Challenge. We have him scheduled to attend next week's Friday Praise Assembly so please do send in anymore completed challenges or photos before then!

Congratulations to Blackdowns House who by topping the house point chart last half-term enjoyed a MUFTi day today – with plenty of activity set for the summer term, the race is on to see who will be the next house winners!



Lancelot
Year 5s
exploring
Islamic
artefacts

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Jack, you are one of Merlin's Star of the Week for your outstanding effort and attitude to learning, Jack has been incredibly positive about his learning and has shined bright all week – great work! Primrose is Merlin's second Star of the Week, for being a very caring friend and looking her classmates at lunchtime – keep it up Prim! Congratulations Charlie, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for making great progress with your reading this week – Charlie is sounding his CVC words really well!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Darcy who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for helping to tidy up the classroom and being kind to all of her classmates – amazing news, Darcy! Well done to Noah, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for his fantastic focus during maths and English as well as great manners in the lunch hall – wonderful to hear, Noah!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Freddie as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for working really hard on his reading to improve his fluency and pace – keep it up, Freddie! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Wren, for writing a funny and entertaining nonsense poem in English – I can't wait to read it, Wren!

Excalibur – Toby has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for settling into his new school really well, making lots of new friends in the process – welcome to Countess Gytha, Toby! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is awarded to Enes, for working hard throughout the week, particularly on decimals and rhyming words to create a brilliant poem!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Rothen, for an outstanding tongue-in-cheek nonsense poem that made Mr Gallagher smile – I'm really looking forward to reading it too, Rothen! Mr. Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Evie for showing a fantastic attitude in all areas of the curriculum – keep up the great work in your final term, Evie!

A special mention this week goes to Lily, who took part in her dance show (Everybody Dance) on Mothering Sunday, at Westlands in Yeovil – she was amazing! Molly M was awarded Star Gem at her Majorettes club – great work! A special mention to some top athletes too – Wilf, Freddie W, Emily and Molly S all took part in a 2km Easter Fun Run as well as Ruby and Grace, who represented their athletics club at a competition of the Easter break, participating in running, throwing and jumping events!




Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	FRIDAY TUCKSHOP Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p
Week commencing 28 th April	Enrichment clubs start this week
Tuesday 29 th April	Year 3 Ansford Sports Festival. Letters sent out 10.3.2025
Thursday 1 st May	Deadline for payment for Year 6 Residential
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday – school closed
Week commencing 12 th May	Key Stage 2 Assessment Week (SATs)
Tuesday 13 th May	Pendragon Class and King Arthur Class trip to Westlands Entertainment Venue to watch Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

New Enrichment Club for Reception and Year 1 children.

Miss Martin will be running a Craft Club on Tuesdays for children in Reception and Year 1 only. This will be starting from next week on Tuesday 29th April.

If you would like your child to join, please reply to the email sent out or speak with the school office. Places are limited and priority will be given to those not already in any other club.

Charles Harrison provides guitar and violin lessons for £10 for 20-minute lesson on Wednesdays in school.



If you are interested, please let the school office know and we can give you his details to sign up.

Singing Lessons

During school hours with Jane Bailey

- ★ 20 years of performing experience
- ★ Fun and engaging lessons!
- ★ Learn to sing your favourite songs
- ★ Work towards Rockschoool grades
- ★ Suitable for Year 3 and above

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

Please contact the school office to book in!



Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

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



Calling All Musical Theatre Lovers! 🎭🌟

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

Have you ever wanted to act a scene including singing a song from your favourite musical? Do you see yourself performing on your own or with a group of friends?



Now is your chance!

Which musical do you picture singing in Matilda, Lion King, Wicked, Mamma Mia, Beauty and the Beast, Frozen, Aladdin, Annie, Mary Poppins, Oliver, Joseph and his Technicolour Dreamcoat and So! So! So! many more? Time to let your imagination go and picture yourself on stage!

West Camel Theatre Group is excited to announce our upcoming production... "A Night at the Musicals" 🎭 We are aiming for a spectacular celebration of classic and modern musical theatre! We're looking for any actors, singers, and dancers to join us on stage for this unforgettable night of show-stopping performances.

No experience? No problem! This is the perfect opportunity to have fun, come along on your own or with a group of friends, meet new people, and bring the magic of musicals to life. ✨

📅 We are aiming to gauge interest at an information night on: Sunday 4th of May
4.30 to 5.30pm

📍 Location: Davis Hall, West Camel. We are also planning to live stream the information night on Facebook.

🎭 Roles available for ALL ages and abilities!



Whether you're a seasoned performer or a first-time singer, we'd love to have you join us and be part of something amazing!

For more info come along on Sunday 4th May or, contact us at
westcameltheatregroup@gmail.com or message us on Facebook at:
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61556070488269>

"Night at the Musicals"

Information night

COME AND GET INVOLVED IN OUR
MUSICAL SPECTACULAR!

SUNDAY 4TH OF MAY
4:30 - 5:30

DAVIS HALL- WEST CAMEL
OR JOIN OUR LIVE STREAM ON FACEBOOK

FREE TO JOIN, FREE TO PERFORM
JOIN OUR ALL INCLUSIVE GROUP AND SHINE
ON STAGE!



Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

#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

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.

Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting programme
for parents of adolescents aged 10-18

Would you like to learn how to:

- *be better at talking with your teen?*
- *be better at understanding your teen?*
- *help your teen learn to manage their emotions?*
- *help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?*
- *teach your teen to deal with conflict?*

'Tuning in to Teens' shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence.

Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:

- *are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure*
- *have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers*
- *are more able to cope when upset or angry*
- *have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties*
- *have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults*
- *have greater career success.*
- *Emotional intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!*

Starting 29th April 9.30am in person. Please contact

rachel.clements@ansford.net to book a place.



Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



Payment Reminders

Pendragon and King Arthur Class – BSO Orchestra at Westlands

Year 6 Residential – Land & Wave, Dorset

Balance to be paid by 1st May 2025

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

Merlin Class – Puxton Park

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.



BEE NETBALL TASTER SESSION

★ Years 1 to Year 6 (starting
September 2025) ★

 30th June 

 5-6pm 

2025/26 SEASON

Westfield, Stiby Rd, Yeovil, BA21 3EP

Google form or email below, to sign up

 yeoviljuniornetball@gmail.com

YNC will be looking for new members for Sept 2025 and will be holding an open taster session on 30th June for members and non members (current year R to year 5) to come and give YNC a go!

Please see the details attached - if these sessions are of interest please sign up using the googleform link
- <https://forms.gle/HdKLnMk6AHYCJFjd9>

By signing up to these sessions we will also use this as a basis for communications for the new season starting in September.

Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young persons. We will ensure that the highest priority is given safeguarding our children. Mr Gordon is the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead and in his absence, Mrs Trusson, Miss Bridge, Ms Flagg and Mrs Gillman.