

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the season of Advent upon us, the school has enjoyed plenty of festive cheer this week with the man himself, visiting the school for the second time in two weeks!



Children were delighted to watch Father Christmas touch down with help from Yeovilton's 846 Squadron, before he whisked away letters to be delivered by a very special air-mail service!



Sadly, the television crew were delayed elsewhere on the day, but plenty of great pictures were taken of the Merlin helicopter landing to the cheers of all!



After decorating their Christingle oranges on Tuesday, the school celebrated the beginning of advent with a Christingle celebration at St Barnabas on Wednesday. It was wonderful to be joined by so many friends and families of the school for this joyous occasion – classes shared artwork, prayers and the meaning of Advent with the community, before a sneak preview of the grand finale from this year's nativity performance!

Not only do we have the nativity to look forward to next week ([seating requests available here](#)), but families are invited to join us the following week at the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30pm. Details were sent out via letter from Miss Bridge, [with the link available to indicate attendance here](#).

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Families are also invited to join their children on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December from 2pm to share their workbooks from this term! It is always a wonderful event to see children sharing in their learning journeys and watch the pride they have in telling and sharing in their books. [If you would like to join us, please sign up via the link here.](#)

To add the icing to the festivities this week, I am delighted to announce that this year's PTFA Christmas Fair raised a total of £836 – thank you to all who attended and supported the school through this year's event – as well as of course, to the wonderful PTFA committee for organising! Can we also take this opportunity to mention that The School Council are holding their Christmas Market after school next Wednesday (11<sup>th</sup> December) in the school hall 3:20-4:00pm – please see attached poster!



Mr Gallagher is delighted to announce a fantastic set of results the children have achieved this week, in cross country. Out of the 6 age category races, Countess Gytha won four of them and came 2nd in another! The girls Year 3/4 race was won by Emily, Molly came 2nd and Isla came 5th. The boys Year 4 race was won by Freddie W. In Year 5, both Grace

and Alex R came 1st with Ruby finishing 2nd in the girl's race. In year 6, Tom came 2nd and Frayer performed heroically even though she had a stitch. Well done to all the children who participated (Lucy, William, Austin, Willem, Wilf, Alfie W and Rupert) – you supported everyone brilliantly.



Well done to all the children who travelled to Preston Secondary on Thursday for a Badminton event. The pupils competed in 10 activities across the evening in three separate teams. They all gave it their all and had fun on what was their first experience playing badminton. One of our teams (Jack, Olivia, Grace and Barnaby) finished 3rd and Jack won an individual prize too, which made Mr

Gallagher incredibly proud. Congratulations to Wilf, Willem, Rupert, Alfie W, Freddie W, Freddie L and Albie, who also participated.

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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:

Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Dylan, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for always being a supportive friend to others, helping his peers identify and celebrate their achievements – wonderful to hear, young man! Well done Lena, you are one of two Merlin Workers of the Week, for your hard work in phonics and persevering when reading tricky words – keep it up! Unusually, we have a second Worker of the Week to celebrate in Merlin, who is Florence! She has received the award for creating a very impressive tricky word robot at home to help her to practise reading her tricky words – top work, young lady!

Pendragon – Congratulations to November, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for the kindness shown towards their peers – great to hear, November! Well done to Willow, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for her fantastic writing in English, all related to the class story of Rabbit and Bear – keep up the great work, Willow!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Hattie as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for reading her lines in the nativity so enthusiastically – we can't wait to see it next week, Hattie! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Molly M, for working so hard to master the tricky concept of division in her maths work – well done, Molly!

Excalibur – Hunter has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for developing a keenness to engage in lessons and share his answers with the class far more readily – brilliant to hear, Hunter! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is Lincoln, for developing good choices for expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials in his extended write as well as his beautifully articulated reading at the Christingle celebration – well done, Lincoln!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Evie, for showing great ambition in her writing. Her ideas are always unique and interesting – keep up the amazing work, Evie! Mr Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Thomas, for creating a fantastic, hyperlinked book during his Computing sessions – well done, Thomas!

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A special mention to William in Lancelot, who took part in his first swimming competition recently and finished second in all his heats as well as beating the county qualifying time by 7 seconds! Congratulations to Noah in Pendragon, who has been awarded a certificate of achievement for his courage in putting his face under the water for the first time! Another swimmer to celebrate, is Emily in Excalibur, who has received her Level 9 swimming award, which included a non-stop 800m swim!

A final well done to all who ran in this week's cross-country races, with our trophy winners pictured!



Thank you to the Vale of Camelot Growers for once again donating our lovely Christmas Tree!

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## Key Stage 2 Christmas Carol Concert



Please indicate your child's attendance and seating requests for this year's Christmas Carol Concert, hosted at St Barnabas Church on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December - [Click Here to Sign Up!](#)



*Christmas Post box - The Christmas Post box is now in the library.  
Please write names and classes clearly on the envelopes.  
Class photos are on the website class pages if children need to refer to them to remember all their friends!*

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> Dec  
4pm - St Barnabas Church  
Queen Camel



**Crib Service - children can - come in costume!**  
*Bring your friends and family  
As we set the scene around the crib and sing carols*

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COUNTESS GYTHA  
PRIMARY SCHOOL

# Christmas Fair

Total money raised  
**£836**

Thank you to everyone who  
supported, donated,  
volunteered and enjoyed the  
Christmas fair, we couldn't  
do it without you!

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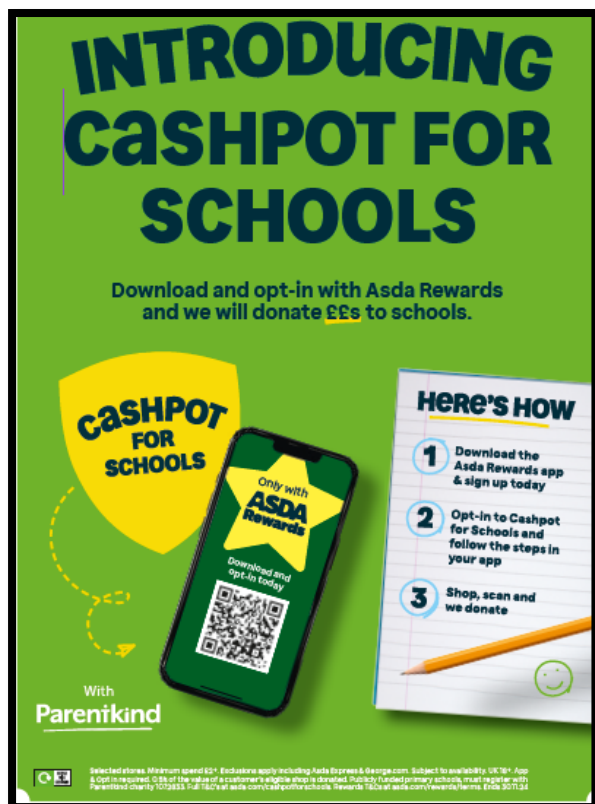
# CHRISTMAS THEMED MARKET

**WEDNESDAY  
11TH DECEMBER  
@ 3:20 - 4:00  
in the School Hall**

Christmas themed cup cakes, Candy cane reindeer, Chocolate reindeers ad snowmen, Decorated Christmas bottles, Bookmarks, Key rings and much much more!

PRICES START FROM 20P!  
GRAB A BARGAIN  
WHIST STOCKS LAST!





Thank you to  
Archie and  
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target!

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday		FRIDAY TUCKSHOP	
		Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December		Swimming for King Arthur Year 3's and Excalibur Year 4's.	
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Village Café Choir Performance		
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance 1 - 2pm performance. Please arrive for 1.45pm.		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December		School Christmas Lunch. Children may wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt with their uniform.	
			
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Deadline for ordering lunches, booking Breakfast Club and After School Childcare for the week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2024.		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity Performance 2 (evening performance) - Booking form link emailed out this week.		
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	School Christmas Sale after school. See Poster attached.		
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Lancelot Class children vs Parents Quiz 'Are you smarter than your 10-year-old?'.		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Dick Whittington Pantomime in school.		
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	PTFA Film night - details to be sent by PTFA		
Week Commencing 16 <sup>th</sup> December - No enrichment clubs this week			
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Key Stage 2 (Y3-Y6) Carol Concert at St Barnabas Church - Arrival from 4:30pm to start for 5pm - <a href="#">Please confirm attendance and seating requests via this link.</a>		
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Autumn Book Celebration Afternoon from 2pm - please sign up using link above.		
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of the Autumn term.		
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December - Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January - Christmas Holiday and INSET			
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Children return to school		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January		Swimming for Pendragon Class Year 1 & 2 and King Arthur Year 2's. (session 1)	
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Cross Country Event 4 - Yeovil Showground <a href="#">Please note change of date.</a>		

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**FREE ENTRY ST BARNABAS**

# ST BARNABAS

# CHRISTMAS FAYRE

## SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER

## 2-4PM

## QUEEN CAMEL MEMORIAL HALL

## NEW AND NEARLY NEW TOYS

**TEDDY TOMBOLA**

## FABULOUS RAFFLE PRIZES

## PLUCK THE TURKEY LOLLY BOARD

## HANDICRAFTS AND NEW GIFTS

**RING THE NOSE ON RUDOLF.**

## BOTTLE TOMBOLA

## CAKES, BISCUITS AND OTHER GOODIES

**BUY YOUR CHRISTMAS WREATH**

## REFRESHMENTS AND MINCE PIES!

**IN AID OF ST BARNABAS CHURCH - FABRIC FUND**

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## CHRISTMAS SOCCER SCHOOLS



23rd and 24th December  
2nd and 3rd January

 **COMMUNITY  
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TRUST**

**NOW UP TO  
AGE 13!**

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