



COUNTESS  
GYTHA  
PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

# Diary Dates

9<sup>th</sup> May 2025



Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of VE Day, the school marked the occasion in style – with Excalibur performing the ‘Lindy Hop’, the school choir singing ‘Take me home’ and every child receiving a pin badge to remember the event.



Poetry Competition  
Winners

Congratulations to our poetry competition winners; all of the children's poems were judged by members of the PTFA and our winners now have their work on display in the school corridor as well as recitals now live

on the school website here. This year's theme was, ‘What a lot of nonsense!’ and I'm sure that every child will be excited to share their poetry and other work at the end of term Work Celebration, which will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> May – sign up details here.

I am delighted to announce that Molly S and Emily in King Arthur, as well as Ruby and Grace from Excalibur represented Yeovil in the inter-area cross country races this week. The girls crowned an outstanding season of races to represent Yeovil in the area finals – well done to Emily, Grace, Ruby and Molly who raced with heart, determination and bravery.



VE Day Anniversary



Inter-Area Runners

As the summer term rolls on, we turn our sporting attention to tennis and cricket, as well as athletic-based activities in PE lessons. 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.



Mr Gallagher is pleased to report that several Year 3s travelled to Yeovil Tennis club on Thursday for a taster session. The children had a great time playing fun balancing games, Jamaican tennis and much more. Well done to: Henry, Emily, Molly, Wren and Harriet.



Looking further ahead, Mr Bunter and Mr Gallagher are busy preparing for this year's sports day event, set to be held on the afternoon of Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Please don't forget to take a look at each class's curriculum letters outlining all physical education learning as well as all curriculum topics for the term – these are available on the school website here: [Class Curriculum Overviews](#)

Finally, here's hoping for some continued good weather over the weekend – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May is Somerset Day. Whether you're flying the dragon flag, sampling some apple juice or nibbling on some tasty cheese, Somerset has so much to celebrate!



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Miss Morris and the Merlin team are delighted to celebrate the following children in reception. Congratulations Lena, you are Merlin's Star of the Week for always being cheery and lifting the spirits of all in the classroom – we certainly love your smile, Lena! Congratulations Jacob, you are Merlin's Worker of the Week for a brilliant recount of the bear hunt – Jacob challenged himself (and succeeded!) to writing an incredible 7 sentences all by himself – outstanding!

Pendragon – Congratulations to Jett, who is Pendragon's Star of the Week for working so hard on his reading recently – keep up the top work, young man! Well done to Georgia, who has been chosen as Pendragon's Worker of the Week for brilliant focus during her phonics – no doubt getting ready to show super success in her phonics check later in the term!

King Arthur – This week, we are celebrating Holly as Miss Bridge's Star of the Week, for writing a great short story linked to her topic work on Shang-dynasty China and specifically, Oracle Bones in her English – keep up the great work, Holly! King Arthur's Worker of the Week goes to Luke, for his excellent contributions to class discussions – great work Luke, insightful as ever!

Excalibur – Lincoln has been awarded the Star of the Week in Excalibur, for listening to advice about his work and responding positively to make improvements – keep it up, Lincoln! Mrs Trusson's Worker of the Week is awarded to Tayana, for working hard in all of her subjects, completing her work to the best of her ability – outstanding work, Tayana!

Lancelot – The Star in Lancelot class this week is Tom, for always showing super listening in PE, including demonstrating great abilities whilst helping others – you need to consider a career in teaching, Tom! Mr. Gallagher's Worker of the Week is awarded to Alfie C, for his accurate maths, especially in area and perimeter, as well as excellent teamwork during the 'comprehension carousel' – great to hear, Alfie!

A special mention this week goes to Harrison for his recent rugby tournament – we wish him the best of luck for the weekend, as Harrison is playing his rugby at the Principality Stadium in Cardiff tomorrow! Similarly, Rothen deserves a special mention for representing his club at another tournament recently. Well done to Darcy, who has completed her level 2 swimming certification – she has been really brave jumping in and placing her face beneath the water!

Finally a big shout out to all of our Year 6s, who no doubt will be getting plenty of rest before they sit their Key Stage 2 assessments next week – every single one of them has worked incredibly hard this year and all are more than ready for the challenge!

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At last, it almost feels like the summer is on its way. For this reason, you may wish to apply sun cream to your child at home before leaving for school. An appropriate sun hat would be useful to provide the best protection when your child is outside.

**Please make sure sun hats are labelled with your child's name.**

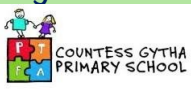





Sun creams cannot be applied by our staff, or shared with other children, so please ensure that the sun cream you use will give them the protection they need during the school day.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Every Friday 	<b>FRIDAY TUCKSHOP</b> Every Friday morning breaktime - 20p	
Week commencing 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 Assessment Week (SATs) 8am Breakfast Club in the school hall for Year 6 children.	
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Pendragon Class and King Arthur Class trip to Westlands Entertainment Venue to watch Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.	
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> May 	Deadline to book school meals and breakfast club via ParentPay for week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> May. Deadline to book After School Childcare via booking forms for week commencing 19 <sup>th</sup> May.	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Rounders event on school field with Mr Gallagher. Letters sent home 9.5.2025	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Rounders event at Keinton Mandeville Primary School. Selected pupils only. Letters to be sent home shortly.	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Summer Book Celebration event – parents are welcome to come and share in their children's learning from 2:30 – <a href="#">please sign up here or notify the school office.</a>	
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	PTFA Rainbow Run – see poster attached. Forms sent home last week or available at the school office.	
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Half Term	
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Inset Day – school closed to pupils	
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Merlin Class swimming session 1	
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	King Arthur Class and Pendragon Class visit from Animals 2U South West. Letter sent home 7.5.2025	

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Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Welcome meeting for new intake at 4.30pm in the school hall.	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential to Land & Wave, Swanage.	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Merlin Class swimming session 2	
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Children's Parliament – details to be sent out shortly.	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Preschool Trip to Axe Valley	
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Merlin Class Art Specialist Day	
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Merlin Class swimming session 3	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Race for Life Charity Event – Whole school and preschool – details to follow.	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day – letter emailed out 1.5.2025	
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	PTFA Summer Fayre – Details to follow	
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 1 Ansford Sports Festival. Letter sent 6.5.25 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 in June. 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 Year 6 Leavers photos	
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	
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Last day of the summer term.	

### 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!



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The children have been really busy sowing and growing plants for our school garden. We will be selling our surplus plants to raise money to further develop our outdoor environments.

We hope to enhance our garden area with the addition of a rainwater collection station and a polytunnel/ outdoor classroom.

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





# Countess Gytha Primary and Preschool

Dear Parents and families,

**We are looking for adult volunteers  
to come and help us tidy up our  
school allotment area.**

**Saturday 17th May 2025  
9am – 11am**

**Just turn up on the day  
and bring some  
gardening tools.**

**Any questions, please speak  
with Mrs Hewlett or Mrs  
Feierabend or leave your  
details with the school office.**



## *Payment Reminders*

*Pendragon and King Arthur Class – BSO Orchestra at Westlands*

*Pendragon and King Arthur Class – Animals 2U South West*

*Merlin Class – Puxton Park*

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**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**



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# #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](http://www.connectsomerset.org.uk/help4all)**

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## Get into Teaching with Somerset SCITT

**Want to be a Primary School teacher?**

**Want to inspire, motivate and encourage pupils to be the best they can?**

Somerset SCITT are hosting a series of open events to find out more about becoming a teacher

- **School Experience** - spend the morning in one of our partnership schools, meet current trainees, current Early Career Teachers and Senior Leaders, observe a lesson and get all your questions answered regarding the application and interview process.
- **Trainee Experience** – spend the morning at Somerset SCITT (Broughton House, TA1 2PX), meet current trainees, join in with a taught session and get all your questions answered regarding the application and interview process.
- **Drop in** – meet member's of the team, find out about all our routes into teaching and get all your questions answered regarding the application and interview process.



### May 2025 Events:

- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May: 9:30am – 12pm: School Experience in a Taunton based school; Booking essential.**
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May: 4pm – 5pm: Drop in at Broughton House, Taunton, TA1 2PX**

### June 2025 Events:

- **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June: 9:30am – 12pm: School Experience in a Taunton based school; Booking essential.**
- **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June: 4:30pm - 5:30pm: Drop in at Broughton House, Taunton, TA1 2PX.**

### July 2025 Events:

- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: 9:30am – 12pm: School Experience in a Taunton based school; Booking essential.**
- **Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July: 4pm – 5pm: Drop in at Broughton House, Taunton, TA1 2PX**

Book by calling: 0300 123 1967 or emailing: [scil@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:scil@somerset.gov.uk)  
Check out our website: [www.sciltraining.co.uk/scitt](http://www.sciltraining.co.uk/scitt)



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# TUNING INTO TEENS<sup>®</sup>

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PROGRAMME FOR PARENTS  
PRE-TEENS & TEENS



Would you like to be better at:

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- ✓ Understanding your teen
- ✓ Helping your teen learn to manage their emotions
- ✓ Preventing behaviour problems in your teen
- ✓ Teaching your teen to deal with conflict

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CHILD DEVELOP EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

TO REGISTER PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE  
AND COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM. YOU  
WILL THEN BE CONTACTED WITH  
CONFIRMATION OF YOUR PLACE AND  
FURTHER DETAILS OF HOW TO JOIN



## WHEN?

TUESDAY 20<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
WEDNESDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY (HALF TERM)  
TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE  
MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
TUESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE  
TIME: EVENING TBC



Tuning into Teens - online



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