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To Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say a huge "thank you" to the PTA who have funded the first half of our new playground equipment. The installation of phase one was completed this week and the whole school have been incredibly excited to explore the new trail; it poses great opportunities to develop physical skills, growth mindset attitudes and problem-solving!

This week, we received exciting news about the Year 3 and 4 residential to Cardiff. The date has been confirmed, and our school will be participating on the 1st-3rd February, 2027. If you have obtained a place for your child and not yet completed their consent form, please do this as soon as possible.

Looking forward, we have some exciting local events coming up. See the community pages of this newsletter to find our more and help support these ventures.

Next week is cycle to school week. This year, the theme centres around all the benefits of cycling:

Pedal more; Spend less, rush less, stress less, pollute less

Whatever your reason for cycling, we'd like to encourage all children to take part at some point during the week. If cycling is not for them, why not try walking or scooting instead? Whilst we appreciate that not all families are able to cycle safely from their home, why not try parking in the village and cycling the last part of the journey?

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,
Clare Townsend

#Bring Friendship

#Bring Courage

#Bring Creativity



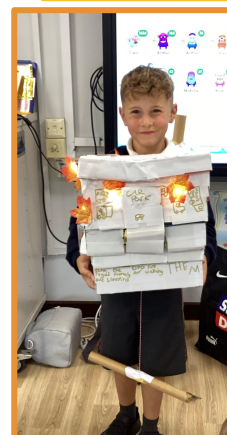
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#Bringit!



Our week in pictures:
courage, creativity and friendship!





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Class News

Early Years and Key Stage 1

Our Swans and Cygnets have had such a wonderful week, and they have so much to be proud of!

Our littlest learners in Reception have been busy becoming fantastic storytellers! They have been creating and sharing some incredible 'Helicopter Stories', bringing their ideas to life with great imagination. In phonics, we've had games galore alongside Fred Frog to build our blending skills.

Year 1 have been working exceptionally hard on their phonics as they master their Set 2 sounds before we anticipate them stepping up to Pink books - we are so proud of their persistence! In Curious Quests, they've also been super focused on using clear finger spaces to make their sentence writing extra neat. Year 2 have been taking their writing to the next level by introducing exciting expanded noun phrases and using commas in lists to make their stories come alive.

We turned into mini-scientists this week by measuring our limbs to see how our bodies grow and comparing our measurements to younger children and adults. A huge thank you to everyone who sent in those adorable baby photos—the children loved looking at them!

On our virtual weekly visit we took a closer look at the town of Bodmin. What can you child recall?

Mrs Townsend

Key Stage 2

What a busy and exciting week we have had in KS2! The children have been working hard across the curriculum and engaging in some fantastic learning. In English, we have been 'boxing up' our innovative stories based on *The Papaya that Spoke*. We have seen some wonderful imagination on display with character ideas ranging from space astronauts and aquarists to Egyptian Pharaohs! Everyone drew their own story maps and enjoyed sharing their creative ideas with their peers. In maths, we have been calculating using number lines and practicing how to order and compare numbers all the way up to 1 million! In our science learning on Earth and Space, the children held an engaging debate examining the evidence for the Earth's spherical shape while comparing ancient beliefs with modern scientific facts. The children put their coding skills to the test this week as they began programming micro:bits.

Special Highlight: We were all incredibly excited to finally try out our new playground equipment! It was a huge hit, and a lot of fun was had by all.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Smith and Miss Redgrove



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Let's celebrate !



Esmae



For her incredible commitment to continuing her learning through homework and additional activities outside of school. Esmae is extremely proud of her achievements and keen to share them with the whole class.

Lyla



For outstanding effort in Maths and for consistently giving all tasks your best.

Your hard work, neatness, and dedication to learning are fantastic!

Keep up the brilliant effort!



Louie

for bringing an amazingly positive attitude to all learning!
Louie finds what he needs to organise himself and tackles every challenge with a smile on his face.

Quentin

For consistently demonstrating our School Values and serving as an outstanding role model to your peers through exemplary behavior, kindness, and dedication.

Well done!

Attendance

94.6%

99.2%

87%



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Dates for the Diary

- 5th - 9th October - Cycle to School Week
- 12th October - KS1 Football tournament (selected children)
- 13th October - KS2 Football tournament (selected children)
- 13th October - **Open Day** for new children/families
- 15th October** - **PTA Event** - **Bingo & Broomsticks**
- 19th-30th October - Half Term
- 4th November - KS2 Eden Visit
- 11th November - Tempest Photos
- 12th November - **Open Day** for new children/families
- 13th November - NCMP check R & Y6
- 16th November - KS2 Archery Adventure Day
- 17th & 18th November - SOA Y2 Residential
- 18th November - Gymnastic Festival (selected children)



Cycle to School Week is back for 2026!

Cycle to School Week is a national celebration of everyday cycling. Whether you're already rolling or just getting started, it's your chance to build confidence, try something new, and discover how good the school run can feel on wheels.

Over the course of the week, we encourage all children to try to get to school on their bikes.



St Germans School - Harvest Festival
Thursday 12th November 2026

Please join us at St Germans Priory Church,
2:00pm - 3:00pm

This year, we are supporting the Trussell Trust Food Bank. Please bring any donations into school for us to deliver.

Every year the school welcomes nurses from the National Child Measurement Programme to undertake height and weight measurements for children in Reception and Year 6. Please use the link below to find out more details.

<https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/2026-child-health-programme-reception-year/>

<https://www.healthycornwall.org.uk/make-a-change/2026-child-health-programme-year-6/>

☀ Building Community: Our New Pupil Leadership Roles!

As a small village school, we feel it is vital for our children to gain a sense of community and responsibility for their environment. In our celebration assembly this week, we took an exciting step forward by launching **three new pupil roles** !

To ensure everyone gets to participate, we will rotate our house groups each term. This means that across the whole academic year, **every child will undertake a role** in each of the three areas we have identified:

- **Library Legends**

These children will help ensure that our library remains neat, tidy, and inviting to all our keen readers.

- **Garden Gang**

This team will help maintain and tidy our school grounds, bringing some much-needed care and attention to our planting areas.

- **Environment Elves**

These helpers will take part in regular litter picks to keep both our indoor and outdoor communal areas looking beautiful.

We are so excited to see the children take ownership of these responsibilities and work together to make our school an even better place to learn and grow!



Attendance

Weekly Whole School Attendance

94%

Statutory Attendance Notice

IMPORTANT UPDATE FOR PENALTY NOTICE CHANGES FROM AUGUST 2024

If your child is absent from school without authorisation, you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80 if paid within 21 days or £160 if paid after this but within 28 days.

If your child is further absent from school without authorisation within any 3-year period, you will be committing a further offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued, in accordance with Sections 444A and 444B of the said Act. Penalty Notices for a second offence are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £160, payable within 28 days.

Importantly, fines per parent will be capped to two fines within any three-year period. Once this limit has been reached, other actions such as a parenting order or prosecution will be considered.

Failure to pay the Penalty Notice may also result in legal action. If you are prosecuted and attend court because your child has not been attending school, you could get a fine of up to £2,500. Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Absence not authorised by the school may also result in a prosecution in the Magistrates' Court under Section 444(1) or Section 444(1A) of the Education Act 1996, leading to a fine of up to £2,500 and/or a custodial sentence. Again, Cornwall Council may also apply for the costs incurred in taking the matter to Court, including legal costs.

Money raised from fines is only used by the local authority to cover the costs of administering the system, and to fund attendance support. Any extra money is returned to the government.



<https://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/about-anxiety/>



Parents and Carers

Everything you need to know about booking onto the Holiday Programme

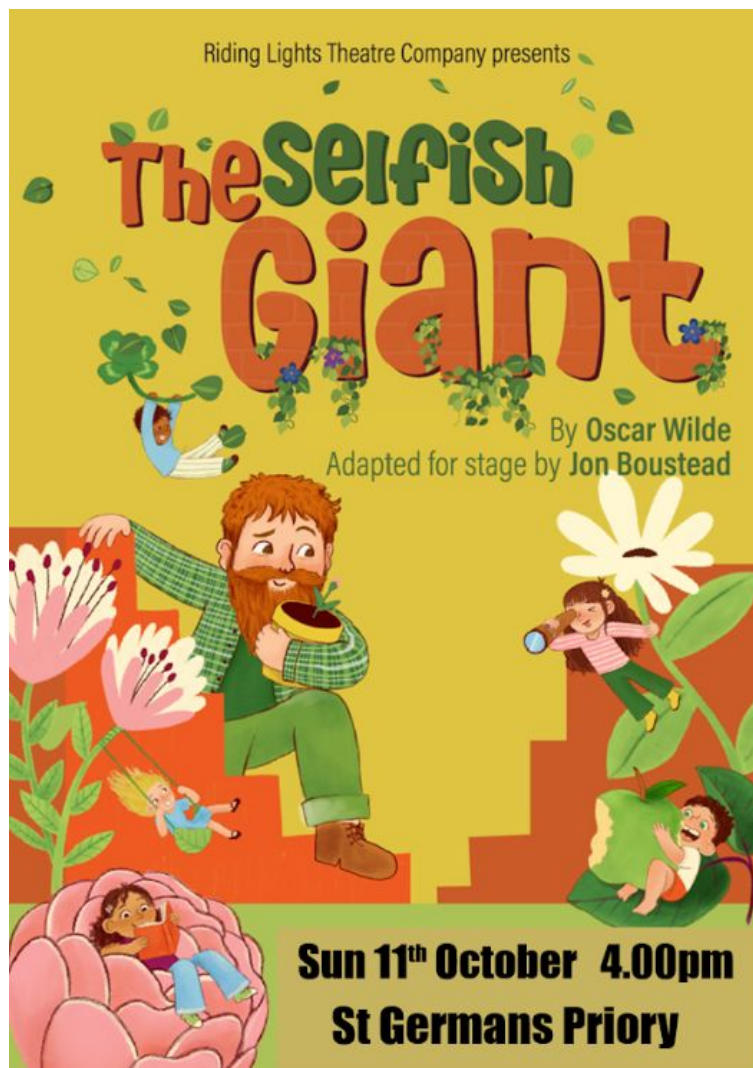


Looking for October Half-Term Activities?

The **Time2Move Holiday Programme** is returning this October half term with a fantastic range of activities for children and young people aged 5 to 16 across Cornwall. From sports and outdoor adventures to creative workshops, games and group activities, there's plenty on offer to keep children active, engaged and having fun during the school break.

Funded places are available for eligible children receiving benefits-related free school meals, and every session includes a healthy meal. Families can register their interest now and be among the first to hear when October bookings open.

[Link](#)



Oscar Wilde's

'The Selfish Giant'

Is coming to **St Germans Priory**
on **Sunday 11th October 4.00pm**

Children and families from the St Barnabas MAT can book tickets with
a 20% discount using the code **STBARNABAS**

The show is especially suitable for children aged 3+

Step into the magical world of the Giant's garden.
It's full of music, beauty, bird song and stories!

But the Giant is cross. He returns to find children playing happily in his beautiful orchard. Every day after school, they laugh and play games under the blossom trees. So he puts up a big wall to put a stop to all the fun. Then winter seizes the garden in its icy fingers...
Will summer ever come back?

Through storytelling, interactive games, live music, and puppetry, Riding Lights Theatre Company brings you *The Selfish Giant* - an inspirational tale of love and generosity, perfect for those 3+ and their families.

