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To Parents and Carers,

We have had the opportunity to delve into our new pupil roles with gusto this week! (see page 6 for more information) I accompanied the Library Legends on their first mission. As you may have seen from our Facebook post last week, we were lucky enough to receive an IBC Bookbox. We've had a tidy of the library and realised that a rejig will be necessary in order to accommodate the new reading materials! Also, the children noticed areas of the library where the signage could be improved to make it easier to navigate. They came up with brilliant suggestions, which will benefit the whole school. Their next jobs include scanning, stamping and labelling our new books to get them into general distribution. We'll have an update from one of our other teams next week.

This week, we received exciting news about the Year 5 and 6 residential to the River Dart. The dates have been confirmed, and our school will be participating on the **23rd-25th June, 2027**. If you have obtained a place for your child and not yet completed their consent form, please do this as soon as possible in order for all suitable arrangements to be made.

A reminder that all children who have been invited to attend a sports festival on Monday (KS1) or Tuesday (KS2) need to come to school in their P.E. kits with a packed lunch and full water bottle, ready to kick off our inter-school tournaments. Children are selected on a rotational basis, with all given the opportunity to attend a session at some point over the year.

Looking forward, we have another Open Day on Tuesday 13th October. Please share this information with anyone who may be requiring a place for their child in September.

Wishing you a wonderful weekend,
Clare Townsend

#Bring Friendship

#Bring Courage

#Bring Creativity



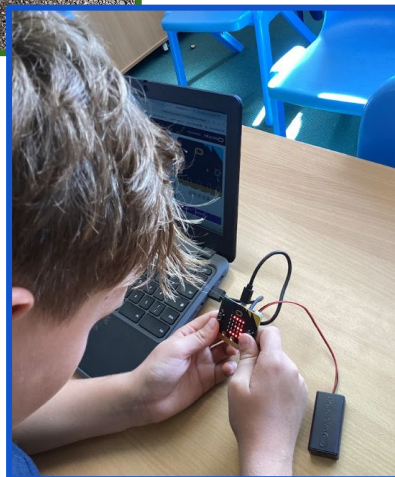
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#Bringit!



Our week in pictures:
courage, creativity and friendship!





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Class News

Early Years and Key Stage 1

We have kicked off our phonics assessments and are absolutely thrilled with the incredible progress the children are showing! All of our Year 2 pupils have now successfully moved into new reading groups, while our Year 1 children are rapidly building their reading speed and confidence. Please keep up all the wonderful support by reading at home – it truly makes a world of difference!

In Curious Quests, the children have continued re-crafting their own imaginative versions of The Little Red Hen. They have been exploring the main problems faced by the characters in their stories and working hard to come up with clever solutions to solve them.

In History, we have been exploring the fascinating chronology of castles, learning how they were built to defend people and how their designs changed over time.

To complement our Science learning, KS1 had a very special visitor this week; Donna brought baby Elliot into school! Having such a visual experience was a fantastic way for the children to explore similarities and differences between age groups. We talked about how we were all once as tiny as Elliot and celebrated all the wonderful ways we have grown and developed new skills since then! Great work, Swans. Keep it up!

Mrs Townsend

Key Stage 2

What a Productive Week in Key Stage 2! The Year 6 children showed incredible focus and determination during their mock SATs. Completing assessments is never easy, but they tackled each paper head-on with great resilience and a fantastic attitude. In maths, we have successfully completed our units on Place Value and are now pressing ahead with addition and subtraction. In reading, we have finished our shared novel, *The Iron Man*, and are eager to dive into *War Horse* after half term.

Meanwhile, in English, pupils are busy publishing their fabulous innovative stories based on *The Papaya That Spoke*. We have been thoroughly impressed by the children's rich imagination and creative flair!

In PSHE, we have been exploring important topics around bullying, focusing on empathy and understanding the impact our actions have on others. Finally, in art, the children took inspiration from the street artist Banksy. They have been sketching and designing powerful anti-war artwork, combining soldier silhouettes with symbols of peace.

Amazing work KS2 - keep it up!

Mrs Smith and Miss Redgrove



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Let's celebrate !



Arthur T.

for always responding positively to feedback

Arthur listens to ways he can make his work better and acts on them quickly and sensible.
What a star!



Milana

For showing amazing effort and focus while writing her innovated story. Milana worked with brilliant concentration, carefully adapting the original tale to bring her own creative ideas to life.

Well done, Milana—keep up the wonderful work!



Elizabeth

for showing incredible thought and kindness towards other this week.
Elizabeth has shown a mature attitude in helping others and being a great role modell

Year 6 children

For showing incredible focus, and determination during their Year 6 mock SATs. Completing tests is never easy, but you tackled every paper head-on and showed us what true perseverance looks like.

We are proud of your resilience!

Attendance

92.9%

100%

89.9%



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Dates for the Diary

- 12th October - KS1 Football tournament (selected children)
- 13th October - KS2 Football tournament (selected children)
- 13th October - **Open Day** for new children/families
- 14th October - Y2 residential parent talk - 3:30 start
- 15th October - **PTA Event - Bingo & Broomsticks**
- 19th-30th October - Half Term
Please note, this half term is two week long.
- 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)
- 2nd December - Rock Steady Concert - 9:30am
- 14th - 18th December - NO CLUBS



Football Club

Please be advised that Tuesday after-school Football Club has been cancelled for the remainder of the term.

As you know, this club has been run on a voluntary basis by Jack. Regrettably, due to persistent poor behaviour from a number of children, Jack has decided he is unable to continue.

If you require childcare on Tuesday afternoons, please make sure to book your child into wrap-around care. Please note that Mr Barker's Wednesday lunchtime football club will continue as normal.

All other after-school activities will remain as they are until Friday 11th December.

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/>

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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.





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☀ 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. This week all our children embraced their new pupil roles with enthusiasm.

- 📖 **Library Legends**

Our library team started sorting new books that we have received, scanning them ready for their AR labels and sorting them into reading levels.

- 🌿 **Garden Gang**

Our garden team undertook a walk around the school to look at the jobs that we can undertake - from pruning to repotting. We are looking forward to starting this next week.

- 🌍 **Environment Elves**

Our environment team undertook their first litter pick around the school. They have also talked about their role of reporting broken or damaged equipment and have been asked to think about new 'eco' initiatives for the school.

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!

In order to ensure everyone stays safe in the car park please can we remind families that we expect children to dismount from their bikes and scooters at the gates, and walk them to the bike shed on the pavement.

🚲 Thank you! 🚲

As the weather changes, please ensure your child has suitable kit for outdoor P.E., inline with our uniform policy:

- Black/blue P.E. shorts or jogging bottoms
- A plain white t-shirt
- Socks
- Plimsolls/Trainers
- Blue/black hoodie/jumper



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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/>



[Link](#)

Free mental health webinars

For anyone who looks after children and young people - parents, carers, educators - as well as young people themselves and anyone interested in psychology or mental health.



NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Please join us for our five week **Parent Led CBT Intervention**

- Does your child frequently anticipate that something negative will occur and doubt their ability to handle it?
- Does your child frequently report physical symptoms, such as headaches, stomachaches, shaking, or muscle aches, before participating in activities or going out?
- Does your child often seek reassurance by asking questions like, "Will I be okay?"
- * Does your child shy away from activities or events they once enjoyed attending?

If you answered yes to any of these and would like to join us either online or in a face to face group please register your interest by completing the link below or scan the QR code.
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/UvJzbabn9J>



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.

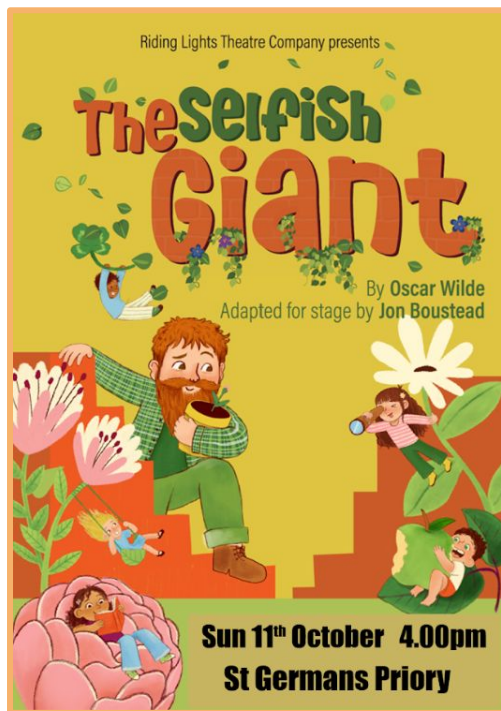
Funded places are available for eligible children receiving benefits-related free school meals, and every session includes a healthy meal. Families can register their interest now and be among the first to hear when October bookings open.

[Link](#)

Kernow Education Advice Line

The **Kernow Education and Advice Line (KEAL)** is a Cornwall-wide service offering early advice, guidance and information to **parents, carers and students** with education-related questions or concerns.

[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.

