



St Germans - School News

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To Parents and Carers,

It's Learning to Learn week, and it's been a busy one!

We welcomed Sian into school for our first Rocksteady session of the year. We are so lucky that our children have the opportunity to explore different styles of music, trial different instruments and learn to be a member of a band, learning the practical and social skills they need to collaborate with others - what a way to bring friendship to our school! Catch your teacher for a sign-up letter if you're interested in finding out more.

Mr Barker had a busy Wednesday, leading P.E. in class groups across the school. He is also offering a lunchtime club, open to all year groups, for children who want even more P.E.! Staff are working on final adjustments to our after-school clubs, which will be published for sign up by the end of next week.

We are incredibly proud of our KS2 children who attended Grove Farm. We have had fantastic feedback, with highlights including feeding the pigs, the night-time walk and making mosaics. Not much sleep was had, but memories were certainly made which will last a lifetime.

To end the week, we celebrated the works of Roald Dahl. The children brought real creativity, with costumes inspired by his famous characters, which they showcased during our whole-school assembly. Throughout the day, children listened to excerpts from stories, learnt to draw characters in the style of Quentin Blake and worked together to make dream jars or create potions.

Enjoy your 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

What an exciting start to the term in Swans! It has been wonderful welcoming back familiar faces and getting to know our new friends. The children have been busy learning where class resources belong, tidying up, and exploring our new classroom displays through play.

We have read lots of stories to help us explore how characters feel and connect them to our own experiences, and we've been practicing calming grounding and breathing techniques to support big feelings. The children have all chosen a reading spine book to share at home, and particularly enjoyed perusing the new texts on offer!

As part of our nature enquiry, we began exploring the school grounds to compare beech and horse chestnut leaves, alongside collecting conkers and seed cases to study closely. The focus will change with the seasons; we can't wait to see what it brings!

Inspired by Jackson Pollock, our young artists have also started creating an exciting artwork masterpiece, which we can't wait to reveal in the main reception entranceway. Finally, we've established smooth routines for spellings, assembly transitions, and maths sessions so everyone is set to jump right into learning next week!

Key Stage 2

KS2 have had a wonderful week full of energy and fun! We have spent quality time learning our classroom rules, practising smooth transitions between activities, and understanding the importance of routines. We've been helping and supporting each other, and we've been really impressed with the children's kindness and attitude. This week, the children enjoyed spending time with their friends playing a variety of games and activities, alongside a fabulous residential adventure at Grove Farm. They had so much fun—from night walks to s'mores under the stars! On Wednesday, the children took part in an energetic PE session with Mr. Barker, our trust PE teacher. To round the week off, they created some amazing space pictures using chalks and oil pastels to support their science learning on Earth and Space. Today, we had a wonderful time celebrating the magical world of Roald Dahl. We are now ready to dive into our regular learning timetable next week!

Have a great weekend, everyone!

Mrs Smith and Miss Redgrove

Meet The Teacher!

Miss Redgrove

About me:

I am so excited to be welcomed to St Germans for my first year as a teacher. I graduated from the University of Plymouth with a degree in Primary Education. I cannot wait to get to know all of my students and work together with you to support their growth.

My Favourites:

Place - The Beach

Season - Summer

Food - Pasta

Colour - Pink / Green

Drink - Coffee

What to Expect:

My goal as a teacher is to create a safe, encouraging, and engaging environment where every student feels valued and excited to learn.

Classroom and Contact:

Class: Avocets and Kingfishers

Email: aredgrove@stbarnabasmat.com

Please feel free to communicate through Class Dojo.



Fun facts:

- I am also an RNLI lifeguard in Whitsand Bay.
- I have a Greek rescue dog.
- I grew up in Liskeard.
- I have lived and worked in Greece and Austria.

We're recruiting!

Looking to balance work and family life?
Caterlink have the job for you!

We are currently recruiting a Catering Assistant at St Dominic Primary School

- £12.71 per hour
- Term-time only
- Training provided

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Visit www.caterlink.co.uk or contact
Sally Taylor on 07841185787 or email on
sataylor@caterlinkltd.co.uk



Interested?

Want to work but still have time with your family in the school holidays? We have the right role for you!

We are looking for a Catering Assistant to work at St Dominic School – To collect food from St Germans School – OWN TRANSPORT ESSENTIAL – Mileage paid between schools

- 20hrs per week – overtime paid when required
- Starting £12.71 per hour
- Monday to Friday, Term time only

Previous experience is desirable but not essential as full training will be provided.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, all successful applicants will be required to complete an enhanced DBS application, provide 2 references and have right to work in the UK.

If you're interested, please contact Sally Taylor on 07841185787 or email sataylor@caterlinkltd.co.uk



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Let's celebrate!



Macey



for her amazing effort and beautiful presentation in her book during our Morning Maths sessions.

Rupert



For creating fantastic art homework on World War II. Your creativity, attention to detail, and hard work truly stood out!

Well done!



Jacob

for eagerly leading learning in all areas of the classroom. He has been a super role model for using resources appropriately and sensibly.

KS 2

For showing incredible courage and resilience during our residential trip to Grove Farm! You stepped out of your comfort zone and tackled every new challenge with a smile.
We are so proud of you!

Attendance

93.7%

100%

97.5%



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Dates for the Diary

14th September - Vision Screening (Y1 children)
15th September - KS2 Immersive Dome visit
23rd September - Y1/2 Woodland Adventure
24th September - Flu Vaccinations
25th September - **Deposit deadline for Y3/4 & Y5/6 residents**
12th October - KS1 Football tournament (selected children)
13th October - KS2 Football tournament (selected children)
19th-30th October - Half Term
4th November - KS2 Eden Visit
17th

Weekly Whole School Attendance

96.7%

MCAS bookings

Remember to book your lunch choices and wrap around care needs for next week by **Sunday evening**. If lunch bookings are not completed by Sunday, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child. If you have not booked wrap around care in advance, we can not guarantee that we have staffing on site to provide care. Thank you for your continued support.



Medical Awareness

First-aid and medical awareness are top priorities for us at school. Following the introduction of Benedict's Law, there is a heightened focus nationwide on ensuring schools hold accurate, up-to-date information regarding pupil health and allergies.

To help us keep your children safe, please take a moment to review the following requests:

- **Update Medical Records:** Notify the school office immediately of any new medical conditions or allergies your child develops.
- **Asthma Care:** If your child has asthma, it is essential that all relevant medical paperwork is completed and that a fully working, labeled inhaler is kept at school at all times.

If you need to update your child's details or have any questions, please contact **Mrs. Evans**, our designated Allergy and Asthma Lead, who will be happy to assist you.

Remember you can check the details we hold for your child on the 'Data Collection' section on your MCAS dashboard.

Important Update: Is your child eligible for the new Expanded Free School Meals?

Starting this September, the government has significantly expanded eligibility. **All children in households receiving Universal Credit are now entitled to free school meals, regardless of household income**. This expansion means thousands more children will receive a nutritious meal every day, saving families up to £495 a year per child.

What are the new categories?

Benefits-related Free School Meals are now divided into two categories based on your household earnings:

- **Expanded FSM:** This is the brand-new category. If your household receives **Universal Credit** and your annual net earnings are **above £7,400**, your child is now fully eligible to receive free school meals.
- **Targeted FSM:** This applies to families receiving Universal Credit with an annual net income of **£7,400 or less** (or those on other qualifying benefits). Children in this category receive free school meals and qualify for additional support, including support with trips. It also secures vital Pupil Premium funding for our school.

Note: Universal Infant Free School Meals continue automatically for all children in Reception, Year 1, and Year 2, requiring no application.

Why you should apply

Even if you did not qualify in previous years because your earnings exceeded the old threshold, **you may be eligible now under the Expanded criteria**.

An approved application ensures your child gets a healthy lunch daily, reduces your weekly grocery bills, and supports our school community.

How to apply

Even if your household automatically falls into a qualifying bracket, **action is required by parents to verify eligibility**. The process is quick and completely confidential:

1. Visit the official [GOV.UK Free School Meals Portal](#).
2. Enter your details, including your **National Insurance Number** or National Asylum Support Service (NASS) number.
3. The system will check your eligibility and notify us directly.



Cornwall & Devon
School Age Immunisation Service

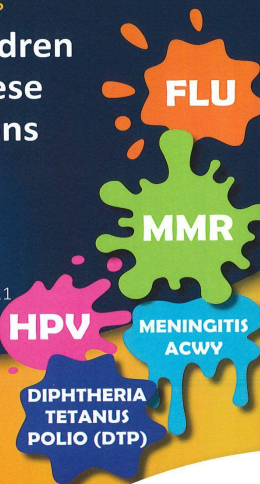


CORNWALL & DEVON
School Age Immunisation Service
Provided by Kernow Health CIC

School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11



Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

Call us on

01872 221105

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net

For the 2026/27 season, all children from Reception to Year 11 will be offered the free nasal flu vaccine. For children who are not able to receive the nasal vaccine, an inactivated flu injection is also available. For full details, including eligibility and the patient information leaflet, please visit: www.nhs.uk/child-flu

School Visit Date

We will be visiting your school on **24th September 2026**

Please complete the online form by 10am on 22nd September 2026

How to Consent

To provide consent please follow the link below:

Link:

<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=EE111982>

The deadline for applications is
31 October 2026

Transfer to secondary school

September 2027

Applying for a place in year seven at a secondary school



Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions
Telephone: 0300 1234 101



www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

The deadline for applications is
15 January 2027

Starting school

September 2027

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023



Attending a nursery or pre-school

You will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. Please note that if a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

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DOES YOUR CHILD WANT TO PLAY MUSIC IN THEIR OWN BAND?



With Rocksteady, children learn to play an instrument through fun and inclusive weekly in-school rock and pop band lessons.

It's the perfect way to learn new musical skills, make friends and have a great time - all at school! There's no musical experience necessary and instruments for lessons are provided.

Rocksteady lessons are also shown to boost confidence, improve wellbeing and encourage teamwork!



98%

OF PARENTS SAY THEIR CHILD LOVES OR ENJOYS ROCKSTEADY BAND LESSONS

94%

OF PARENTS SAY ROCKSTEADY IMPROVES THEIR CHILD'S CONFIDENCE

0330 113 0330 (Mon-Thurs 8am-8pm, Fri 8am-6pm, local rate)

rocksteadymusicschool.com

Attendance

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.