



# St Germans - School News

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To Parents and Carers,

We are off to a wonderful start this term as the children dive happily into their daily school routines. They have been learning how to take pride in presenting their work neatly in their books, taking their first steps into their exciting new topics, and doing a fantastic job settling into assembly times, including a special visit from the 'Open the Book' team, who brought a Bible story to life with a lovely performance.

Our Key Stage 1 pupils have also brought home their Read Write Inc books to kick off home reading; since every extra practice helps build your child's speed and confidence, we encourage them to read as much as they can throughout the week. A huge thank you for supporting the homework tasks as well, as the project work brought in for Bring It grids so far has been an absolute hit, with so many creative ideas shared across the school.

Looking ahead, please remember that children should come to school dressed ready for National Fitness Day this Monday, as Miss Redgrove has planned something super exciting for everyone! Year 1 and 2 are out on their Woodland Adventure on Wednesday, so don't forget to pack those rucksacks in preparation!

Finally, we are delighted to welcome back our Little Cygnets for their second session of the year on Tuesday morning. If you know of any local families with little ones who might like to join our warm community, please do pass the word along.

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

We are impressed with the enthusiasm our youngest learners have brought to the classroom this week! Our Reception friends have made an incredible start to learning their sounds, representing them with some beautiful letter formations, too. In our science topic (How can we survive and thrive?), we've explored milestones and achievements. Children played with the different ways humans can move at different stages of life.

In Curious Quests, we met our new Faithful Friend characters, Rembrandt and Lovelace, who will be taking us on adventures through stories this year. We've explored numbers to 20 in Maths, looking at counting and sequencing, as well as learning how to spell number names.

To top it all off, we had a special treat from the The British Library Learning Team, with a pre-recorded sneak peek of Julia Donaldson's 'Gruffalo Granny'. The children followed along as Axel Scheffler drew his famous characters, and really brought their own versions to life. What an amazing time we've had!

Mrs Townsend

### Key Stage 2

What an energetic and fun-filled week in Key Stage 2! The children have been diving deep into *The Iron Man* during our reading comprehension and tackling place value in maths, confidently handling numbers from 1,000 all the way to 1,000,000.

In history, our WWII topic inspired incredible creativity as the pupils designed their own powerful propaganda posters. Midweek, everyone enjoyed a high-energy PE session with our specialist PE teacher, Mr Barker.

The absolute highlight of our week was a visit to the Market Hall Immersive Dome in Plymouth. Transported into deep space, the children explored the wonders of the universe, gazing at distant stars, galaxies, and planets. This unforgettable journey truly ignited their passion and curiosity for our new science topic, Earth and Space.

Mrs Smith and Miss Redgrove



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## Let's celebrate !



Cerys



for settling so well into the routines of Year 1. She has done brilliantly at independently tackling challenges and presenting her work beautifully.

Emlyn



For showing **amazing progress in reading** and successfully completing an impressive number of reading quizzes! Keep up the brilliant work!



Emily

for always being a positive member of our class. She listens amazingly well and always joins in with all her friends!

Emmerson

For setting a wonderful example by following instructions with thought and care, and for settling into Key Stage 2 so brilliantly.

**Attendance**

**95.7%**

**98%**

**93.2%**



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## Dates for the Diary

- 21st September - National Fitness Day
- 23rd September - Y1/2 Woodland Adventure
- 24th September - Flu Vaccinations
- 25th September - Deposit deadline for Y3/4 & Y5/6 residents
- 1st October - Open Day for new children/families
- 6th October - Y1 Hearing Screening
- 12th October - KS1 Football tournament (selected children)
- 13th October - KS2 Football tournament (selected children)
- 13th October - Open Day for new children/families
- 19th-30th October - Half Term
- 4th November - KS2 Eden Visit
- 12th November - Open Day for new children/families
- 16th November - KS2 Archery Adventure Day
- 17th & 18th November - SOA Y2 Residential

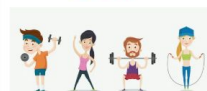
## Clubs

These can be booked on MCAS  
\*no need to book field sports\*

| Day                        | Club           | With          | Years       | Places |
|----------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------|--------|
| Monday - 3:15 - 4:15pm     | Art club       | Mrs Smith     | All         | All    |
| Tuesday - 3:15 - 4:15pm    | Football Club  | Jack          | KS1 and KS2 | 20     |
| Wednesday - 12:30 - 1:00pm | Field sports   | Mr Barker     | All         | All    |
| Thursday - 3:15 - 4:15pm   | Wellbeing Club | Mrs Townsend  | All         | All    |
| Friday - 3:15 - 4:15pm     | Cross Country  | Miss Redgrove | KS2         | All    |



Sports muft!  
How sports crazy can you go?



## NATIONAL FITNESS DAY

Monday 21st September



Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity



Suggested donation - £1. All donations will go to Royal Cornwall Hospitals Charity



Children earn dojo points throughout the school week for successfully completing their classwork and homework. As they collect points, they can achieve the following special milestone awards:

- 100 Points (Bronze Award): A Bronze certificate
- 200 Points (Silver Award): A Silver certificate and the choice of a special treat from the gift box.
- 300 Points (Gold Award): A Gold certificate and extra "golden time" to enjoy.
- 400 Points (Platinum Award): A Platinum certificate and a special day to wear muft (non-uniform).
- 500 Points (Diamond Award): A Diamond certificate and the chance to enjoy a delicious ice cream or cake treat.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your child's learning at home and school!



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Remember to check your account regularly for trips, events and updates. You must have a credit balance to book lunches and wrap around care.

## A Huge Congratulations to Sarah!

We would like to send a massive congratulations to Sarah in the kitchen! Over the last two weeks, she has undergone two separate kitchen inspections, achieving a 5-star food hygiene rating alongside a certificate of excellence in a European Safety Bureau Inspection - with a score of 99.6%! We are exceptionally lucky to have such a fantastic cook on site preparing daily meals for our children.



## School Meals & Free School Meals Info

- **Key Stage 1 Pupils:** If your child is in KS1, please encourage them to give school dinners a try—remember, these meals are completely free of charge to you!
- **Free School Meals (All Years):** Regardless of your child's year group, we strongly encourage all parents to check if their family is eligible for Free School Meals.

Thank you, Sarah, for your continuous hard work and dedication to keeping our school healthy and safe!



## Medical Awareness

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.\*



To prevent distractions and avoid misplaced items, please ensure your child leaves personal toys at home. We have plenty of fidget tools and toys available at school for children who need them.

# Attendance

## Weekly Whole School Attendance

95.8%

### 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.*

**LOCAL OFFER**  
**SEND CORNWALL**

# While We Wait

## Community SEND Support Day

Are you a parent or carer of a child or young person with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)?  
A relative, neighbour or professional trying to support a parent or carer with SEND?

**You're invited to Cornwall's first 'While We Wait' Community SEND Support Day.**

**Thursday 1 October 2026** | **10:00am to 2:00pm** | **St Erme Community Centre, Truro, TR4 9BD**

Children not in school are welcome to come along with any toys or devices that will help them feel settled and entertained.

We know that waiting for support can be difficult and often leaves families feeling uncertain about what happens next. Many parents tell us that having the chance to talk directly with services helps reduce anxiety and gives them confidence about the support available for their child.

**This event has been organised collaboratively and will provide an opportunity to ask your questions directly to:**

- NHS Health Services
- Cornwall Council Education, SEND and Community Health Services
- Cornwall Council Children's Social Care
- Cornwall Parent Carer Forum
- Cornwall SENDSAS
- Local Voluntary and Community Organisations

**Helping families feel informed, connected and supported while they wait.**



**HEADSTART KERNOW** in partnership with **creative EDUCATION**

## FREE wellbeing support for you and your child

HeadStart Kernow working in partnership with Creative Education are offering parents and carers across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly FREE access to an online, on demand library of resources to support wellbeing both for you and your child(ren).

The content includes a mix of webinars, short online courses and bite-size information for EY / primary / secondary ages and covering topics such as:

- Self-care for parents and carers
- Supporting your child when they start a new school
- What to do when your child is being bullied
- Parental awareness of self harm
- Worries and anxiety (including simple coping strategies)
- Helping children with friendship issues
- Laugh your way to stronger connections
- Understanding the teenage brain
- 10 ideas to boost family wellbeing
- Top tips to help improve children's sleep

**How to sign up**  
To get your full and free access (lasting until 31st July 2026) follow this link:

[www.creativeeducation.co.uk/headstart-kernow-parents](http://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/headstart-kernow-parents)



Find more about family wellbeing on the Headstart Website  
[www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents-carers/](http://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents-carers/)



**NHS** **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](mailto:Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net)

## PARENTS & CARERS

For everyday family life. For tricky conversations. For those moments when your child needs a little extra help.

### HEADSTART IS...

...packed with practical ideas, trusted information and friendly advice to help you support your child to:

- ★ Thrive online
- ★ Feel confident at school
- ★ Handle friendships
- ★ Understand feelings and emotions
- ★ Build resilience
- ★ Find help when it's needed

Scan to explore our FREE resources

**HEADSTART KERNOW**  
[www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents](http://www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents)

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](http://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>



## 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

**caterlink**  
Visit [www.caterlink.co.uk/contact](http://www.caterlink.co.uk/contact)  
Sally Taylor on 07841185787 or email on  
[sataylor@caterlinkltd.co.uk](mailto: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](mailto:sataylor@caterlinkltd.co.uk)