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To Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic and energetic start to the week we had with National Fitness Day! It was wonderful to see so many children coming in ready to get moving. A huge thank you to Miss Redgrove, who put together a fun-filled afternoon giving everyone the chance to try out a wide variety of exciting sports.

Our Key Stage 1 pupils had an absolute blast on their trip to the woods! After a trek through the trees, they set up base camp and got hands-on with some outdoor survival skills. The children learned how to filter water using sand, charcoal, and moss—which they later used to brew their very own hot chocolate! They also showed remarkable strength and teamwork building extraordinary dens. For many, the ultimate highlight was learning about the fire triangle and using a fire striker to safely light their own campfire. It was a wonderful day where new friendships were made, marking a fantastic start to their adventurous learning journey through school.

It's been brilliant to see such a high uptake in our after-school clubs this term, with so many children keen to get involved. If your child is in Year 4, 5, or 6 and looking for an extra adventure, please take a look at the Trust Challenges information on MCAS. These activities are a fantastic opportunity and promise to create lifelong memories for the children.

Finally, this week we celebrated National Teaching Assistants' Day. We made sure to shower our amazing TA team with the love and appreciation they deserve! Each member of the team was presented with an 'Officially Fabulous' badge, a lovely bouquet of flowers, and heartfelt handwritten cards from the children. While it's officially celebrated once a year, we are truly grateful for everything our TAs do for our school community every single day.

Wishing you all a wonderful, relaxing 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 children have started to delve deeper into their topic work this week. In Curious Quests, we received messages from Professor Klunk and the Faithful Friends, telling us all about the hidden treasures in our classroom; we worked inventively to create traps to protect them, before choosing our next quest destination. We voted, and will be heading to *The Chomping Cheese!*

In maths, we have looked more closely at numbers to twenty. We have practised writing numerals, number names in words and partitioning 'teen' numbers into smaller parts. Keep practising your number bonds at home, Swans!

Excitingly, we have begun exploring different techniques and styles in art. Reception have been learning about Jackson Pollock. Take a look at their huge canvas, inspired by his work, on display in the main entranceway; the children who created it are very proud of their outcome. Meanwhile, Year 1 and 2 have looked more closely at the work of Alfred Wallis. They practised drawing different lines in their sketchbooks then created their first naive piece of art, depicting a boat on the sea. We can't wait to see how their skills develop over the next few weeks! Remember to keep a lookout for signs of autumn and amazing nature patterns, for our nature table.

Mrs Townsend

Key Stage 2

We have been blown away by the hard work and dedication of our KS2 children this week. The effort put into our home learning projects has been amazing. We have received an incredible variety, including detailed 3D model airfields, impressive Anderson shelters, and fantastic drawings and fact sheets. Our WWII topic is now in full swing! The children have created striking posters reflecting the messaging of the 1940s. We have been exploring the emotional impact of the evacuation of children and investigating the vital roles women played during the war effort. In English, the children are immersing themselves in our model text, *The Papaya That Spoke*. We are currently internalising the narrative through interactive oral storytelling, engaging learning games, and creative art projects to help build rich vocabulary and structural understanding. Maths learning is focused on understanding the building blocks of numbers: The children have thoroughly enjoyed getting active with Mr Barker, building up their fitness, coordination, and teamwork skills through high-energy PE sessions.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Smith and Miss Redgrove



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Let's celebrate !



Zara



for her incredible persistence in improving her letter formations.

Eli



For your exceptional creativity, fantastic attention to detail, and impressive historical effort. You have built a truly outstanding model that brought history to life. We are all blown away!



Chloe

for bringing a real sense of friendship to the woodland adventure trip.
Chloe made new friends from other schools and showed kindness in all group activities.

Elowen

For your thoughtful listening, careful effort, and caring heart make our classroom a wonderful place to be

Attendance

100%



100%



93.3%



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Dates for the Diary

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



**Healthy
Cornwall**

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/>



Introducing Our New Student Leaders

We are delighted to introduce our new **School Leaders**:
Savannah, Thomas, and Eli .

This year, our student leaders will take on the vital responsibility of guiding and supporting their peers across the school. In addition to their school-wide duties, they will also captain their respective House teams, fostering spirit and collaboration. We have no doubt they will lead with kindness and integrity, and we look forward to watching them flourish in their new roles.

Our PTA are busy planning events for the Autumn term - including 'Bingo and Broomsticks' and a number of Christmas themed events - Dates to be confirmed shortly.

These events cannot happen without volunteers and community support - so please consider offering your support and joining the PTA team.



FRIENDS
of St Germans School

Charity Number: 287041

AGM & MEET THE PARENTS

Wednesday 4th November 6:30pm

AT: The Halfway House

Join us for our Friends AGM and a chance to meet other parents

NIBBLES AND DRINKS

We'd love to see you all there!



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Trust Challenges Sign-Up

Is your child in Year 4, 5, or 6? If they're keen to take part in this year's Trust Challenges, we have some exciting news! Please check your MCAS messages for the 'sign-up' flyer; it includes a link for you to register your interest. Don't forget, there's a deadline for sign-ups—so make sure you get in early to avoid disappointment! We'll also put a copy of the flyer on the school notice board for your convenience. We look forward to seeing your child take part in these fantastic challenges!

Year 4 Saints Way Challenge



Cost **£30** 8th - 9th May 2027

Bring Adventure Bring Courage Bring Friendship



Coast to Coast trail from the north to the south of Cornwall over 2 days with 20 miles of walking. Scan the QR to sign up

For more details please click the link below:
[Saints Way Challenge sign up form](#)
Sign up form closes on 31st October



Year 6 River Wye Challenge



Cost **£100** 25th May - 27th May 2027

Bring excitement Bring teamwork Leave with memories



Canadian canoeing 30 miles over 3 days, down the historic River Wye on the border between Wales and England.

Scan the QR code to sign up

Or for more details please click the link below:
[River Wye Challenge sign up form](#)
Sign up form closes on 31st October



Year 5 Three Peaks Challenge



Cost **£320** 14th June - 18th June 2027

Ben Nevis Scafell Pike Snowdon



1345m 978m 1085m

3 mountains, 3 countries. 23 miles walking and over 3000m in ascent

Scan the QR code to sign up

Or for more details please click the link below:
[Three Peaks Challenge sign up form](#)
Sign up form closes on 16th October



Attendance

Weekly Whole School Attendance

97.9%

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.

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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 SENDIASS
- Local Voluntary and Community Organisations

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



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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



Find more about family wellbeing on the Headstart Website
www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents-carers/

CORNWALL COUNCIL Together for Families



Words Matter - Free Resources to Help Children Thrive

Did you know that the words used by adults can have a lifelong impact on children's confidence, wellbeing and development? Words Matter is a national charity on a mission to help adults communicate with children in ways that build them up, not knock them down. Their free resources, guides and online learning opportunities offer practical advice for parents, carers and professionals working with children and young people. Whether you're looking to strengthen relationships, support wellbeing or create a more positive environment, there's something for everyone.

[Link](#)

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PRESENTS

THE WIZARD OF OZ

A MUSICAL ADAPTION BY TOM KIRKHAM
BASED ON THE CLASSIC BOOK BY L. FRANK BAUM

SAT 3RD OCTOBER 7.30PM | **SUN 4TH OCTOBER 3.15PM**

AT LISKEARD PUBLIC HALL

BOOK TICKETS

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9:00 - 10.30

All are welcome

ST GERMAN'S
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Baby & Toddler Group

If you provide the lidded cup, we'll provide the tea / coffee

Craft activities
Singing and stories
Learning through play

Now held fortnightly on Tuesday mornings (8/9, 22/9, 6/10)

L1 Voluntary Contribution