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To Parents and Carers,

What an incredible, action-packed week of adventure and discovery it has been at St Germans! Across the school, our pupils have been stepping outside the classroom and embracing brand-new challenges with boundless energy. Our Key Stage Two pupils kicked things off in style at archery, honing their focus and precision before diving into a series of thrilling, competitive team games. On Tuesday, we sent a team to participate in a gymnastics festival with Mr Barker at Antony School. They dazzled everyone with their balance, coordination, and fearless enthusiasm, representing St Germans brilliantly from start to finish

Meanwhile, we could not be prouder of our Year 2 adventurers, who embarked on their very first school residential! Experiences like these are golden opportunities for young learners to build resilience, champion teamwork, and forge lasting friendships. Together, they cooked up a delicious 'Dartiflette' before heading out on a glow-stick nighttime wander. They wound down with a magical bedtime story about Dartmoor pixies, though the sheer excitement meant there was very little sleep to be had for some! They also pushed themselves out of their comfort zones on the 'weasel walk,' squeezing through and wiggling out of rocky gaps across the rugged landscape while uncovering the fascinating local clay mining heritage around them.

A massive congratulations goes out to our brilliant Cross Country team, who gave it their absolute all at Lanhydrock today. No matter what conditions are thrown at them, they consistently show remarkable grit, determination, and team spirit. As always, a heartfelt 'thank you' to Miss Redgrove for championing and supporting our runners every step of the way.

With December just around the corner, excitement is already building and festive plans are well underway for our school nativity! Please pop Wednesday 16th December at 2:00 pm into your diaries for our special performance - we can't wait to welcome you. Keep an eye out for further details soon regarding any costumes or props your children might need.

Have 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

Cygnets and Swans

We have been getting stuck into our Science, learning all about minibeasts! On Monday, we became real scientists and created our very own habitat investigation! We carefully replicated different environment - dry and dark, damp and dark, dry and light, and damp and light - before heading out to collect woodlice and waiting patiently to see which microhabitat they would venture into. Be sure to ask your children what they discovered!

Kicking off Anti-Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day served as a brilliant reminder that everyone in our school is wonderfully individual. This led into an amazing week of PSHE work focused on friendship. Together, we explored how to make new friends, resolve friendship issues, and make positive choices every day to be a kind, supportive friend.

Well done to all of our Cygnets and Swans for showing such fantastic curiosity, kindness, and enthusiasm throughout the week!

Mrs Townsend

Avocets

What an exciting and busy week we have had in Avocets Class! We kicked things off on Monday with a brilliant school trip to try archery, which the children loved and were fantastic at. Back in the classroom, we are still enjoying where Roz's story is taking us in *The Wild Robot*. Linking to this, we have moved onto instructional texts in English, writing instructions on how to programme a robot! In maths, we are working hard on our reasoning skills. We also carried out a science experiment sieving sand and water, practised gymnastics in PE, and started singing Christmas songs in music. Finally, we were lucky to welcome Mrs Oldfield back to help the children paint their clay Christmas decorations—they look wonderful! Well done to everyone for your hard work and enthusiasm this week!

Miss Redgrove

Kingfishers

What a full and busy week we have had in Kingfisher Class! KS2 had a fantastic start on Monday, learning to release arrows like pros during an archery adventure. Everyone loved popping balloons and playing "sinking battleships"—a huge shout-out to Adventure James and Outdoor Dave for this wonderful opportunity. ! Back in the classroom, during shared reading,, we have been diving deep into Michael Morpurgo's emotional novel, *Private Peaceful*, while wrapping up our English unit on poetry and newspaper reports. In Maths, we have been sharpening our arithmetic skills and building our knowledge of fractions. Science saw us investigating how to separate solids and liquids, and in PE, we honed our gymnastics skills. Finally, the children continued crafting their rainforest animals with Mrs Oldfield and created a fabulous Christmas decoration for the Saltash Tree Festival—thank you, Mrs Oldfield! Well done to everyone for a wonderful week!

Mrs Smith

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Let's celebrate!



Emily

for always being keen to learn and share her lovely ideas with her friends.

Laila

For becoming more confident in all aspects of your learning, particularly in maths.

Well done, Laila – keep up the fantastic work!



The Year 2 residential group

who each showed our Bring It values in different ways,
but all did St Germans proud!

Ella

For always having a smile on your face and bringing a positive attitude to your work every single day. Your enthusiasm brightens the classroom and inspires those around you.

Keep being you!

Attendance	94.6%	92.7%	95%

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Dates for the Diary

24th & 26th November - Swans Parents Evening
2nd December - Rock Steady Concert - 9:30 am
2nd December - Christmas Craft Day
4th December - Christmas Bake-Off and Light Switch On
8th December - Theatre Royal Pantomime trip
10th December - Y5/6 Mountain Biking Adventure
11th December - School Christmas Lunch
14th December - KS1 Dodgeball Event (selected children)
15th December - KS2 Netball tournament (selected children)
14th - 18th December - NO CLUBS
16th December -Christmas Nativity Concert - 2pm (School)
17th & 18th December - Class Christmas parties
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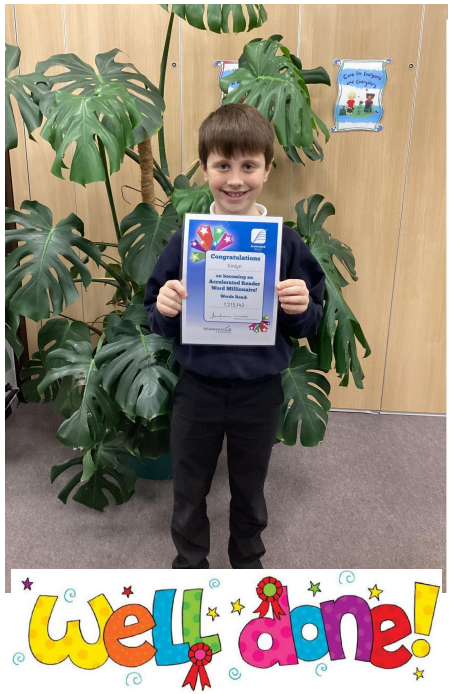
Due to Swans' Class Parents evenings next week, there will be no Wellbeing Club on Thursday (26th). If you need after school care for your child you will need to book our wraparound care on MCAS.



This week in celebration assembly, we were delighted to award Emlyn with our first 'Word Millionaire' certificate of the year! Emlyn has read an incredible total of 1,215,142 words from our Accelerated Reader book titles and received a special certificate along with a brand-new book to keep.
Well done, Emlyn!

Nativity Concert

Wednesday 16th December 2026

2:00 pm performance

Refreshments provided by our PTA.







We raised £53.70 today for Children In Need.

Thank you for your support.

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School lunch

Please be advised that there we be no 'Vegan Hot Dogs' available for school lunch on Monday. Sarah in the kitchen was dissatisfied with the quality of the stock provided and has had to send them back. There will be 'Plant Balls' or Jacket Potatoes available.

Dear Parents/Carers and our wider school community,

We are excited to share some news with you about an upcoming project across St Barnabas Multi Academy Trust! Over the coming months, we will be refreshing our Trust brand to better reflect our shared passion for outdoor learning and adventure.

We want our school communities to help shape this new identity from the very beginning. We are working with an external branding specialist who will be visiting each school to run informal interactive workshops. Sessions will be split into two groups, those for pupils and another for parents/carers, governors and anyone else in our school community. Where possible these sessions will take place around pick-up and drop-off times to make it easier for you to take part if you wish. All of the feedback gathered will directly inform our new look and name.

If you have any questions or comments about the re-brand or the upcoming workshops, please feel free to get in touch with me directly at rebrand@stbarnabasmat.com

St.Barnabas MULTI ACADEMY TRUST Creating Unique Possibilities

Families workshop

Tuesday 24 November

8am - Antony Primary School - PL11 3AD

8:00 - 9:00am Parent/Governor session (Antony and St Germans)

ST GERMANS PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHRISTMAS EVENT

Friday 4th December | From 2:45pm | School Hall

Christmas Bake-Off



Christmas Tree Light Switch On



Toys & Book Sale



Christmas Games - Tombola & Lucky Dip



To make this event a success we need your help. We are looking for donations of good-quality books or toys. Please bring these into school during the week of 30 November to 4 December.
All money raised from this event will be divided between St Luke's Hospice and the purchase of new equipment for playtimes.

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Attendance

Weekly Whole School Attendance

94.2%

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.



The NHS Mental Health Support Team (MHST) invites you to book your place on our:

Understanding Behaviour as Communication Online Workshop

These are online sessions aimed at parents and carers, to introduce the concept of behaviour as communication. It will give practical strategies to develop more positive behaviour and communication at home.

Upcoming Sessions:

- **Every Monday for 5 weeks from 11 January 2027 until 8 February at 10:30am**
- **Every Monday for 5 weeks from 11 January 2027 until 8 February at 1pm**
- **Every Wednesday for 5 weeks from 13 January 2027 until 10 February at 1pm**

To request a place, please complete the online form or scan the QR code provided- https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/DB70U2ggta

Sign ups will close on 10 December 2026

NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Multi-Agency Support and Safeguarding Hub (MASSH)

Bringing together professionals from social care, health, education and police to respond to concerns about children and young people.

We provide:

- **Safeguarding response** for children at risk
- **Help and Support** (Family Help)
- **Advice and guidance** for professionals, families and the public

massh@cornwall.gov.uk
0300 1231116

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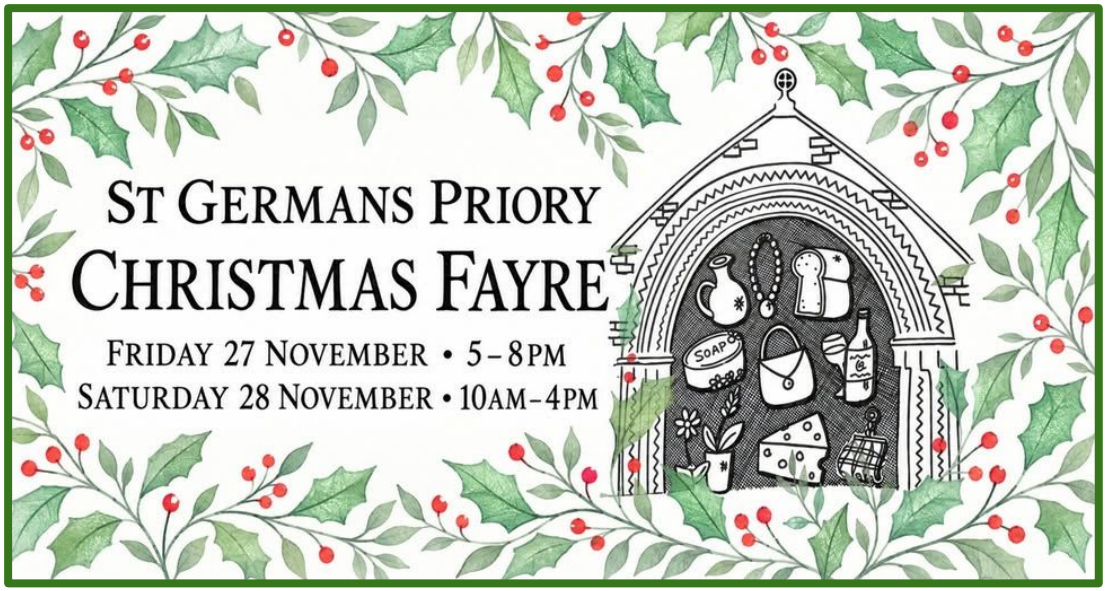
Ambitious about Autism

Ambitious about Autism has launched a new series of wellbeing resources designed to support autistic young people, parents and carers. Bringing together lived experience and research-informed guidance, the resources explore topics that can have a significant impact on wellbeing but are often misunderstood.

The first resource focuses on **autism and empathy**, helping autistic young people better understand their own experiences while providing parents and carers with practical advice and guidance.

Autism and Empathy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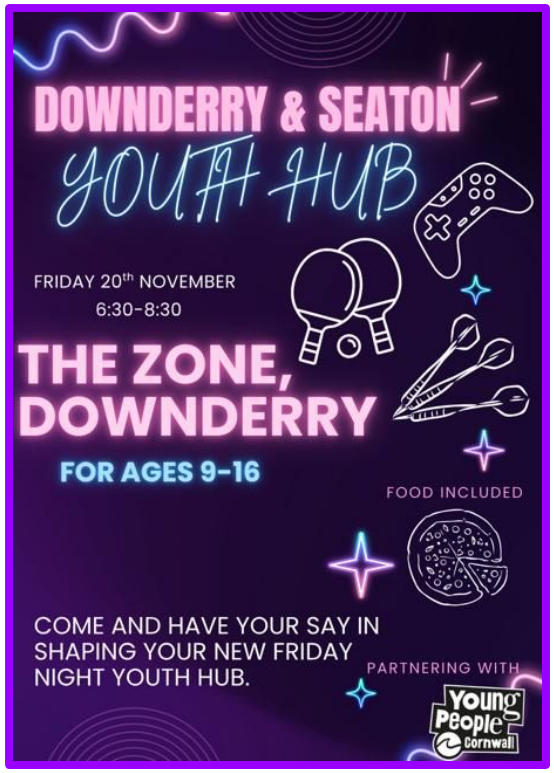
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YOUTH HUB
FRIDAY 20th NOVEMBER
6:30-8:30
THE ZONE, DOWNDERRY
FOR AGES 9-16
FOOD INCLUDED
COME AND HAVE YOUR SAY IN SHAPING YOUR NEW FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH HUB.
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HELP US SHAPE BETTER TRAVEL CONNECTIONS ACROSS TORPOINT AND THE RAME PENINSULA
Bus Stop
What would help you travel more easily?
Tell us about the journeys you need to make, what works well, and what makes travel difficult. Your feedback will help us understand local transport needs and shape future community travel ideas.
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Survey takes 5-10 minutes
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