



St Germans Academy

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th September

Merit Certificates

Ladybirds: *Imogen & Reuben* **Fireflies:** *Ayva & Sapphire-Amair*

Butterflies: *Dixie-Mae* **Caterpillars:** *Mia*

Dear Families,

Welcome Back! We hope you all had a lovely summer break, and the children are enjoying their start back. The children have settled back into the class routines and engaging well in their learning. As always with a longer summer break some children find returning to school a worrying time. If your child is struggling, please do let the class teacher know as there are strategies we can use to support.

Staffing News:

Butterflies/ Caterpillars Class:

As you are aware Mrs. Lansdell-Hill left her role as a part-time EYFS teacher at the end of the summer. Our advertisement closes next week, and we hope to appoint a new member of staff soon. From next week Mrs. Shillings will be teaching Monday to Thursday. Miss Ellis (who is on supply with us since our return will continue to work in the class on a Friday)

Dragonflies Class

The arrangements for the class this year, due to the class size of 35, has been two teachers in the mornings and one teacher in the afternoon with full-time T.A support.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Doran has been signed off work for the next few weeks. We do wish her a speedy recovery and will keep you all updated. Miss Ellis, who is mentioned above, will move into the teaching role alongside Mrs. Harper. She has vast Key Stage 2 experience and is already familiar with the school routines.

We are also currently advertising for an additional T.A to support interventions in Key Stage 2. The closing date for this is next week so we hope to have a new addition to the team soon.

If you have any concerns, please speak with us.

Mrs Arrowsmith

Next Week...

Tuesday ~ Ladybirds Swimming – Coach leaves at 8.45am!

Tuesday ~ Dragonflies – Inside Out Bushcraft Session

Ladybirds Swimming

The Ladybirds Class swim every Tuesday right up to Christmas. Please can children be in school slightly earlier than normal as the coach will be leaving at 8.45am ready for their 9.15am swimming lesson. Please ensure you have the appropriate swimming kit, which consists of trunks/ 1 piece costume, towel and a hat. Thank you.

Road Closure

We have been notified by Anglian Water that 2 roads (High Road and Lynn Road) which goes between the bridge in Saddlebow and St Germans will be closed from 15th September to 26th October. Please plan another route for your school journey for those dates. Thank you

High School Information

Information was sent home this week with all year 6 children on how to apply for high school. If you have not received this from your Year 6 child, please contact the school office for a second copy of the information. Thank you.

Breakfast Club, Afterschool Clubs and Childcare

Please remember that the timings for Breakfast Club, Afterschool Club and Childcare are as follows;

Breakfast Club ~ from 7.45am to 8.30am ~ If arriving after 8.30am you need to come in via the school office.

Afterschool Clubs and Childcare ~ from afterschool until 4.30pm ~ if you are running late for pick up, please ensure you ring the school office as although we may not answer the phone we can pick up any telephone messages.

Early Help Community Worker ~ Parent Meetings

Lex Smith, our Early Help Community Worker will be visiting St Germans again on Monday 22nd September 9.15am-2pm to meet with parents/carers. This can be for a variety of reasons; families who are finding family life difficult to cope with or would like to discuss any worries you may have, such as finances and mental health, and that may be impacting on your children.

These pre-arranged 30-minute appointment slots can be booked in the office with Mrs Warnes. These sessions are a great support and will allow you to get information about what services and support there is locally. Sarah can also issue food bank vouchers, make Requests for Support and usually has toiletry packs for adults, teens and children available to gift. Please do pop in the office to book your private 30-minute appointment.

Meet the Teacher

We are having 'Meet the Teacher' Meetings week commencing Monday 22nd September for children in Reception up to Year 6. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you there.

- Butterflies ~Monday 22nd September – 2.45pm
- Dragonflies ~ Tuesday 23rd September – 2.45pm
- Fireflies ~ Wednesday 24th September – 2.45pm
- Ladybirds ~ Thursday 25th September – 2.45pm

Please don't be concerned if you are unable to attend as all the information will be sent home – It is just nice to see you all!

Data Collection Forms

Last call for any remaining Data Collection forms to be bought back by Monday 15th September as this will help us ensure we have the most current information about your child. Please remember to let the office know if you move house or change email address/ telephone number during the school Year. Thank you

KS2 Fruit Tuck

Please remember there is a KS2 Healthy Tuck Shop every morning break for Ladybirds and Dragonflies Classes. Children can buy a piece of fruit / other healthy snack for 30p or can bring something healthy from home. Fireflies, Butterflies and Caterpillars receive free fruit from the School Fruit and Veg Scheme.

Information in Bookbags

Please can we ask that bookbags are checked daily as information/ letters/leaflets are sent home frequently, these can often require parental consent by an allocated deadline. Please ensure your child has a bookbag of some kind to bring to school each day, this can be a bag of their choice or a school bookbag from Stratfords. Children will then be able to safely manage all their reading/communication and any letters between the office and parents.

Thank you

Uniform

Please can we ask that you ensure all school uniform is labeled with your child's name. It is very hard to return 'lost property' if it is not named. Thank you.

Parent Governor

We are currently looking for an Academy Stakeholder Committee Parent Governor. If you are interested in the role, please contact the school office and we will send you a form home to complete. The closing date for applications is Friday 26th September. Thank you

Harvest Festival

We can confirm our harvest festival will be on Wednesday 24th September. We will be attending a service in church, should you wish to walk to the church with us please be in the front playground at 9am alternatively you can meet us at the church at 9.30am

We would like to collect items for King's Lynn Foodbank and would appreciate any items you can donate from the list below which has been provided by the foodbank, although any in-date non-perishable items would be appreciated and used.

The deadline for donations is Monday 20th October. Thank you

Items King's Lynn Foodbank have requested;

Tinned meat, Tinned fish, Small bottles of squash, Small jars of coffee, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit, Jars of cooking sauces, Shampoo & Conditioner, Toilet Roll, Small boxes of washing powder.

Messages

Please remember any messages about your child should go through the office, for example grandparent or friend collecting your child from school. Medical appointments can be uploaded via ParentApp or by emailing the school office. Teachers will not necessarily see messages left in the evening or weekend, so it is always best to contact the school office.

Pantomime Visit

Our school pantomime visit to King's Lynn Corn Exchange to watch Jack and the Beanstalk is on Friday 12th December where we will be watching the morning performance..... Oh no we won't!!!



This trip will be uploaded to ParentPay next week to allow you to pay by installments. If you have any questions about this trip, please contact the school office. This trip is for all children in Reception through to Year 6.

ParentPay Accounts – A Reminder

As we begin the new academic year, we'd like to remind families of the importance of keeping ParentPay accounts up to date. To ensure the smooth running of school services and activities, it is essential that accounts remain in credit at all times. This year, the school will be monitoring ParentPay accounts more closely to make sure balances are maintained. Prompt payments help us to continue providing meals, trips, and other opportunities without interruption. We appreciate your support in working with us to keep everything running smoothly and thank you for making this a priority.

PE

! Please note PE lessons for all classes are on Fridays.

Upcoming Events 2024/2025

Autumn Term

Ladybirds Swimming Every Tuesday

Dragonflies – Inside Out Bushcraft Sessions every Tuesday

September

Mon 22nd ~ Parent Meetings with Lex Smith ~ Please Book at School Office

Mon 22nd ~ Butterflies Welcome Meeting

Tues 23rd ~ Dragonflies Welcome Meeting

Wed 24th ~ Harvest Festival at Church

Diary Dates Continued

Wed 24th ~ Fireflies Welcome Meeting

Thurs 25th ~ Flu Immunisation Team in for children in Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

Thurs 25th ~ Ladybirds Welcome Meeting

October

Thurs 2nd ~ PEEP Talk Meetings for Selected Parents in Hall Week 1(8 weeks)

Thurs 9th ~ PEEP Talk Meetings for Selected Parents in Hall Week 2(8 weeks)

Thurs 16th ~ PEEP Talk Meetings for Selected Parents in Hall Week 3(8 weeks)

Mon 20th ~ Parents Evening

Tues 21st ~ Parents Evening

Thurs 23rd ~ WNSSP 6-a-side Football Event for selected Year 5 & 6 children

Thurs 23rd ~ PEEP Talk Meetings for Selected Parents in Hall Week 4(8 weeks)

Fri 24th ~ Break up for Half Term

November

Mon 3rd ~ Back to School

Thurs 6th ~ PEEP Talk Meetings for Selected Parents in Hall Week 5(8 weeks)

Thurs 13th ~ Pret a Portrait in for individual pupil photographs and school age siblings

Thurs 13th ~ PEEP Talk Meetings for Selected Parents in Hall Week 6(8 weeks)

Wed 19th ~ Flu Immunisation Team in for catch up session

Wed 19th ~ School Nursing Team in to see Year R and Year 6

Thurs 20th ~ PEEP Talk Meetings for Selected Parents in Hall Week 7(8 weeks)

Mon 24th ~ WNSSP Tag Rugby Event for selected Year 5 & 6 Children

Thurs 27th ~ PEEP Talk Meetings for Selected Parents in Hall Week 8 (8 weeks)

Diary Dates Continued

December

Fri 12th ~ Whole School Trip to Pantomime for Years R, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6

Friday 19th ~ Break up for Christmas

January 2026

Tues 6th ~ Back to school



Welcome to the first SEND Shout out of this academic year. A section of the newsletter addressing important and helpful information relating to SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities).

This term we are talking about 'Our Universal Offer'.

The Universal Offer incorporates a whole host of provision that all children have access to at our school regardless of whether they have a Support Plan or EHCP in place. These provisions and/or reasonable adjustments can support several areas including anxiety, learning or physical needs and concentration.

Zones of Regulation – daily check/toolkits/lessons

Visual Timetables

Daily handwriting/fine motor skills practice

Whole class movement breaks

Daily number practice (Maths meetings)

Dyslexia and Autism friendly classrooms

Dual Coding

Independent access to manipulatives for maths

Access to the sensory room

Access to the trampette

Access to concentration aids (fidget toys)

Transition booklets and visits

Discussions with HT or SENCo regarding reasonable adjustments for uniform

As always, if you have any concerns around your child's learning needs, please contact their class teacher who can offer support and advice in the first instance and then signpost to either myself or Mrs Clarkstone if needed.

Lisa Palmer
Executive Deputy headteacher and SENCo