



St Germans Academy

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 28th November

Merit Certificates

Ladybirds: *Ella & Isabella* **Dragonflies:** *Nancy & Charlie*

Butterflies: *Cassius* **Caterpillars:** *Harry*

Dear Families,

As we near the end of term, the excitement builds for Christmas. It is always a busy time of year which some children can find difficult.

Therefore we:

- Do our best to maintain as many routines as possible. This includes core lessons such as Maths, English and Phonics etc.
- Prepare children for the changes by creating class calendars of upcoming events.
- Continue to use the daily visual timetables.

The children are in full flow learning lines and songs for their Christmas performances and we can't wait to see them perform.

Mrs Arrowsmith

Next Week ...

Monday ~ Christmas Reading Cafe and Christmas Lights Switch on 🎄
(please book this free event via ParentPay)

Tuesday ~ Ladybirds Swimming – Coach leaves at 8.45am!

Tuesday ~ Dragonflies – Inside Out Bushcraft Session 🍷

Thursday ~ Ladybirds Wighenhall Woodlands Visit PM ~ Letter is coming home today!

Friday ~ Friends of the School Christmas Fayre

Parent Friday Morning Sessions

Due to it being the Pantomime trip on Friday 12th December and there being lots of parent activities around that date we **will not** be holding a parent morning session on the morning of the 12th December.

Christmas Reading Cafe and Christmas Lights Switch on

On Monday 1st December it is our Christmas themed Reading Café from 5:00pm-6:30pm, which will be followed by our Christmas Lights Switch on! An information letter was sent out last week via Seesaw. Please book this free event via ParentPay



Friends of the School Christmas Fayre

Our Friends of the School Christmas Fayre is on Friday 4th December 2025 from 2.15pm to 4.15pm.

We will be having various stalls in the school hall, Christmas games, a refreshment stall and Santa will also be at the event in his grotto!

There will also be the Christmas raffle as well as the ever popular sweet/chocolate Tombola.

- Santa tickets are available to book via ParentPay £3.00 per child.
- Donations towards the Christmas raffle are most welcome. Please bring any donations to the school office.



We have various 20p children's games and activities for children to take part in with game cards on sale at £1.00 which will allow the holder to have 5 goes between the games available. Their card will be hole punched each time they have a go. Cards can be bought in advance from the school office or on the day.

If you have not been to our fair before children can be collected at 2.15pm to walk round the fair with their family members. Children who are not picked up early will be let out to parents as normal at 3.15pm, where they can then have a look round the fair. Any children booked into childcare may bring money in a named purse/wallet, and a member of staff will ensure they have a look round.

The raffle will be drawn at 4pm, we have announced the 1st prize which is a 32-inch television donated by Curry's as well as a £100 gift card donated by F.T.Short Ltd and a £25 Amazon Voucher donated by British Sugar. We have been very lucky to receive some lovely prizes for our raffle. All prizes are numbered to ensure the smooth running of the raffle. This year we are reversing the raffle this year ending on the 1st Prize television.

Reception Class Admissions

The portal is open for applications for September 2025 Reception Class Admissions. If you have a child who will be 5 between 1st September 2026 and the 31st August 2027, please apply online: www.admissionsonline.norfolk.gov.uk The portal will close on 15th January 2026.

If you have any issues applying, please contact the school office who will be able to assist you.



Children in Need

Thank you to all who donated to our 'Cover Pudsey in change' We raised **£135.45** with that and the ParentPay Donations. Dragonflies were the Class Winners which we worked out by dividing the amount (in weight) by the number of children in the class. They are going to spin the wheel to see what prize they have won.

Eastern Daily Press Art Tokens 📰

Please remember we are collecting the art tokens from the EDP newspaper. If any friends or family members read the EDP please ask them to collect the vouchers for us as our aim is 1000 vouchers! Any tokens can be handed in to the office. Thank you.

Whole School Christmas Lunch

This week we have sent home a letter about the Whole School Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December 2025. Please ensure you return your reply slip to the school office by Friday 5th December whether your child wants the lunch or not. If you cannot find your letter, please contact the school office for a replacement. Please note there are no other lunch options available that day so if your child is not having the school Christmas lunch, they will need a packed lunch from home. Please pay for the Christmas lunch as you would do a normal lunch via ParentPay. Thank you

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service will be part of the Celebration Assembly on Monday 15th December at **9.30am** at St Germans Church, we hope you can join us.

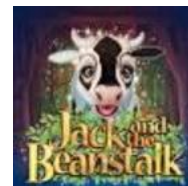
Christmas Card Postbox

Our Christmas Card Postbox will be on the front Playground every day from Monday 1st December. Please can you ensure that all cards have the child's name **and class** written on the envelope. Last Post is 9am Thursday 18th December. Thank you



Pantomime Visit

Please remember to log onto ParentPay to give permission and make payment towards the Pantomime Trip on Friday 12th December. We only have permission for 75 children so far and will not be able to take your child on the trip if they do not have permission to attend. This trip is for all children in Butterflies, Fireflies, Dragonflies and Ladybirds. Thank you



Prêt-a-Portrait

Following Prêt-a-Portrait's recent visit to take school photographs, a viewing card explaining how to view and order photographs was sent home. Please remember the Early Bird Deadline is **2nd December 2025** and placing an order before then will give you a 20% discount on your order. If for any reason your viewing card did not make it home, please contact Prêt-a-Portrait direct on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pretaportrait.net

Payments to school via ParentPay

Please ensure your accounts are up to date and in credit. It is important that you log into your parentPay account regularly to check and pay any outstanding balance. Thank you

Upcoming Events 2024/2025

Autumn Term

Ladybirds Swimming Every Tuesday

Dragonflies – Inside Out Bushcraft Sessions every Tuesday

December

Mon 1st ~ Reading Cafe followed by Christmas Lights Switch on.

Fri 5th ~ Friends of the School Christmas Fayre

Wed 10th ~ Butterflies and Fireflies Christmas Performance

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

Mon 15th ~ End of Term Assembly and Christingle Service

Wed 17th ~ Preschool (Caterpillars) Christmas Singalong for Parents

Wed 17th ~ Whole School Christmas Lunch - tbc

Thurs 18th ~ Dragonflies and Ladybirds Christmas Performances 1.30pm & 6pm Friday

19th ~ Break up for Christmas

Spring Term

Dragonflies Swimming Every Tuesday

Ladybirds – Inside Out Bushcraft Sessions every Tuesday

January 2026

Tues 6th ~ Back to school

Thurs 8th ~ Young Voices Trip



ST GERMANS ACADEMY

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

5TH DECEMBER
2.15PM – 4.15PM

Visit Father
Christmas

Refreshments

Raffle

Sweet Tombola

Children's Stalls

Craft Stall

