



St Germans Academy

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 12th December

Merit Certificates

Ladybirds: Ava & Max Dragonflies: Archie H & Lily T Fireflies: Lilah & Braedyn Butterflies: Sonny Caterpillars: Mia

Dear Families,

This is the last newsletter of 2025! We have had a very busy week with the EYFS/KS1 Christmas performance. It was amazing as always and it wouldn't have happened without the dedication of our staff team. We look forward to sharing the KS2 performance with you next week. We have all enjoyed today's pantomime and the children were a credit to you and our school.

We still have one week to go with further fun planned (while still holding on to as many routines as we can!) We hope you can join us at the church on Monday for our Christingle service and end of term certificates.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you back on 6th January.

Mrs Arrowsmith

Next Week ...

Afterschool Childcare and Breakfast Club available please book via the school office!

Monday ~ Christingle Service and End of Term Assembly at the Church at 9.30am

Tuesday ~ Ladybirds Swimming – Last Session - Coach leaves at 8.45am!

Tuesday ~ Dragonflies – Inside Out Bushcraft Session Last Session

Tuesday ~ Inside Out Bushcraft, last Afterschool Club for this term

Wednesday ~ Whole School Christmas Lunch for children who have pre-booked

Wednesday ~ Caterpillars Christmas Sing Song for Parents at 2.30pm

Thursday ~ KS2 Christmas Performance at 1.30pm

Thursday ~ KS2 Christmas Performance at 6pm

Friday ~Last Day of Term

Friends of the School

Thank you to all who supported our Friends of the School Christmas Fayre, by donating, helping or attending the fayre.



We raised the fabulous amount of £754.73.

The next Friends of the School meeting is on Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 9am.

We are always looking for new members to join our Friends of the School with a whole range of ways you can help. If you would like to help or just find out more about what it entails, please come to our meeting. If you are unable to make the meeting, please let the school office know and they will pass your name onto Mrs Shillings and the FOS. Thank you

Whole School Christmas Lunch

Remember it is our Whole School Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 17th December. Please note there are no other lunch options available that day so if your child has not prebooked 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

Caterpillars Christmas Sing Song

The Caterpillars children would like their parents to join them on Wednesday 17th December at 2.30pm where they will be showing off their singing skills. We hope you can join us.

<u>Christmas Jumpers – Last week of Term</u>

During the last week of term children can wear either their school jumper/fleece/ cardigan or a Christmas jumper to school everyday in the run up to Christmas. Please note school trousers/skirts and school shoes are still to be worn with your festive Jumper. 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. If you would like to walk down with us, please be at school for 9am as we will leave shortly after or meet us at the Church just before 9.30am.

Please note the Memorial Hall does have an event on this day so please make alternative arrangements for parking if possible as they will need some spaces including disabled ones. Thank you

Christmas Card Postbox

Our Christmas Card Postbox will be on the front Playground every day for any remaining Christmas Cards. Please can you ensure that all cards



have the childs name and class written on the envelope.

<u>Last Post is 9am Thursday 18th December</u>. Thank you

Bag Request

Please remember to send your child in with an extra named bag next week to put all their Christmas goodies in to bring home. Thank you

Request from the Ladybirds Class

The Ladybirds children are in need of donations of scrap material for their art lessons after Christmas. If you have any old clothes or bed linen that you do not need which they could use for their art lessons they would be most grateful! Any donations can be handed in to the school office or given to Mrs Brown/Mr Knapp. Thank you

Pre-School

The Spring Term EYFS Funding forms for Pre-School children (Caterpillars) will be sent home next week. Please ensure you check the information sign, and date the form then return it to the school office no later than Friday 9th January 2026. Any questions about the form please contact the school office.

Thank you

After School and Breakfast Clubs

The After School Club Booklet will be out next week, with the clubs to commence Monday 12th January 2026. If you require Childcare during the last week of term or the first week back (6th to 9th January 2026) please can you book via the school office and pay via ParentPay. Breakfast Club is available all of next week and will then reopen on Tuesday 6th January 2026.

Thank you.

Payments to school via ParentPay

Please could all outstanding monies be paid before we break up for Christmas. Please can we also remind you to make payment when booking your child's lunch, childcare or breakfast club. If you have a child who has pay-per-sessions at preschool, please remember to ensure these are all paid for before we start the new term. Please contact the school office or Mrs Toni Clarkstone if you are having any money issues. Thank you

Dragonflies Swimming

Dragonflies children will be swimming on Tuesdays after Christmas starting on Tuesday 13th January 2026. They will need to bring their kit each week; costume/trunks hat and towel. The coach leaves at 8.45am so please ensure your child is in school a little earlier than normal.

Thank you

Office ~ Holiday Telephone Messages and Emails

Please be aware over the Christmas Holidays the School Office is closed. Any messages / emails sent to the school office will be actioned when the office staff return to work after the break. Thank you

Lost Property

Please ensure you go through all the lost property which has been placed on the benches on the front playground before we break up for Christmas as any remaining at the end of the day on Friday 19th December will be donated to charity. Thank you.

Upcoming Events 2025/2026

Autumn Term

Ladybirds Swimming Every Tuesday

Dragonflies – Inside Out Bushcraft Sessions every Tuesday

December

Mon 15th ~ End of Term Assembly and Christingle Service

Wed 17th ~ Preschool (Caterpillars) Christmas Singalong for Parents at 2.30pm

Wed 17th ~ Whole School Christmas Lunch - Prebooked Lunches Only

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

Wed 14th ~ Friends of the School Meeting at 9am

Thurs 15th ~ School Nursing Team to See Reception Children and Year 6

February

Fri 6th ~ Parent Morning Session
Fri 13th ~ Break up for Half Term
Mon 23rd ~ Back to School
Fri 27th ~ Bikeability Training for Children in Dragonflies who booked on

March

Mon 16th ~ Year 3 / 4 Netball Bee Festival for Selected Children
Fri 20th ~ Parent Morning Session
Wed 25th to Fri 27th ~ Ladybirds Residential Trip
Fri 27th Break up for Easter Holidays

April

Tues 14th ~ Back to School

Thurs $16^{th} \sim Pret$ -A-Portrait Class Photographs & Year 6Leavers Photographs Tues $28^{th} \sim WNSSP$ Year 1 / 2 Trigolf Event for Selected Children Thurs $30^{th} \sim Year$ 6 Crucial Crew Trip

May

Mon 4th ~ May Day – School Closed Fri 15th ~ Parent Morning Session Fri 22nd ~ Break up for Half Term

June

 $Mon~1^{st}~\sim Back~to~school\\ Tues~16^{th}\sim WNSSP~Dance~Festival~for~Fireflies~Class\\ Tues~30^{th}\sim WNSSP~Area~Sports~for~years~3,~4,~5~and~6$

July

Fri 10th ~ Parent Morning Session Fri 10th ~ Pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly Fri 17th ~ Break up for the Summer Holidays