



St Germans Academy

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th May

Dear Families,

OFSTED INSPECTION

As you will be aware, we had two Ofsted Inspectors visiting us this week. I'd like to thank parents, staff and children for their input over the last two days. The outcome of the inspection remains confidential until the report is published, which I hope will arrive soon after half term.

Next week our Year Six children will be completing their SATs. They have worked hard to be prepared, and we know they will try their best. Please could we ask parents across the school to arrive promptly at school next week. We like to get the children started as soon as possible after registration to prevent anxieties building.

Here's our message to our Fabulous Year Six:

To our sparky Year Sixes

Over the past few weeks – maybe even months – you have put in lots of effort in preparation for your SATs. You will nail them. We know you will. However, not every skill is taught in school and even less are tested. You might be great at Martial Arts, fantastic at fashion design or have green fingers... You might be a people-person, a problem-solver or a poet. SATs are never going to show off all these amazing skills.

They don't test whether you're a creative person, can write code, whether you are good at teaching IT skills to your granddad or have a rapport with animals. They don't test your speaking skills or whether you can mend anything put in front of you. They don't measure whether you're arty or sporty, musical or love science. Although subjects like Maths and English are important, never forget you've been given talents in plenty of other areas too.

Please try your best to think of these tests as 'something I've got to do', but not 'the most important thing in the world'. The problem is that sometimes we teachers can make them seem important, without noticing what we're doing. We have school targets we hope to meet, and our school has Government targets it hopes to meet. It's like one big chain and there's only one person at the end of it... YOU!

But remember this: When you were born, no one said 'What I want most for this child is to reach the expected standard in Maths when they hit Year Six!' (that would have been

slightly weird!). The big things – the most important things – are things like your personality, what you believe and think, your ideas and that spark inside you that makes you ‘you’.

You are sparky. Your parents know it and as a school, we know it!

There is a video on the internet that asks you to count the number of passes a basketball team makes. The passes come fast and you really have to focus on the ball to count them all. At the end of the video it says, ‘Well done on counting the passes, but did you notice the moonwalking bear?’ You see, you were so busy focusing on watching the basketball; you missed a bear in the background, moonwalking across the screen!

SATs can be like that video challenge. We promise as a school not to be so busy focusing on your SATs that we don’t notice the amazing Year Sixes you are.

I'm sure you all join me in wishing our Year Six all the best.

Mrs Arrowsmith

Next Week...

Monday - Thursday ~ Year 6 SATs

Tuesday ~ Dragonflies – Inside Out Bushcraft Session 🔥

Friday ~ Parent Morning Session

Friday ~ End of SATs Celebration Lunch

Thursday 21st May ~ Jurassic Munch Census Lunch

On Thursday 21st May we are having our Jurassic Munch Census Lunch. 🙌🙌

The deadline for booking this lunch is Wednesday 13th May. Please return your booking slip to the school office. If your letter has not made it home, please contact the school office who will send home another copy. Thank you

Year 6 Leavers London Trip

Information about the Year 6 Leavers London Trip came out last week and is all set up on ParentPay for parents to give



permission and make payments for this trip. If you need another copy of the trip letter, please contact the school office. A second letter with further information will be out nearer the time. If you have any questions about this trip please contact the school office. Thank you

Year 1 and 2 Dance Festival

The Year 1 and 2 children will be taking part in a Dance Festival at the Corn Exchange on Tuesday 16th June (morning performance). If you would like to come and watch, please go on the Corn Exchange Website and ensure you book seats for the **morning performance**. Tickets are now on sale!

Children under the age of 2 are allowed to sit on their parent’s lap but older children will need their own seat. Miss Castleton will be in contact with you regarding costumes and other information nearer the time.



Empty Bottles and Small Box Donations

The Fireflies Class are making cars and would like donations of small drinks bottles and boxes. If you have any, please hand them to a member of Fireflies staff when they are on the gate or bring them to the school office. Thank you



Sunny Weather

☺ Now we are experiencing some much warmer, sunnier weather please be reminded to send children into school with a named sun hat ☼ and sun cream already applied before school. Thank you

Breakfast Club and Afterschool Provision Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who have returned their Breakfast Club and Afterschool Provision Questionnaire. If you have not yet completed yours please can we ask it is completed and handed in to the school office by Friday 15th May. If you have mislaid your copy please contact the school office and we will send a replacement home.

ParentPay Outstanding Amounts

Please can parents remember to make payments when ordering lunches, booking breakfast club or afterschool childcare. We are a small school with budget constraints and constantly rising costs; we are unable to fund any debts without it impacting our pupils. Thanking you in advance for making prompt payments.

Headlice

We have had a case of headlice reported in school. Please ensure if your child has long hair that it is tied up to reduce the risk of headlice spreading. Thank you

Pret-a-Portrait

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take class photographs, a viewing card explaining how you can view and order pictures, will be sent home with pupils next week. Please ask your child/ren to give it to you as soon as possible so you have the chance to order any pictures you would like at a discounted price before the Early Bird Deadline **03/06/2026**

Head to their website www.pret-a-portrait.net and enter your sitting ID, the discount will automatically be applied.

If for any reason your viewing card doesn't make it to you next week, please contact **Pret-a-Portrait** directly on 0800 021 7626 or customerservice@pret-a-portrait.net

Lost Property

Please can parents take a few moments to go through the lost property pile located on the benches on the front playground. Thank you



Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals, please apply online on www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo if you are unable to apply online, please call the school office for assistance. All applications are confidential, however please let the school office know if you apply so they can check the progress of your application.



Upcoming Events 2025/2026

Summer Term

Dragonflies – Inside Out Bushcraft Sessions every Tuesday until 19th May

May

Mon 11th – Thurs 14th ~ Year 6 SATS

Fri 15th ~ Parent Morning Session

Fri 15th ~ Year 6 End of SATs Pizza Lunch

Mon 18th to Wed 21st ~ Year 5 / 6 Bikeability sessions for children who have booked on

Thurs ~ Jurassic Munch Census Lunch

Fri 22nd ~ Break up for Half Term

June

Ladybirds – Inside Out Bushcraft Sessions every Tuesday 9th June to 7th July

Mon 1st ~ Back to school

Mon 1st – Fri 5th ~ Health and Wellbeing Week

Tues 2nd ~ KS2 Federation Sports Day

Wed 3rd ~ Year 6 Leavers London Trip

Thurs 4th ~ Norfolk Steps Workshop for Invited Parents – Session 1

Fri 5th ~ Great Athletes Event – Information to follow

Thurs 11th ~ Road Safety Event in school for Year 3, 4 & 5

Thurs 11th ~ Norfolk Steps Workshop for Invited Parents – Session 2

Tues 16th ~ WNSSP Dance Festival for Fireflies Class

Thurs 18th ~ School Nursing Team to see Year 6 and Reception Children

Thurs 25th ~ PM Own School Sports Day at Lynnsport

Mon 29th to Wed 1st July ~ Transition Days for those Year 6 Children going to KLA

Tues 30th ~ WNSSP Area Sports for years 3, 4, 5 and remaining 6 pupils

July

Thurs 2nd ~ Transition Days for those Year 6 Children going to St Clements

Fri 3rd ~ Friends of the School Summer Fair

Tues 7th ~ St Clements Taster Day for Year 5 Children – Information to follow

Fri 10th ~ Parent Morning Session

Fri 10th ~ Pm Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Tues 14th ~ Year 3 and 4 Trip - Information to follow

Wed 15th ~ Year 5 and 6 Trip – Information to follow

Diary Dates Continued

Fri 17th ~ Break up for the Summer Holidays

Watch this space for more events!

September 2026

Thursday 3rd September Back to School!