



# St Germans Nursery

## Welcome to St Germans Nursery

Our friendly village Nursery offers an exciting and vibrant learning environment for children aged 3-4 years. Situated in a rural Cornish village we provide a positive ethos and a warm family atmosphere that welcomes both children and their families to our shared community. We believe that every child should be given the opportunity to develop a love for learning and we promote this through a wide range of engaging learning opportunities that enhance a child's curiosity and creativity. Our kind and nurturing setting enables all children to feel valued and promotes their self-esteem, individual learning styles and independence.

## Aims

- To deliver the highest quality of early year's teaching that takes account of, and responds to, the children's interests, and developmental needs.
- To provide positive and fun learning experiences for all children through an imaginative and immersive curriculum which encourages learning that is exciting, valuable, diverse and enjoyable.
- To inspire and nurture children's curiosity, creativity and desire to make sense of the world, giving time for their thoughts and ideas, and value to their work, their conversations and their feelings.
- To provide opportunities for children to undertake new challenges with curiosity and confidence and enable them to persevere and problem-solve in a safe and positive environment which promotes their resilience.
- To support the children in making the transition to the next phase of their education with enthusiasm and confidence.



## Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

The EYFS Framework includes seven areas of learning and development. These are outlined below.

### Communication and Language

- Listening, Attention Understanding
- Speaking

### Physical Development

- Gross Motor Skills
- Fine Motor Skills

### Maths

- Number
- Numerical Pattern

### Expressive Arts and Design

- Creating with materials
- Being imaginative and Expressive

### Personal, Social and Emotional Development

- Self-regulation
- Managing Self
- Relationships

### Literacy

- Comprehension
- Word Reading
- Writing

### Understanding the World

- Past and Present
- People culture and communities
- The Natural World

### Characteristics of Effective Learning

The EYFS also includes the Characteristics of Effective Learning. These are regularly assessed through observations and planned for throughout the EYFS.

The three characteristics are:

- Playing and Exploring – children investigate and experience things and events around them and ‘have a go’
- Active Learning – children concentrate and keep trying if they experience difficulties, as well as enjoying what they achieve
- Creating and Thinking Critically – children have and develop their own ideas, make links between different and experiences and develop strategies for doing things.



## Environment and Learning through Play

Learning through play is an important and integral part of the Early Years curriculum and classroom. Using children's interests as a starting point, we provide children with stimulating, active play experiences in which they can explore and develop their learning to help make sense of the world. They have opportunities through their play to think creatively and critically alongside other children as well as on their own. Staff carefully plan the inside and outside environments to reflect on what has interested the children; making sure that we provide opportunities to extend learning and practise skills. We ensure that each of the different areas of learning are represented in the environment and provide different experiences and opportunities to learn.

## Staff and Key Workers

Our Nursery is led by a highly qualified Teacher and EYFS practitioner. All staff are passionate about Early Years education. They use the Early Years Foundation Stage document as a support tool to plan, observe and assess each child's learning and development, ensuring all their unique needs are met. Adults take an active role in child-initiated play through observing, modelling, facilitating and extending their play. Achieving and maintaining the balance between child initiated and adult led activities is very important to us. Each child will be assigned a key worker at the beginning of the year who will be responsible for nurturing a positive relationship with the child and their families.

## Assessment

Children's progress is monitored daily and observations are recorded on Tapestry (our online Learning Journey). Tapestry allows both families and staff to upload the children's learning, creating good communication between home and Nursery and ensuring the children's achievements are celebrated. Twice a year parents are invited in to Nursery to discuss their child's progress and to share their child's Learning Journey.



## Behaviour

To ensure that all children are happy and safe we encourage our children to follow our shared rules and show good manners at all times, follow instructions and care for everyone and everything. Particular emphasis is placed upon the importance of sharing and developing social and emotional skills. We use positive behaviour strategies including praise for good behaviour, as well as sticker charts for rewarding behaviour such as being kind, helping or trying their best.

## Safeguarding

Our school community has a duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children. This means that we have a Child Protection Policy and Procedures in place. We ensure that all staff including our volunteers and supply staff are aware of our procedures. Parents and carers are welcome to read this on request.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: **Headteacher Ingrid Bennett**

Safeguarding Governor: **Georgina Reid**



## Nursery Times and Fees

	Morning Session	Morning session and Lunch	Afternoon Session and Lunch	Afternoon Session	Full Day Session
Time	9am-12pm (3 hours)	9am -1pm (4 hours)	12pm -3pm (3 hours)	1pm- 3pm (2 hours)	9am-3pm (6 hours)
Price	£13	£17	£13	£8	£25

## Lunch

You are welcome and encouraged to book a hot lunch for your child, the cost of which is £2.30 per meal. Alternatively, your child can bring a healthy packed lunch. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle every day. Fizzy drinks and juice will not be accepted as we encourage the children to drink water, to keep healthy.

## Wrap Around Care

At St Germans we offer a Breakfast club which runs from 7:30am-8:45am and an after school club which runs from 3pm to 6pm. For more information, please visit the website or contact the office.



## Getting ready for Nursery

At St Germans Nursery we want all children to be able to access a range of exciting activities. To ensure this, we would ask that children wear appropriate clothing that is suitable for developing physical skills, messy play and outdoor learning. If you would prefer your child to wear school uniform this is available online at [www.wovina.com/collections/st-germans-primary-school](http://www.wovina.com/collections/st-germans-primary-school)

Children will also need to bring wellies and wet weather clothes such as a waterproof coat or an all in one suit. This will enable your child to be able to access all the outdoor provision every day.

We encourage children to be as independent as possible and be able to go to the toilet themselves. We know that sometimes accidents may occur so children will need to be provided with spare clothes and wet wipes, in a named bag. We understand that some children may still need to be potty trained. If this is the case, we are happy to work alongside you, but ask that your child is sent to nursery wearing pull ups, with spare clothes and wet wipes, in a named bag.

## Drop off and Pick Up

Every child will be welcomed at the door by one of our members for staff. If you are going to arrive late to collect your child, please contact the school. Additionally if you have arranged for another adult to collect your child you must inform the teacher or office in advance



## Transition to School

The Nursery is an important and integral part of St Germans School and we hope that you will take an interest in all school activities. There is a regular newsletter keeping you up to date with what is going on. Should you decide to continue your child's education at St Germans Primary School your child will already be familiar with the Class Teacher. You will have an opportunity to meet with the Class Teacher and to discuss your child's entry into school. Your child will have many opportunities to become familiar with the School and some of the Schools activities for example sports day.