

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

2nd May 2025

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

What a lovely sunny week we have had! The sun shone for our class photos on Monday; please check your emails if you haven't already seen the link to buy them.

Thank you so much to those who have already donated items for our Greenpower team's auction. If you are able to donate anything or know anyone that can please get in touch with Linda. All the money raised goes to the team to pay for transport, car parts - and they are really hoping for some new race suits!

Next Thursday is Flora Day. If you are planning on taking your child, please email Linda to let her know.

Hopefully the sunny weather will continue into yet another bank holiday weekend! We look forward to seeing you all back in school on Tuesday.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Thursday 8th May 9am

Sports Day

Monday 16th June 2pm

Parents coffee and cake meeting

Wednesday 2nd July 2.30pm

KS2 Summer Production

Tuesday 8th July

Bosky's Got Talent

Tuesday 15th July 2pm

Gweek Village Hall

Transition Morning

Thursday 17 July

Leavers' Service

Tuesday 22nd July 2pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

MONDAY

KS2 Cricket with Mr Watson

TUESDAY

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley
and

Year 5&6 Greenpower with Mrs
Nicholas

THURSDAY

Eco/Nature Club with Miss S

SCHOOL CLUBS FINISH AT 4:30PM
PROMPT.

SAFETY REMINDERS

Please close the gates behind you when you enter and leave the school.

Even if the gate is open, please close it!

This is for your children's safety.

Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.

CLASS UPDATE

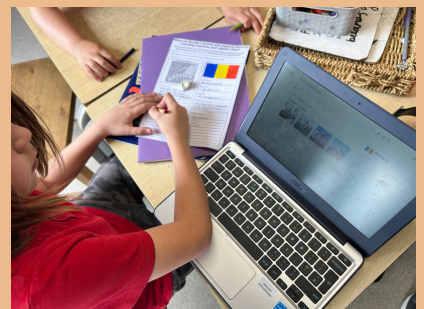
Church Cove Class

We have had a busy start to the Summer Term in Church Cove Class.

We have been writing diary entries in English inspired by our previous class story – Escape From Pompeii. We have been learning to navigate our atlases effectively by learning about co-ordinates of latitude and longitude, whilst combining this with our Inquiry skills by inquiring into the human and physical geography of a range of countries in Europe, from Iceland to Greece!

We have been making the most of the weather by kickstarting our investigation into living things in Science, by identifying vertebrates and invertebrates that we could find in and around the playground, whilst learning how to effectively classify these different animals. We have also been refining our Cricket skills in PE, as well as trying out a range of movements and balances in Gymnastics at the Gweek Village Hall.

We have also been really excited about adopting our tiger from the money we raised last week. We voted to call our tiger teddy Mango. Some of the class have been writing about what they have learnt from adopting the tiger and discussing what else they can do to help preserve a range of endangered species.



YEAR 5/6 ART

Y5/6 are focusing on sculpture in Art this half term, and particularly the works of Barbara Hepworth.

We won't be carving in stone or working metals, but we are going to create our own sculptures based on those we have looked at.

Would you please send into school materials that will help us do that: corrugated card, thin card, old newspapers and magazines, cheap bars of soap, string, florist wire, chicken wire, kitchen foil, polystyrene packaging or small boxes we can use as plinths, and anything else you think may be useful – we can always recycle it if we don't use it.

Many thanks!



The Art of
Barbara Hepworth

ECO CLUB

Further to last week's newsletter, we can confirm that all three classes have now received their adopted WWF animal package which contained all the information about their chosen animal along with a soft toy of that animal to keep in class. It's been fun to share in the learning about each sponsored animal.

What a huge success this venture has been!

The Eco Warriors were handed wildflowers to plant in order to encourage butterflies and bees into our gardens and open spaces. Many thanks to Mrs Winter who recommended Rocket Gardens to us – as they were giving away free wildflower plugs over Easter. What we asked the Eco Warriors to do was to monitor the plants' growth and to see if the bees and butterflies are enjoying their little secret gardens.

Below is a photo of Saul, our newest Eco Warrior planting his wild flowers.

In yesterday's Ecoclub, some of us did a litter pick whilst other children filled in questionnaires for our eco flag/school application, which needs to be returned this month.

A well deserved long bank holiday weekend to you all.



FOBS NEWS

Thanks to those that have been in touch regarding the social evening. Please do get in touch if you are hoping to buy tickets as we are keen to get the numbers up.

Please email Boskenwynfobs@gmail.com if you would like to arrange tickets.

Each ticket buys you a two course meal plus nibbles. We can of course cater for specific dietary needs (please make us aware of any allergies etc when booking).

BOSKENWYN SOCIAL CURRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY 22ND MAY

7:30 PM - 11 PM

42 THE LIVING ROOM, 42
COINAGEHALL STREET, HELSTON

*** TICKETS £20 ***
POPPADUMS/PICKLES
SRI LANKAN CURRY (CHICKEN
& VEGAN OPTION) S/W RICE &
CARROT & COCONUT SAMBAL
& PUDDING



**ALL PROFITS GO TO THE
PLAYGROUND FUND**

TO BOOK YOUR TICKETS PLEASE
EMAIL
BOSKENWYNFOBS@GMAIL.COM

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Become a Governor at Boskenwyn!

Are you passionate about education and eager to make a difference in our school community? Our governing board (joint with Germoe) is looking for new governors, and in particular for those who can represent the needs of Boskenwyn.

Influence School Decisions: Play a key role in shaping the future of our schools.

Support Our Students: Help ensure every child receives the best possible education.

Develop New Skills: Gain valuable experience in governance and leadership.

This is open to parents or guardians of current or future students, or anyone committed to the school's vision and values. We meet once each half term, with the occasional need for ad hoc extra sessions.

To learn more or to express your interest, please contact Bertie Archer (chair) at bertie.archer@fbgschools.co.uk

Please join us in making Boskenwyn and Germoe even better places for our children to learn and grow!



BANDS WANTED!

Basky's Got Talent

TUESDAY 15 JULY 2:00-3:30PM



You have the chance to perform in the village hall with your band. Just fill in the talent show application. We need the name of your band and title of the song you will be performing.

There are only 10 spaces so get your applications in quick!

This is not a competition, it is a chance to appreciate and promote music within our school community.

Closing date for applications is Friday 4 July.

PRIDE!

LAUNCESTON

SATURDAY APRIL 5TH



FALMOUTH

SATURDAY APRIL 26TH



BODMIN

SATURDAY MAY 24TH



PENZANCE

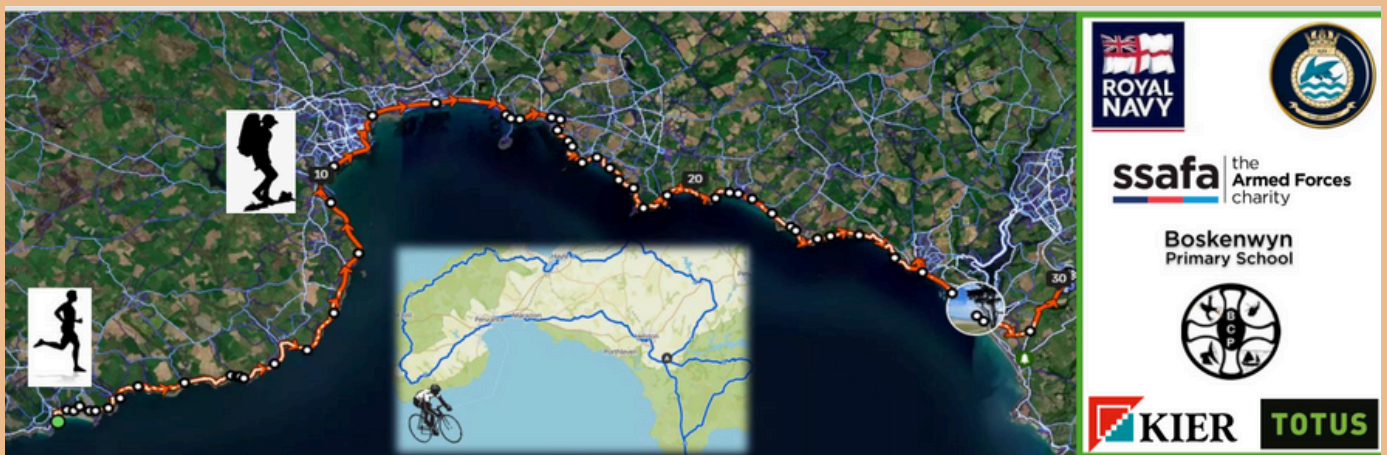
SATURDAY MAY 31ST



Cornwall
Pride

SPONSORSHIP SUPPORT

RNAS Culdrose has kindly nominated us to receive a donation (towards our playground fund) from their wheels and heels event. Please feel free to share amongst family and friends.



20-mile coast walk, 30-mile coast path run, 100-mile cycle, 3 teams, same goal.
Which team will be the first to cross the line?

TOTUS 2025 Wheels & Heels Challenge – THE RACE IS ON!

<https://gvwhl.com/VJFAV>



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST



Parents and Carers
Please join us for a
5 session online
workshop for
**Behaviour as
Communication
- Parent support**

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025, please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

TO BOOK A PLACE PLEASE COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM HERE
[HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/BVHDPYUCQA](https://forms.office.com/E/BVHDPYUCQA)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW



This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Parents and Carers - please join us for a 5 session online workshop where we will teach you **practical strategies to support your child with their anxiety and worries**

Various morning and afternoon sessions available starting week commencing 9 June 2025 , please select when you sign up. Please note you will be signed up to the same day and time for the duration of the workshop.

To book a place please complete the online form **HERE**
<https://forms.office.com/e/0qRnKmCw1i> or scan the QR code



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FREE wellbeing support for you and your child

HeadStart Kernow working in partnership with Creative Education are offering parents and carers across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly FREE access to an online, on demand library of resources to support wellbeing both for you and your child(ren).

The content includes a mix of webinars, short online courses and bite-size information for EY / primary / secondary ages and covering topics such as:

- *Self-care for parents and carers*
- *Supporting your child when they start a new school*
- *What to do when your child is being bullied*
- *Parental awareness of self harm*
- *Worries and anxiety (including simple coping strategies)*
- *Helping children with friendship issues*
- *Laugh your way to stronger connections*
- *Understanding the teenage brain*
- *10 ideas to boost family wellbeing*
- *Top tips to help improve children's sleep*

How to sign up

To get your full and free access (lasting until 31st July 2026)
follow this link:

www.creativeeducation.co.uk/headstart-kernow-parents



Find more about family wellbeing on the
Headstart Website
www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents--carers/



ADVENTURE CHILDCARE AND FAMILY DAYS OUT AT VIA FERRATA CORNWALL!

Are your children aged 6-13, up for fun outdoor adventures and ready to learn new skills and make friends? Check out our [Adventure Holiday Club](#)! This is available for the next school holiday.

Choose from climbing, archery, watersports, adventure quarry games, giant catapults, raft-building, zip-lining, coasteering in the quarry and more! You can simply drop your children off and leave them with us for an epic adventure to remember! We offer flexible options to fit around your working day, so you can treat your child to half a day or a full day with us.

We also offer family days out: there's the chance to take on the [Via Ferrata](#), the ultimate high wire adventure with zip wire, as well as the [Zip Wire Safari](#)! There's also a Cafe, free nature trails and a wild play area for under 10's. Check out our [website](#) for more.



School information finder - Boskenwyn

What information do you need?	Where to find the information
I need to contact school urgently	Phone on 01326 572618
I need to contact school non-urgently	Email secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk or email class teacher(name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw Reading records
I want to report my child absent from school	Phone call before 0900 on 01326 572618
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn head@fbgschools.co.uk Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk Denise Rusga drusga@fbgschools.co.uk

SCHOOL CLOSURES IN EMERGENCY – AGREED NOTIFICATION PROCEDURE

Please see the attached guidance from Cornwall Council. Sometimes schools have to make the decision to close either partially or fully due to inclement weather such as snow or other unforeseen circumstances. The procedures are revised annually.

The agreed notification Procedure for our school is:

- 1) We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website
- 2) We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites
- 3) We will post on our Facebook pages, "The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe School," "Boskenwyn FOBS" and "Germoe FROGS"

If you wake up to a blanket of snow in the near future then please make sure you check one or more of the above places to keep up to date with school closures, it may be that we open later or close earlier so you will need to check before coming to school. If the school needs to close whilst the children are there then we will contact all parents via phone.



School emergency closures

A guide for parents / carers

We recognise that the decision to close a school in the event of an emergency (eg snow, flooding, no water or heating) significantly impacts upon you, as parents / carers. This guide outlines the agreed procedure which all schools are asked to follow and offers advice to parents / carers on the key things to consider, both before and after the decision to close has been made.

Guidance given to schools

Guidance and procedures are sent to all schools on an annual basis, usually at the start of the autumn term. To prevent the possibility of fraudulent school closures, schools are required to follow a verification process before providing school closure information. Schools are then asked to:

Undertake a risk assessment, using common sense to determine whether it is feasible for children and staff to remain in the school; and if not, what subsequent risks could arise by sending them home. Before school hours start, schools are also asked to assess if the roads are safe for children to travel to school.

Seek approval from the Governing Board (usually the decision of the Chair of Governors will suffice) to authorise the decision to close.

Notify Cornwall Council and the local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM and Pirate FM). Providing the school follow the agreed procedure, each of the radio stations have all agreed to broadcast details of all school closures.

We will publish a list of current school closures on the Cornwall Council website at www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures and on our social media channels.

Social Media

- **Facebook**
www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall
- **Instagram**
www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall
- **Twitter**
www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall

Know your school's procedure

Although schools are asked to follow this procedure, schools will have their own plan of action to be followed in the event of a closure. This should include details of how parents will be notified (eg via radio, text message, social media, etc). It is essential that schools communicate their plan to all parents as early as possible, and equally that all parents familiarise themselves with the agreed plan.

Who to contact

If the decision is made to close, you will be notified by the school's agreed notification procedure. Should you need to contact the school directly, please be aware that the line(s) may be busy or unavailable when a large number of parents are calling at the same time.

Useful websites

- **Cornwall Snow Advice**
www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow
- **Met Office**
www.metoffice.gov.uk
- **Environment Agency**
www.environment-agency.gov.uk
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**
www.devon-cornwall.police.uk

Contact us

Email: togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk
Call: 0300 1234 101



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