



# Boskenwyn School

## Newsletter

3rd October 2025

### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to the Year 5 and 6 parents for their feedback on the school residential. We are presently revising this and are awaiting quotes for alternative trips.

Please could you help early years and key stage one enhance their provision? If you have any of the following spare at home, could you please bring it in?

Buttons

Ribbons

A tool box or jewellery box

String

Material

Watering can

Aprons

Moulds (for play dough/sand/water)

Ocean animals

Carpenter's belt

Scales

Your help would be much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



## WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Harvest Festival**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November  
Gweek Village Hall

#### **Parents coffee meeting**

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 9am

#### **Class Photos**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - AM

#### **Parents coffee meeting**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2:30pm

#### **Parents coffee meeting**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9am

#### **Parents coffee meeting**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2:30pm

#### **Parents coffee meeting**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 9am

### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

#### **Mondays**

- KS2 Football  
with Mr Watson)

**This club will not run when there  
is a football league game on:  
6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.**

#### **Tuesdays**

- Year 3/4 Lego Club  
with Mr Hemsley
- Year 5/6 Greenpower Club  
with Mrs Nicholas
- KS1 Seasonal Crafts  
with Mr Lawrence

#### **Thursdays**

- Eco Club  
with Miss Schellekens
- Wraparound Breakfast Club  
available from 8am and after  
school care until 4:30pm daily**

### SAFETY REMINDERS

Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.  
Drive slowly when you enter and leave the school.

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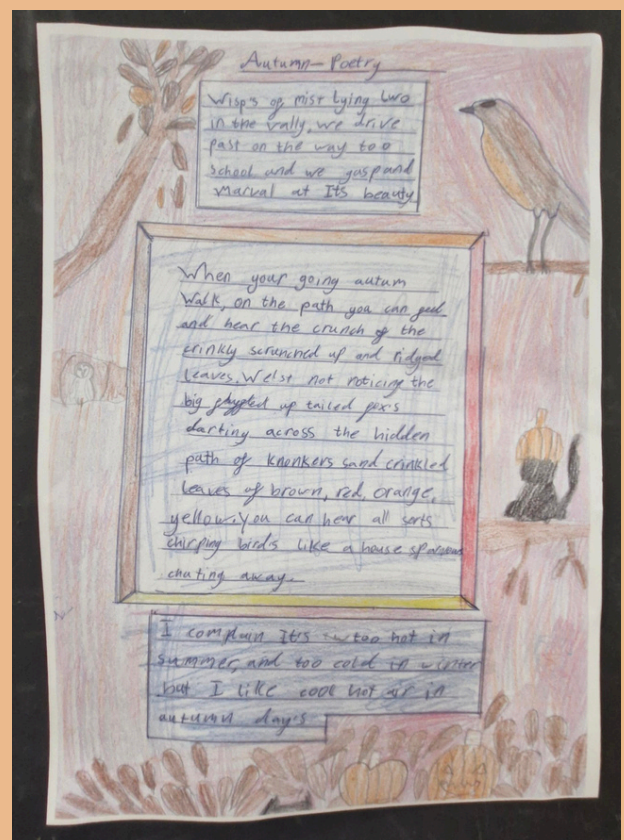
## CLASS UPDATE

### Poldhu Class

What a great couple of weeks it has been in Poldhu.

We have been busy writing poems for Harvest, thinking about using our senses and different poetic devices. The children enjoyed writing them so much that we have spent the week writing poems about a variety of topics (Halloween being the most popular). We are so impressed with their poetry and can't wait to share them with you at Harvest Festival.

In art we have been working on our collage pictures using a range of different materials. Again, we have been really impressed with the children's attention to detail and focus. We are looking forward to seeing everyone's final pieces once their skills have been refined.



## ECO CLUB

This week we have been looking at the fruit crops. We noticed that the blackberries ripened much earlier this year and the apple crop was abundant thanks to last month's rain.

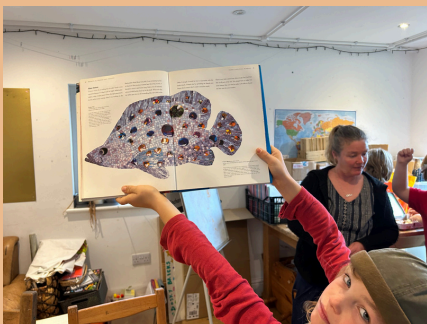
Climate change and changing weather patterns impact our UK harvest. We found out that the UK supermarkets only sell about 10-12 varieties of apples but there are an astonishing 7,000 varieties worldwide.

We tallied up the amount of apple trees we have within the Eco Warriors' households and including the one at school, we came to 31 apple trees.

Thanks to Mrs Winter we managed to obtain a nice base for our school mosaic. The Eco warriors have been busy adding their individual designs; we will be working on this as a whole for quite some time.

If anybody has some broken crockery they want to donate towards our mosaic, please bring it to Linda in Reception.

Enjoy your weekend and don't forget your raincoat because you are going to need it! The Eco Warriors





### **CHANGE OF MENU ITEM!**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October we are having loaded nachos instead of our regular menu item. On offer is a beef chilli option or a veggie option, both options come with nachos and cheese (dairy or vegan) of course!



### **PLEASE RESPECT OUR SCHOOL!**

Please respect the school rules and grounds by not allowing your child/ren to climb the hedges/tree/gates at drop off and pick up.

Please also DO NOT REMOVE play items from the shed. This can only be done during school hours by school staff.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November at Gweek Village Hall starting at 2.30. All welcome!

This will include our harvest auction to raise money for Helston food bank.

All donations of auction items will be greatly appreciated!



## **HEALTH AND SAFETY FIRST!**

Please do not bring scooters, skateboards or similar onto the school playground at the beginning or end of the day.

The playground is quite busy, and this is a real health and safety hazard with so many people milling about.

Thank you

## FOBS NEWS

### Pub Quiz and Meet up!

The Black Swan Pub in Gweek are kindly donating all proceeds from their Pub Quiz to our playground fund. The Quiz will be held on 14th October from 8PM. All are welcome – it's a bit of fun whilst raising funds for our school.

The FOBS team will also be holding an informal meeting from 7pm before the Quiz. Please do come along to find out how you can help get involved with our fundraising events. Our volunteers make it possible to hold events and we are so grateful for any help people can offer us!

We hope to see you at the quiz!





# OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMPS

SCHEDULE 2025

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Bushcraft

(Survival skills & Combat)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Bushcraft

(Wild cooking & foraging)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Bushcraft

(Explorer, navigation & tracking)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Multi Sport Activity Camp

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** - Multi Sport Activity Camp,

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** - Multi Sport Activity Camp

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** - Multi Sport Activity Camp

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** - Halloween Special Activity Camp

**BOOKINGS GO LIVE MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER!**

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[www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)







**Cornwall Partnership**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**The Mental Health Support Team warmly  
invite you to attend...**

# **Wild Wellbeing**

**During October half term we are offering FREE nature based  
creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.  
This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.  
Please book EACH child on to a session.**

**Morning and afternoon sessions available at:**

**The Core at St Ives Community  
Orchard - Thursday 30 October**

**Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October**

**We are also offering a Parentwell session at  
Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October**

**Each session will last approx. 2 hours**

**To request a place, please complete the online  
form or scan the QR code provided:**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>**

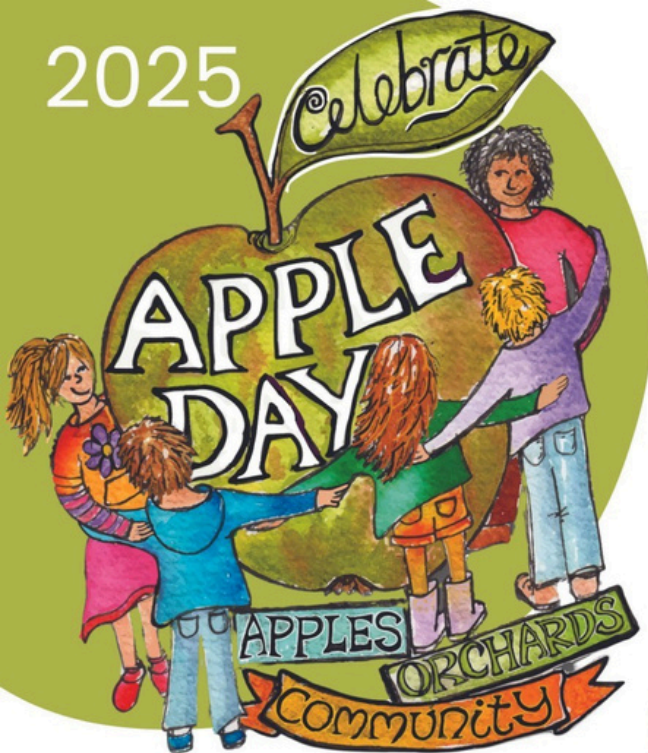
**Follow us on Facebook for updates and  
upcoming events:**

**Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**





2025



Saturday  
11th October  
11am until 6pm



Refreshments & Bar

Children's Games & Activities

Live Music all day, Procession  
Orchard Blessing, Ceilidh

Rural Crafts & Demonstrations

Exhibition, Tasting, ID, Trees, Orchard Tours  
& Advice, Juice & Juice Pressing, Games,  
Traditions, Crafts, Cakes, Cider & more

Join Us!  
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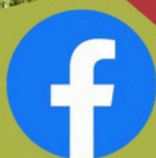
The Apple!

Please car-share if you can  
or come by bus (T1 T2)...or  
on your bike....or your feet!



TICKETS

It's cheaper to book in advance  
Adults £5 (£6 on the day) Children  
6-16 £3 (£4 on the day) Carers and  
children 5 & under FREE



[www.kehellandtrust.org.uk](http://www.kehellandtrust.org.uk)

## **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](mailto:bertie.archer@fbgschools.co.uk)

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





## 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 <a href="mailto:secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> 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 <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu Summer term (being refreshed at the end of October)
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk">www.boskenwyn.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01326 572618 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fbgschools.co.uk">drusga@fbgschools.co.uk</a>

## **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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolclosures) and on our social media channels.

### Social Media

- **Facebook**  
[www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.facebook.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Instagram**  
[www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall](http://www.instagram.com/TFFCornwall)
- **Twitter**  
[www.twitter.com/TFFCornwall](http://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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/snow)
- **Met Office**  
[www.metoffice.gov.uk](http://www.metoffice.gov.uk)
- **Environment Agency**  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)
- **Devon and Cornwall Police**  
[www.devon-cornwall.police.uk](http://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk)

### Contact us

Email: [togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:togetherforfamilies@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Call: 0300 1234 101



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