

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

19th September 2025

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

You will be very pleased to know that on a surprise environmental health inspection to our kitchen last week, we received the highest grade of 5. Well done to all the staff.

We are still having ongoing discussions with Cornwall Council and moving forward with works as we can. I have asked for a formal update to share with you. We are doing the best we can to get the grounds back in order and we would really appreciate a little help from you if possible, to move some of the rubbish we have piled up. We have ordered a skip and have a 45 minute window to load it, this will be next Thursday at 2pm. If you have some free time, please can you help us? We would also like a working group if possible to look at some decorating of the internal rooms. If you would like to volunteer yourself then please let Linda know and we will take it from there.

Hope to see you at the parent governor meeting on Monday

Best wishes

Paula Blackburn



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parents coffee meeting

Monday 22nd September 2:30pm

Individual and Sibling Photos

Friday 3rd October – 08:30 start

Parents coffee meeting

Wednesday 19th November 9am

Class Photos

Monday 27th April – AM

Parents coffee meeting

Thursday 5th February 2:30pm

Parents coffee meeting

Wednesday 18th March 9am

Parents coffee meeting

Thursday 30th April 2:30pm

Parents coffee meeting

Monday 22nd June 9am

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

KS2 Football
with Mr Watson)

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

Tuesdays

Year 3/4 Lego Club
with Mr Hemsley
Year 5/6 Greenpower Club
with Mrs Nicholas

Greenpower not on 30th Sept

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

Church Cove Class

It has been a busy and exciting start to the year in Church Cove Class! We have been working very hard on place value in Maths and learning about nouns and verbs in English. We have started learning about the Stone Age and how people lived during these times in Inquiry - with a mix of building knowledge alongside using our inquiry skills to find out answers to our own questions about the Stone Age. We have been learning about our bodies in Science, and even investigating if longer leg bones mean that you can jump further. The class have also been focusing on their dribbling, passing and shooting in football during PE.

The Year 3s have settled brilliantly into their new Year 3&4 class and have tackled every challenge with amazing attitude and a smile on their faces.



ECO CLUB

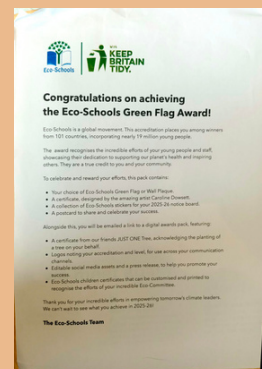
Hello again,

This week we had our first Ecoclub this academic school year. We are so proud to reveal that we again received the Eco School Flag, but this time with a Distinction! This is a massive achievement for our Eco Warriors who made it happen. Soon we will be seeing our plaques hanging proudly in our school. Well done Eco Warriors!

With delight we have some new faces appear within our Eco Warriors family who can bring their views to the table. This week we have discussed which topics we like to explore; and some really brilliant ideas have already been discussed by the children.

We also had a litter pick and were shocked how much fruit was found left in the playground and in the normal bin.

Have a lovely weekend.
The Eco Warriors





Sounds-Write

Phonetic Coding



We are so excited to be implementing Sounds-Write phonics at Germoe and Boskenwyn and really feel it will have a positive impact on the children with their reading, writing and spellings. Below is a little bit of information about what Sounds-Write will look like and the slight changes for how we will send books home, compared to previous years.

Phonics Sessions

All children in Years Reception - Year 2 will complete daily phonetic coding sessions with us in school. In Reception, this will be focused on the Initial Code, Year 1s will explore the Initial Code and the Extended Code and Year 2s will learn about the Extended Code in greater depth. Sounds-Write provides a Guide for Parents, which will be shared with you on Seesaw. This includes advice on how best to support your children at home and how we teach the sounds across the academic year.

Reading Books

Sounds-Write recommends that the children bring books home that are decodable and achievable to allow the children to feel success, feel confident and build fluency. The children should be able to segment and blend the words to share the text with you at home. For this reason, the books sent home will be at least 2 units behind where we are teaching in class, to really make sure that the children are confident with the sounds that they contain. However, as a school we have also chosen to send home a second 'book of choice' with the children so they can still develop their love of reading and preferences for genre and style of text. Most children will bring 2 books home with them which can be changed as often as necessary. Once the children reach a certain point with their phonetic coding, they will no longer need the Sounds-Write books so will only bring home their books of choice. This is recommended to be mid-Year 1 or early Year 2 but will vary for each child depending on their needs.

As always, please do get in touch with your class teacher if you have any more questions.

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!



PLEA FOR MANUAL LABOUR!

On Thursday 25th September, we are having a wait and load skip arrive to take away the debris left over from the works done over the summer holidays. Please can you give us a hand? We have 45 minutes to load a skip in the staff car park?

Many thanks!



CMST SINGING LESSONS!

Just to let you know that voice lessons are on the sign-up page of the CMST website – <https://cmst.co.uk/signup>

If you have previously expressed an interest, please sign up to voice lessons using this link – so that the teacher can gauge the time needed to be spent in school. She has a bit of spare time available now as last year's Year 6's have now moved on.

REQUEST FROM ROSEMULLION CLASS!

We're being very creative in class and are rapidly running out of materials. Please may we ask for any spare material you may have, wool, buttons etc. We just want to make lovely things!

Thank you!

SCROUNGE FOR POLDHU CLASS!

We're collaging this half term and need colour magazines, newspapers, scraps of cloth and any other materials that may allow creativity in collage.

Any corrugated cardboard or other textural materials would be great. Thanks!

PLEA FOR THE PLAYGROUND!

Please may we have any old but in good condition baby dolls, accessories and prams?

Also, any toys that may be used for the playground.

Please feel free to contact Mrs Nicholas if you have anything which may be suitable. Thank you!

NEURODIVERSITY PARENT CAFE

Monday September 29th, 9.30 to 11pm, at Germoe School

All parents from both Germoe and Boskenwyn Schools are welcome to come along.

A representative from the Autism team will be present to answer questions, offer supportive advice and signpost parents to other useful things for their neurodiverse children.

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The
deadline for
applications is
31 October
2025

Transfer to secondary school September 2026

Applying for a place
in year seven at a
secondary school



Information and guidance

Application form and information: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**



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Anticipatory Grief Support

Support for families with children when a parent/carer has a terminal illness.



gunnerskids.org



Early Help Kerrier Drop in with CAMHS

You are invited to our Early Help drop in
23rd September 2025 at 9.30am.

Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, TR15 1NA.

The CAMHS Team- The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has a range of teams for children and young people and covers the spectrum of ages 0 to 18 years old

SEN Navigators Team and Cornwall SENDIASS- for advice on how to find Special Educational Needs support
and
Early Help Family and Youth Workers

All welcome, Free of charge, Refreshments provided

**For any further information
please contact:**

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000



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!



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
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