



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

28th November 2025

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

The governing body met this week and amongst a well-packed agenda, we scrutinised the absence requests for this term. Unfortunately, not all of the requests were authorised and parents will be notified of the results within 5 days of the meeting. I would like to stress the importance of ensuring that you have authorisation before booking any flights or accommodation because if there are any unauthorised absences for 10 sessions (5 days) or more then we will have no choice but to issue a penalty notice. The Working together to Improve Attendance document from the DFE is now statutory so we have to abide to it. If you are unsure and would like to discuss a potential absence then I will happily meet with you to discuss.

Our attendance is presently below Cornish and National averages. Under the new Ofsted framework, attendance and behaviour now have new success criteria and if ours isn't met then we will fail to be at expected level.

It is no longer a best fit score or level; if our attendance doesn't improve then we will be in a category of concern for Attendance and behaviour. Please don't let that happen to us. Illness and exceptional circumstances cannot be prevented, we understand that completely, but late marks turn into unauthorised absences so punctuality really needs to improve to increase our attendance figures.

Holidays can be taken during the 14 weeks outside of term time.

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN CONTINUED

Lucy, one of our governors, who works with the autism team, and is a Senior Educational Psychologist (and a parent of a Germoe child) attended some gaming training which she said would be really useful for parents/carers to take a look at. Especially if your child is into games such as Minecraft. Here is a link

[For parents & carers | Ygam](#)

On a lighter note, we would like to welcome Andy on board the governing body. Andy is a Germoe parent and has a wealth of experience in compliance, health and safety etc. We also had 2 potential governors who are Boskenwyn parents who attended the meeting and who we hope to welcome to the governing body officially next term.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 8th December Gweek Village
Hall - 2pm and 6pm

KS1 Christmas Production

Tuesday 9th December Gweek Village
Hall 2:30pm

Rogue Theatre Production

Thursday 11th December

School Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 16th December

Finish early at 1:30pm

Friday 19th December

Class Photos

Monday 27th April - AM

Parents coffee meeting

Thursday 5th February 2:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**Wraparound Breakfast Club
available from 8am and after
school care until 4:30pm daily**

**All other after school clubs are
cancelled until January.**

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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SCHOOL START TIMES AND ENTRY TO CLASSES

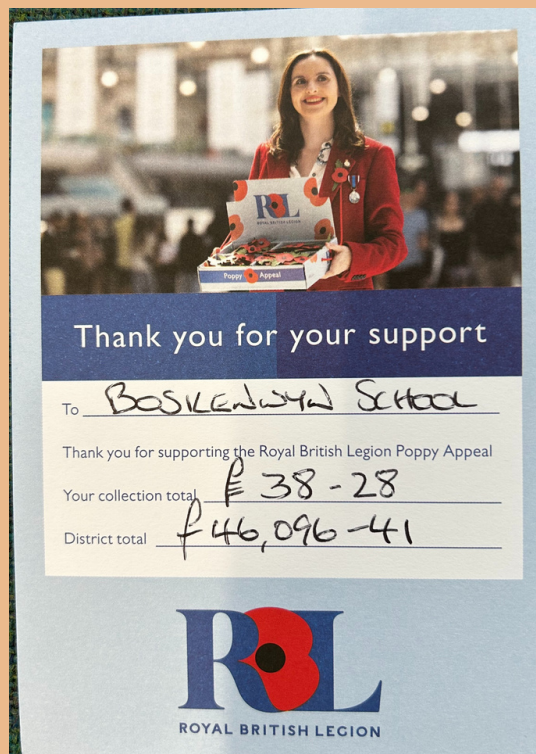
A reminder that Rosemullion Class (Reception and KS1) starts at 9am every morning.

Entry to the classroom is from 08:45 – no earlier.

Church Cove Class and Poldhu Class (KS2) start each morning at 08:45

Entry to the classroom is from 08:30 – no earlier.

Please ensure your child is in the classroom ready for the start of each morning, but please don't drop them unattended or earlier than the class entry times. Thank you.



CLASS UPDATE

Church Cove Class

It has been an exciting few weeks in Church Cove Class! We have been busy rehearsing our Christmas play, 'Bosky's Christmas Crackers', practising a range of Christmas songs with solos in each.

We also went on a school trip to Chysauster Ancient Village this morning, exploring stone courtyard houses resided in thousands of years ago. The trip helped us to extend our knowledge of our topic of Britain during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age and brought what we have learned to life!

We have been creating presentations and Palaeolithic cave painting artwork to showcase our vast knowledge of the topic. The class are using their hands and ground chalk to paint both the backgrounds as well as the various objects of their paintings, such as woolly mammoths, sabre-toothed tigers, stone axes and many more. We have also been learning to write letters about an adventure to the Stone Age, as well as currently writing stories about an exploration of the Iron Age.



ECO CLUB

This week, we discussed how the things we buy affect climate change.

TURN BLACK FRIDAY GREEN

FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER -INTERNATIONAL 'BUY NOTHING DAY'.

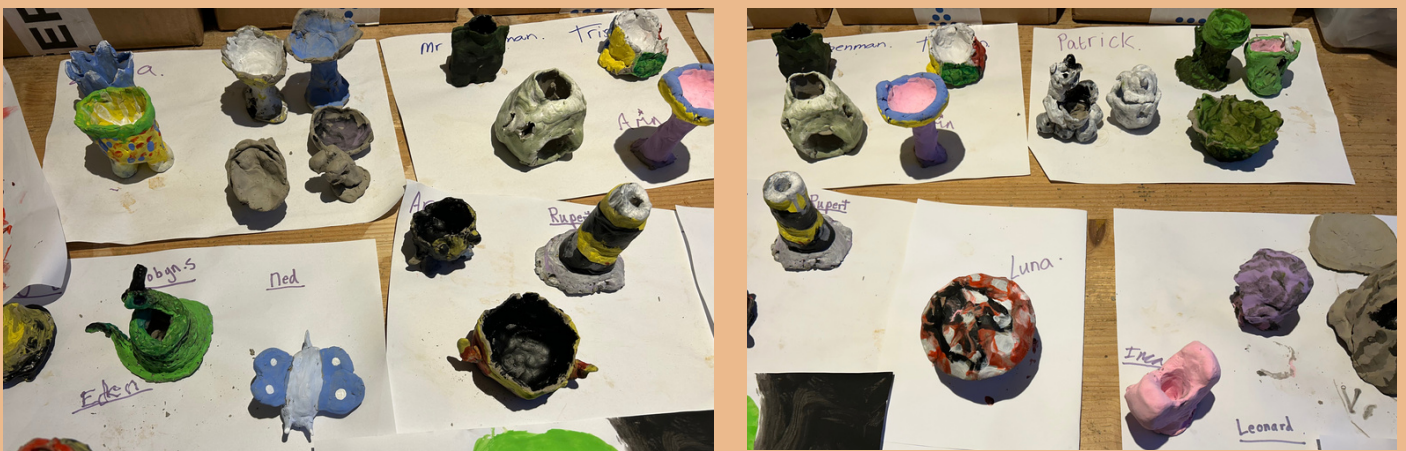
Reduce the clicks and think about rainforests! What presents could you make instead of buying? Get creative! It's not the size that matters, but the love which was put into making it.

After our discussion, the Eco Warriors finished off their handmade candle holders by painting them ready to take home and use.

This was our last Eco club for this year. It will be a busy time again this December for everyone.

Have an amazing countdown to Christmas. Enjoy these special days with your family and friends!

We will see you all back in January.
The Eco Warriors



FOBS NEWS

Christmas Fair and Winter Social

The Christmas Fair is next **Thursday 4th December** at the Gig Club.

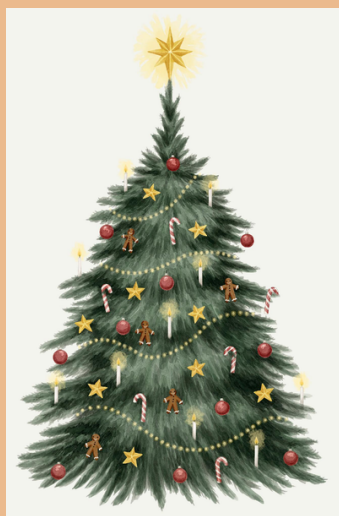
Please can you bring any baked goodies to Reception that morning for us to sell.

We also are asking if you can loan any fairy lights to help us decorate; we will return them the following day.

Also we are in need of toilet roll tube inners for one of the craft activities. Again please leave in Reception.

We are still looking for a few extra people to help run stalls – please email boskenwynfobs@gmail.com if you can lend a hand.

We look forward to seeing you there!





BOSKENWYN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
THE HELFORD GIG CLUB, GWEK
3:45PM - 6:30PM

★ CHRISTMAS STALLS ★
CURRY - DRINKS - CAKES
★ FESTIVE GAMES ★
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

A SOCIAL EVENT TO GATHER
& RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR
SCHOOL

NITS!

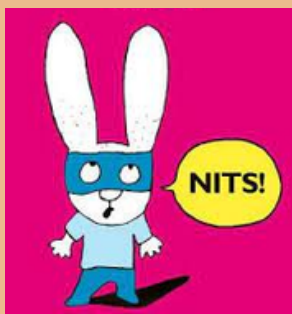
We have been advised that nits are on the rampage yet again.

Please check your child's hair for nits and take immediate action if you spot their presence.

The most effective way to remove nits without using chemicals is to:

Wash hair, smother it with the cheapest conditioner and comb through with a nit comb. Repeat every day for a week – that catches the eggs too.

If your child has long hair, please keep it tied back as that also reduces the risk of catching these creatures.



MESSAGE FROM DEVON AND CORNWALL POLICE

As children are now writing their Christmas lists to Santa, we would like to inform parents that E-scooters are illegal in public places and can only be ridden on private land with the landowner's permission. Therefore, we are trying to discourage these as a Christmas present idea.

[Advice on e-scooter usage | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

There are also limitations on E-bikes.

[What you need to know: electric bikes | Devon & Cornwall Police](#)

SWISS STUDENTS – HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

Last summer we successfully hosted 3 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school.
In previous years, we have hosted more than this.

The children really enjoy having the Students present in their classes, and the Students have a fabulous time both at the school, and with their host families.

This year, we will be hosting our Swiss students from Sunday 21st June to Saturday 4th July 2026..

Host families receive £350 per student. For that, you will need to provide accommodation, all their meals, bring them to school and pick them up each day. (We are happy to send more than one student to the same family and the students can share a bedroom). The students are all CRB checked and they can provide proof of this. The students will be aged around 17-18 years old. They are German speaking and they all speak excellent French and English.

Please let Linda know If you are interested, so we can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School.

They are looking to accommodate 160 students this year – so every place is gratefully accepted!

If you have any questions, please do ask!



Christmas Menu

Tuesday 16th December

MAIN COURSE

Roast Turkey
Quorn Roast
Vegan Roast - all with gravy

SIDES

Sage + Onion Stuffing
Pigs in Blankets
Roast Potatoes + Parsnips
Fresh Sprouts, Carrots + Peas

DESSERT

Mince Pinwheels + Custard or
Gingerbread Man





PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

A relaxed drop-in event for Parents and Carers of Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).



- Grab a free drink and snack.
- Meet other Parents and Carers.
- Ask your questions and give feedback.
- Have a look through our resources and signposting information.

WHERE AND WHEN

Date: Monday 15th December 2025

Time: 09:30-11:30am

Location: Helston Family Hub, Bulwark Road, Helston, TR13 8JF.

Hosted by: Georgie Watson (she/her)
georgiepcc@outlook.com

www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk



EXPLORE AUTISM, THE 4 AREAS OF DIFFERENCE AND THE PDA PROFILE

19TH JANUARY 2026
10.30AM - 12.30PM
HAYLE FAMILY HUB

To book your place email:
laurenlpcc@outlook.com

Elizabeth Freeborn
with her band

WAKE the River

In Concert with support from



ALICE
WONDER
HARP

A candlelit concert of live music supporting VoW's mission to
give legal personhood to Rivers and Rias in the Uk
Sunday November 30th, St Laudus Church,
Mabe, 4pm

Tickets £4/£7/£10 child/unwaged/waged

Book online via www.alicewonderharp.co.uk

Bring Cash for refreshments/raffle

online booking advised, on the door price £11

Voices of Water Foundation



**HELSTON
RAILWAY**

Christmas Trains



Santa Train Dates (December 2025)

6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

Santa Train Times

10:00, 11:30, 15:00

Train of Light Time

17:30



Ticket Prices

Adult £10

Child £11.50

Under 5 years £5

Child and under 5 prices include
present from Santa!

visit www.helstonrailway.co.uk

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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