



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

2nd October 2026

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Today, I wanted to cover the new FSM (Free School Meal) status as many of you will have now qualified for Free School Meals, whereas this hasn't previously been the case. The FSM status, as we know it, has been split into two different types: Targeted (this is for those in receipt of Universal Credit and whose income is below a certain level) and Expanded (for those on Universal Credit).

The school receives a Pupil Premium payment for children in the Targeted FSM status. This helps fund extra provision for those children, including our offer to reduce prices of school camps.

The school does not receive Pupil Premium funding for those on Expanded FSM.

When we sent our KS2 Camp letters out earlier this year, we indicated that children who were on FSM could qualify for a reduced price. We have offered the same reduced price to parents on both Targeted and Expanded FSM. This means the school will fund the difference. We didn't want to start differentiating whilst the FSM applications are still in progress.

However, from now on, when we can offer a discounted rate, we will only be able to offer a full discount to those in the Targeted category.

I hope this is clear. If not, please do not hesitate to ask.
Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Paula Blackburn

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Celebration

Tuesday 13th October

Gweek Village Hall 2:30pm

Donations to Helston Food Bank please

Individual & Siblings photographs

Thursday 22nd October from 8:30am

Bag2School Collection

Tuesday 8th December

KS2 Christmas Performance

Monday 14th December

School Christmas Dinner!

Tuesday 15th December

Class Photos

Tuesday 20th April from 8:30am

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

KS2 Football with Mr Hemsley

Due to Football league, club is not on:

12th October 16th November.

Tuesdays

Chess Club Y1-6 with Mr Lawrence

Greenpower Club with Mrs Nicholas

Poldhu Class only

starts 3rd November

Thursdays

KS2 Netball with Mr Watson

Eco Club with Miss S

**resumes after October half term -
watch this space!**

All clubs finish at 4:30pm

**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 start to the term it has been for Poldhu. Everyone is now settled in, and we are blown away by the attitude for learning from all of the children.

We have written our own defeating the monster stories based around the legend of Beowulf and these will be on display in the Village Hall soon. Reading Beowulf helped kick off our topic of Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. We have learnt about why the Anglo-Saxons came to Britain and are beginning to understand how they ruled. This has led into our DT where the children are building their own Anglo-Saxon houses.

Yesterday we joined in with a poetry day assembly with Hot Poets and Michael Rosen. The topic was 'Wonder is ...' and we are planning on writing a class poem and sharing it with Hot Poets.



ECO CLUB

Our Eco Club held its first session yesterday – but we now won't be back until after the half term.

We had planned to go through what we're going to be doing this year, but because of other meetings taking place, there weren't many of us attending.

We therefore decided to craft with natural materials! As you do!

We made some lovely creations, and it was a wonderfully relaxed session!

We look forward to seeing everyone return in November!



SCHOOL UNIFORM

A Reminder of our School Uniform:

*Black or dark grey trousers, leggings, skirt or joggers.

*Red polo shirt and navy/blue jumper or sweatshirt. We have a sapphire blue school sweatshirt which you can buy for £11 cash in the office or on SchoolMoney.

*Comfortable shoes or trainers are fine.

*No big logos or flashing lights please.

* A rucksack containing a water drinks bottle, raincoat, hat and some suncream.

Asda seem to be able to accommodate our uniform requirements without going somewhere pricey.

BAG2SCHOOL COLLECTION

We are having a Bag2School collection on Tuesday 8th December to raise money for the school. We are paid by the weight of the load which is collected by van from us early in the morning (normally around 8:30-9am).

Please save your unwanted clothes, bags and shoes for us!



FOBS NEWS

Dates for your diary

Autumn FOBS Social with pumpkin sale and autumn games and crafts. Food & Drinks.

The Gig Club – Thursday 22nd October – 3:45pm – 6pm.

Helpers welcome – please email boskenwynfobs@gmail.com or speak to a member of Fobs.





Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST

Join us for our 5-week online
**Parent-Led CBT or Behavior as
Communication.**

Sessions are available on Tuesdays or
Wednesdays beginning 10 November
2026 at 10am or 1pm.

Parent-led cognitive behavioural
therapy (CBT) is a short psychological
intervention that helps parents and
carers apply CBT principles in their
child's daily life, to support with
childhood worries.

Behaviour as communication provides
parents with some practical strategies
to foster positive behaviour and
communication at home.

Please sign up via the online form
here:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/e/ACeKmRZfn5>



Sign up closes 23/10/2026 at 5pm

**All sign ups will require an individual pre group
assessment phone call**



Free Kids Clothes Swap



**10 Oct 26, 12-2pm
at Constantine Church**

Donations aren't essential to attend, we'd love you to join us and take home clothes (0-12y) even if you don't have items to swap. Leftover clothes will be donated to local charities.

I'M

BRAVING THE SHAVE

FOR
MACMILLAN
CANCER SUPPORT

I'm shaving my head to
raise vital funds for
Macmillan Cancer Support.

WHY I'M DOING IT 24 OCTOBER 2026

Patrick was diagnosed with cancer in 2016. I'm doing this 10 years to the day that he received the all clear.

This charity has been there for us during one of the hardest times in our lives. Now I want to give something back and help them support more people when they need it most.



24 OCTOBER 2026



**EVERY DONATION
MAKES A DIFFERENCE**

Thank you so much for
your support!

£1,185

RAISED

£500

TARGET

49

SUPPORTERS

SCAN TO
DONATE →



**PLEASE DONATE
IF YOU CAN**



OR VISIT

[bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/
shavers/b7c58f99-7bff-49af-b997-42aebd065122](https://bravetheshave.macmillan.org.uk/shavers/b7c58f99-7bff-49af-b997-42aebd065122)

≡ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!** ♥ ≡



Christmas

-DINNER MENU-
TUESDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Main Course

Roast Turkey | Quorn Roast | Vegan Roast
All served with gravy

Sides

Pigs in Blankets | Roast Potatoes | Parsnips | Peas
Fresh Sprouts | Carrots | Sage & Onion Stuffing

Dessert

Gingerbread Man | Mince Pinwheels and Custard



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

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