

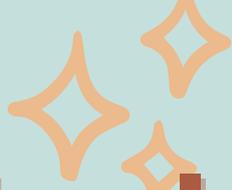
BOSKENWYN



**Boskenwyn School**

**Newsletter**

25th April 2025



**MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN**

Dear parents and carers,

Despite starting back on Tuesday this week, we seem to have crammed 5 days worth of energy into this week's learning!

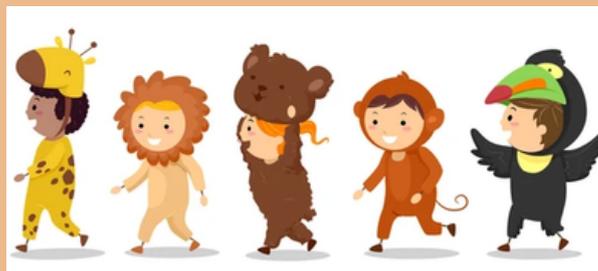
The children have all been eager to get back to school and started on their next project!

Friday was fun to see many of the children and staff dressed as their favourite animal - and all for a good cause too.

I hope everyone manages to have a good rest this weekend and we look forward to seeing you all back next week - as bright eyed and bushy tailed as you were on Friday!

Best wishes

Paula Blackburn



## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Class Photos**

Monday 28th April

### **Parents coffee and cake meeting**

Thursday 8th May 9am

### **Sports Day**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2pm

### **Parents coffee and cake meeting**

Wednesday 2nd July 2.30pm

### **KS2 Summer Production**

Tuesday 8th July

### **Bosky's Got Talent**

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2pm

Gweek Village Hall

### **Leavers' Service**

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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

**Greenpower Club resumes  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

### **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

### Poldhu Class

Wow, what a 1<sup>st</sup> week back from the Easter Break.

On Wednesday we were lucky enough to go to Woodland Valley Farm. This is an organic farm who are also helping to reintroduce beavers back into the wild. We visited their beaver habitat and learnt about the positive impact that beavers have on the land and the wildlife. As beavers are most active at dusk and dawn, we unfortunately didn't see any. However, we did see their lodges, tunnels and evidence of where they have been chewing trees. We learnt that they are very clever and do not always chew straight through a tree; they leave some trunk connected so that tree so their food source, stays alive!

We also got to visit the cows, lambs, pigs, horses and took part in a frog hunt.

In the afternoon, the children had some time to play in the woods and some very impressive dens were constructed.

Today (Friday) we dressed up as animals for our 'Wear it Wild' day and are happy that we have raised enough money to sponsor a rhino.

We also had the lifeguards in this afternoon to remind us about beach safety!

We are looking forward to seeing what the rest of the term holds in store!



## 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

### ***Friday was Wear Something Animal Themed Day!***

The day was a huge success!

In return for minimum donation per child, each class had the opportunity to adopt an endangered animal from WWF.

The class which raised the highest amount had first pick of their class animal. The animals adopted by each class are as follows:

Rosemullion - Gorilla

Poldhu - Rhino

Church Cove - Tiger

We look forward to following each animal's progress over the year.

Thank you for joining in the fun and enabling us to adopt these animals.

From Miss S and the Eco Club Team



## FOBS NEWS

We are holding a social evening to raise more funds for the playground and school. It will also be a good opportunity to get parents together and have a fun time. The evening will be in Helston and a 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).

To book a spot please email [boskenwynfobs@gmail.com](mailto:boskenwynfobs@gmail.com) and we will provide payment instructions.

We have around 40-50 places, please book early so we can manage rough numbers!

# BOSKENWYN SOCIAL CURRY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

THURSDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto: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



# 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



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

## 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](http://www.creativeeducation.co.uk/headstart-kernow-parents)



Find more about family wellbeing on the  
Headstart Website  
[www.headstartkernow.org.uk/parents--carers/](http://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 <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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