

BOSKENWYN



# Boskenwyn School

## Newsletter

12th September 2025

### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I'd like to signpost you to an event this Saturday at Enys House, Penryn.

It's run by Cornwall Heritage Trust and it's a great link to our Y3/4 inquiry around the Bronze age to Iron Age. There will be re-enactments, axe making and lots more.

It's free to children and £10 for adults (or £5 for members). It would be also great for the Y5/6 children to retrieve and reinforce their learning from previous years.

Make sure you tune in to Gardeners World tonight to watch our very own Chris Kaiser-Bunbury talking about his latest project in Constantine.

Thank you to those who attended the whole school welcome meeting this week. I've made some notes below for those who couldn't make it:

1. Topic Webs – Please get as involved with your child's learning as you can, we are a team. Teachers will upload a topic web every term to their class section of our website. It tells you the overarching learning objectives for each subject each term.
2. Attendance. Attendance is really important, our figures are checked regularly by the LA and it could lead to a failed OFSTED report if figures are too high. Please be honest with us and we will do what we can to help ensure your absence is authorised if it is valid.
3. Home School Promise – Please see attached for a copy of the home school promise. Please read through with your child. We promise to keep to our side of the bargain!
4. FOBS – Friends of Boskenwyn School are always after new recruits. The work they do is amazing and you will benefit from their fundraising through school trip subsidies, playground projects etc.

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### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN CONTINUED...

5. Phonic Coding – we have changed from Read Write Inc phonics scheme to Sounds Write phonic coding programme which is wonderful. Not being a phonics lover, this makes much more sense and is linked to a spelling programme. It's basically about investigating or coding the words instead of the sounds within them – much more child friendly!

We will run a session for parents in the coming months with more detail. You can also sign up here to learn more about it and how to support your child: [Help your child to read and write – Sounds-Write](#)

6. Homework – Please listen to your child read every evening, or read to them. Early years and Y1/2 will have reading records whereas Years 3–6 we are concentrating on developing a culture of reading at home so they want to read; this should allow them to take ownership of their learning. The teacher ask what they are reading at home so please do encourage it! We will also set a family learning challenge every term so you can get involved with their inquiry project work. Class specific homework will be mentioned in the class welcome meetings.

7. Half termly parent coffee meetings – Please do attend the half termly coffee meetings with me, it's a great opportunity to meet you, moan with you etc., nothing formal just a celebration of successes and a vehicle to offload a school problem/find a solution together. The next one is Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September at 2.30pm in the Atelier.

8. Mixed age classes. This was discussed briefly, benefits include; learning is individualised and children are not labelled or limited by ability, learning from one another by leading, teaching and modelling, more creativity as ideas are shared and sparked by one another, enhances and nurtures deeper thinking and problem solving, wider range of vocabulary used (younger children are sponges and often learn subconsciously), positive role models and more!

I'm happy to pick up on any of the above points at the next parent governor meeting if you would like to discuss further.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

## **WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

#### **Parents coffee meeting**

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2:30pm

#### **Individual and Sibling Photos**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October – 08:30 start

#### **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: 15<sup>th</sup>  
Sep, 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 first week back we have had. The class have returned with a great thirst for knowledge and year 5 have settled into class well.

Today we were lucky enough to have Clare Walsh come in to visit us. She is currently writing her new book and has been visiting schools for inspiration.

She talked about herself and her writing process before sharing ideas for her new book. She then spent the rest of the morning in our class, talking to children and writing. The children have been inspired and are looking forward to seeing her published work.

We have also been working hard across the curriculum, and everyone was excited to get started on our inquiry topic of warfare.

We were also lucky enough to have Alfie and Leo show us some skulls as part of our science topic. They were very knowledgeable and answered many questions.



## **SCHOOL TIMES, UNIFORM AND OTHER THINGS**

Before we break up for the holidays, please just read this through to ensure you are prepared for our start back in September.

### **School Times:**

Reception and Key Stage 1 (KS1) children:

Start time: 09:00

Finish time: 15:15

All Key Stage 2 (KS2) children

Start time: 08:45

Finish time: 15:30

We stagger the times to allow for parking. Please don't wait around to chat to friends if you only have one early pick up/drop off as this creates parking issues for other parents who are on the later time schedule.

### **School Uniform:**

\*Black, navy or dark grey trousers, skirt or joggers, pinafore dress.

\*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. If you are new to the school, SchoolMoney will be activated after your child's first day.

\*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.

### **PE Kit:**

Black shorts and red or white T polo shirt, trainers.

For Reception and KS1 children, we are relaxed about this attire.

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## **SCHOOL TIMES, UNIFORM AND OTHER THINGS CONTINUED**

### **Reception and KS1 children**

Because of the nature of their play, we expect the younger children to get wet or muddy quite frequently. Please bring wellies to leave in school as well as a spare set of clothes in their bag.

### **Tuck**

We have a tuck shop selling snacks at morning break for 30p per item. Please either give your child cash, or bring cash into the office for them.

### **School Dinners**

All Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a Free School Meal. You may be entitled to Free School Meals for older children if you meet certain criteria.

Please look at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/> to apply.

Even if your child is in KS1 now, it is best to get your application in earlier. If you qualify for Free School Meals, you will also qualify for a little bit of discount on some school trips. If you find form filling is not your thing, please call the Pupil Premium team on 01872 324295 as they are very helpful and will complete the form on your behalf.

If you have any questions above any of this, please give Linda a ring in the office

### **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 29<sup>th</sup>, 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.



### **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: fabric, wool, buttons etc. We just want to make lovely things!

Thank you!

### **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.





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Together   
for Families

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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Telephone: **0300 1234 101**



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[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)





**PENRYN COLLEGE**

# OPEN EVENING AND DAY TOURS



**OPEN EVENING 5-8pm**  
**Wednesday 17 September**

**DAY TOURS 9-10.30am**

**Monday 29th, Tuesday 30th, Wednesday 1st**

- ✓ Tour the school and ask questions
- ✓ Meet teachers and students
- ✓ Open evening talks at 5pm and 6.30pm
- ✓ Book using the QR code or link



**<https://forms.office.com/e/BGT6cW5taA>**

Penryn College, Kernick Road, Penryn, TR10 8PZ

For more info:



**01326 372379**



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9 September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

**Community Open Evening**

**Thursday 25 September 2025, 5.00pm – 7.00pm**

We are writing to you to extend a warm invitation to join us at the College's Community Open Evening on Thursday 25 September 2025 between 5.00pm and 7.00pm. This event will give you and your family the opportunity to explore the campus, meet the staff and experience a large number of activities relating to the life and work of this friendly and successful College.

Our Headteacher, Mr Alex Lingard, will briefly introduce the aims and ethos of the College at 5.30pm and again at 6.15pm in the North Site Main Hall. Tour Guides will be on hand to lead you around the campus to the different faculties.

Upon arrival, please enter via our North Site Reception where you will be greeted in the foyer.

We look forward to welcoming you to the College.

Yours faithfully

**Mr A Oates**  
Senior Assistant Headteacher

**Mr T Richardson**  
Head of Year 7

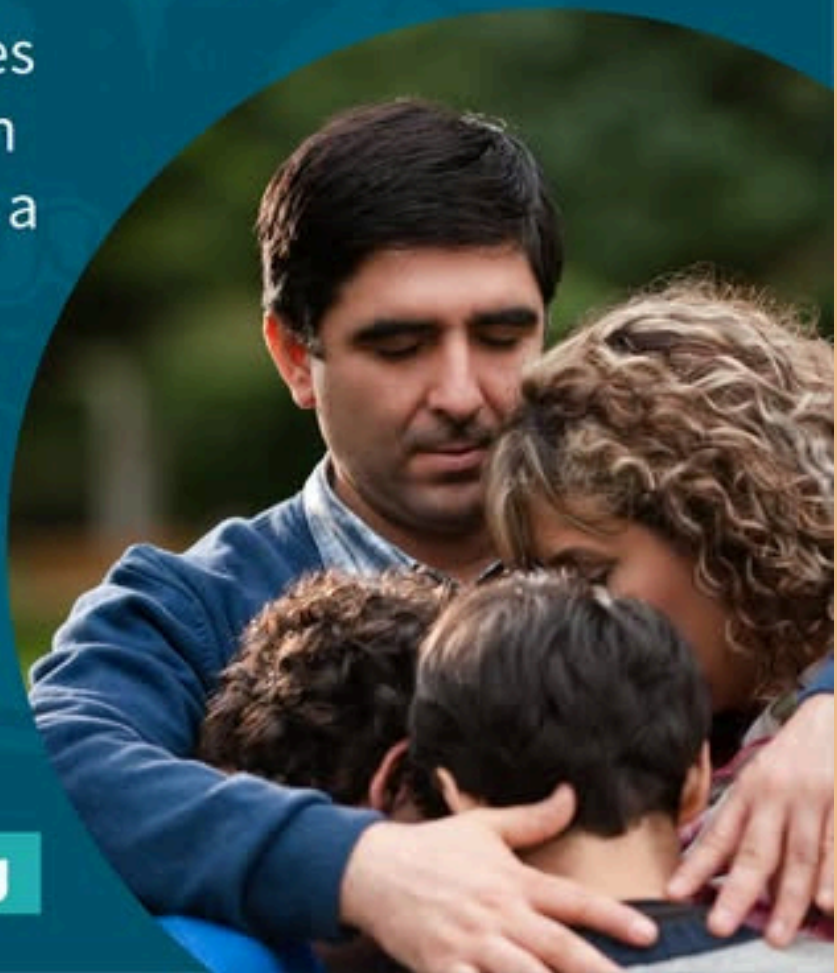


# Anticipatory Grief Support

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



[gunnerskids.org](https://gunnerskids.org)



# Early Help Kerrier Drop in with CAMHS

You are invited to our Early Help drop in  
23<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto: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](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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