

BOSKENWYN



**Boskenwyn School**

**Newsletter**

28th March 2025

**MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN**

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to those who attended the parent meeting this week and for the questions from those who couldn't make it.

It would be lovely to see more of you at the next meeting on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Just a reminder that these meetings are informal chats, getting to know one another, an opportunity to talk about things you're happy with or things you have concerns over and to make suggestions or offer advice. All over a cuppa and cake.

Mrs Nicholas took notes (as I can't talk and write at the same time!) and we've attached them below.

Sports day has been set for Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June, it would be great to see you all there for a fun afternoon at the gig club.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Easter Bonnet Parade & Decorated Egg Competition**

Friday 4th April 2:30pm

### **Class Photos**

Monday 28th April 2025

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

Thursday 8th May 9am

### **Sports Day**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (PM)

### **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

## **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

### **MONDAY**

KS2 Tag Rugby with Mr Watson

**NO RUGBY ON 31st MARCH**

### **TUESDAY**

Year 3&4 LEGO with Mr Hemsley  
and

Year 5&6 Greenpower with Mrs  
Nicholas

### **Wednesdays and Thursdays**

Art Club with Bronwen

### **THURSDAY**

Eco/Nature Club with Miss  
Schellekens

**NO ECO CLUB ON 3RD APRIL**

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.**

## MEETING NOTES FROM PARENTS MEETING THURSDAY 25 MARCH

Parent meeting format – discussed whether to have formal meetings once a term which had a term of reference, were minuted and minutes distributed formally to all parents or to keep the meetings informal, like a drop-in chat raising any concerns or offering advice/help.

It was agreed by parents present that meetings would continue to be informal. Notes would be taken, rather than minutes, and shared on the newsletter.

Trips and visits – one parent commented how lucky our children were to attend lots of trips and visits, her children were really enjoying all the trips. We talked about how children were well supervised; they were taught what to do if they encountered any problems and how a recent event showed their ability to do so. We talked about how all trips and visits are risk assessed and endorsed by the local authority, and we adhere to their supervision policy.

Parent skills audit – we will be doing a parent skills questionnaire soon to determine what kind of skills and expertise you all have and how we can use these (if you are willing) to enhance our wider curriculum.

One question sent into the meeting was: How can parents help the teachers help their children to achieve higher SATs results?

Answer: Listening to children reading at home really helps, asking them questions about the books they are reading to check their understanding.

Helping them with times tables – playing maths games, helping to put maths into real life contexts. Taking holidays during half terms instead of during term time so their attendance at school is better helps too.

Homework – we are not a school who likes to weigh children down with homework but it is a great way of knowing what your child is learning and supporting them with their learning, so if they do bring homework then please show an interest, support them and make it into a family learning experience.

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## MEETING NOTES CONTINUED FROM PARENTS MEETING THURSDAY 25 MARCH

We talked about the SATS data, 8% representing 1 child. This was the combined pass score the children achieved in their SATs in 2024:

Reading - 62%

Writing - 23%

Maths - 46%

Grammar - 54%

Combined pass: reading, writing, maths - 8%

Our school context is quite different to others in the area; we do have a high %age of children who are on the register of need and we have children joining our school who have been in alternative settings such as Highways Farm, Zelda School or are home educated and start with us much later than reception year.

We focus more on the progress our children make from their starting points rather than purely on their attainment. We talked about how parents choose our school for a reason; our unique curriculum which is about the education of the whole child rather than focusing on their reading and writing. We want them to leave Boskewyn well rounded, knowing how to communicate well, be resilient and confident instead of being crammed with knowledge that will be repeated at secondary school; to have the transferrable skills needed for future learning and employment. Cramming may give higher scores, but it leads to poor mental health and well-being.

One parent asked about uniform: when some children don't wear it, it makes others not want to wear it. We will be speaking to children about uniform to reinforce the red t-shirt and blue sweatshirt. We have noticed other colours being worn and this is not acceptable – we are very relaxed about uniform and want our children to feel comfortable; they can do that in the correct colours and feel part of a team.

We would love to see more of you at the next meeting, it was a very relaxed, informal meeting with lots of cake. Everyone felt listened to and staff felt well supported.

## **PASTY DAY!**

Drumroll please!

Back by popular demand...

On Friday 4th April it will be Pasty Day!

We are offering either steak or cheese and onion pasties

Or Sausage rolls or vegan sausage rolls.

There are no jacket potatoes available so if your child is unable to eat the pasties or sausage rolls above, you will need to provide a packed lunch.

If your child would like to join in Pasty Day but is unable to eat the pasties on offer, please feel free to bring your own pasty in for us to heat up for your child.



## SONGFEST

A huge well done to our Songfest choir who took part in Songfest this week at St John's Hall in Penzance. We were really impressed with their behaviour, enthusiasm and showmanship.

A huge thank you to Amy, as awlays, for leading our choir and teaching them the (very tricky) songs.



## GREENPOWER

Poldhu Class have been working hard today on their Greenpower cars. The build team practised taking them apart and rebuilding them while the design team started working on the bodywork.

We are getting really excited for the races this summer.

We have started asking for donations for our raffle. If you could donate a prize, could you please let Linda or myself know. Tickets will be on sale after Easter.



## ECO CLUB

Another week draws to an end with yesterday's last Eco session for this term. There won't be an Eco club next week because some of us have a school trip to the Maritime Museum.

Yesterday the Eco Warriors were finishing off our amazing birdhouses and bug hotels which are going to be used around the school area; we're hoping to get some lodgers soon.

The clocks are going forwards this weekend and the days are getting longer. April is almost here; the birds are waking us up with their beautiful song, putting a smile on our faces. The sun has started to take its hat off and we are waiting for the lovely bluebells to blanket the floor.

This is the time of the year when we all come out of hibernation and take time to go out more and explore the beautiful place that we live in.

This is a good time to remind everyone that the great big school clean is still going on and we hope to see you all do your bit. I have already been around picking up a bag of litter around the area where I live and took a picture to use for our application for the new eco flag. Please get busy and send us a photo with the litter you have picked.

Remember every little bit makes a BIG difference!

Have an amazing Easter holiday  
From Miss S and the Eco Club Team



## ART CLUB

In Art club this week there has been shadow puppet theatre performances! During last week's session the children worked together in small mixed age groups to create mini theatres using cardboard boxes, tracing paper, gaffa tape and torches.

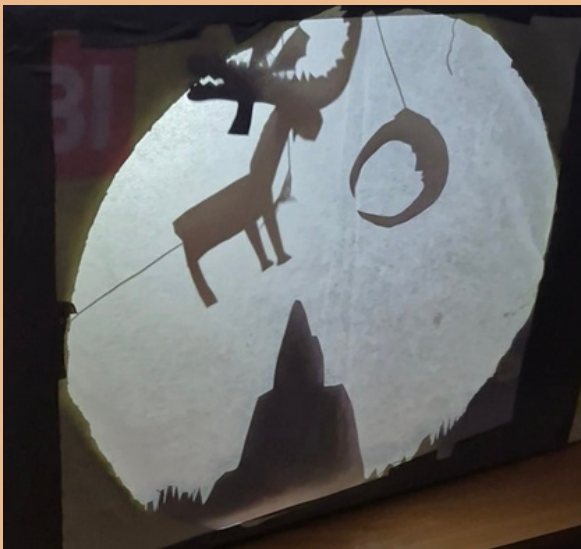
This week they have come up with their own stories, characters and have performed them all in one session. Its been quite a whirlwind of collaboration and creativity. Thanks to Mr Hemsley who's allowed us to take over his classroom to make it pitch black.

This term Art Clubbers have also created abstract acrylic paintings and little interactive illustration booklets with opening secret doors and windows.

Next week we will be experimenting with a range of watercolour and ink effects, salt, toothbrushes and brusho (powdered inks).

The summer term is a busy one for school and also for me so Art club won't be running. Hopefully we will be back. It's been such fun and heartwarming to see children of varying ages working together. Thank you to school staff in helping me to organise and run it.

Bronwen





## FOBS NEWS

### Easter Events

There will be an Easter bonnet parade & an egg decorating competition to be held on the last day of term. The Easter bonnet parade will take place at 2:30pm in the playground to allow our parents to also enjoy the parade this year.

Thank you!

The FoBS Team



## 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!



#GBSchoolClean

# JOIN THE GREAT BIG SCHOOL CLEAN

Love where you live  
21 March - 6 April 2025

Pledge to pick up a bag at  
[keepbritaintidy.org](https://keepbritaintidy.org)



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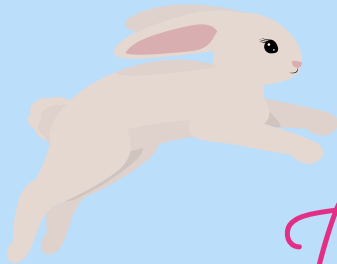
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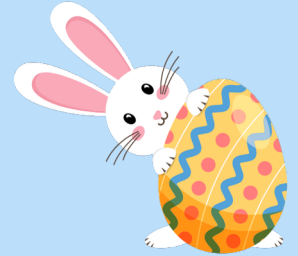


The Mental Health Support Team warmly  
invite you to attend an ....



**EASTER**

*Wellbeing group*



During the Easter holidays MHST, in collaboration with the National Trust would like you to join us on a FREE wellbeing session at various locations in Cornwall.

This is for parents and their primary aged children (5-11) in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing. Please book EACH child on to a session below:



**Morning and afternoon sessions available:**

**Wednesday 9 April 2025 - Penrose Estate**

**10.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.00**

or

**Wednesday 16 April 2025 - Kennack Sands either**

**10.00-12.00 or 2.00-4.00**



To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/Epj7iLqgEc>

Come prepared for all weathers and feel free to bring a picnic (please do not bring any foods that may contain nuts)



Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:  
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

Please note: Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. If you are allocated a place and cannot attend, please let us know so we can allocate your space to someone else



## 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/)



SPORTS AND ACTIVITIES

# Coast

ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

THIS  
EASTER HOLIDAY



**Ofsted**  
Registered  
See website for details



**Free Half Day Places**

and a

**Hot Meal for FSM Children**

**Hayle Academy**

**St Ives Secondary School**

**Helston Community College**

**St Mary's Catholic Penzance**

**£20 for Non Free School  
Meal places**

## ACTIVITIES

Silent Disco

Dodgeball

Tennis

Football

Cricket

Rugby

Bike Riding

Arts and Crafts  
and so much more

**AGES 5-16**

active  
CORNWALL

CORNWALL  
COUNCIL

Department  
for Education

**SCAN TO BOOK**

07939863010



[www.coastactivityprogramme.com](http://www.coastactivityprogramme.com)  
[info@coastactivityprogramme.com](mailto:info@coastactivityprogramme.com)





# 3 DAY SPORTS CAMPS!

BOYS & GIRLS | AGES 5 - 9

9AM - 12PM

1 DAY - £20 | 2 DAYS - £35 | 3 DAYS - £50



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APRIL 07 | 08 | 09

📍 TRURO RFC

## WHAT IS INVOLVED?

- FUN MULTI - SPORT ACTIVITIES
- RUNNING AND EVATION!
- PASSING AND CATCHING!
- TEAM WORK AND COMMUNICATION

2 APRIL 16 | 17 | 18

📍 FALMOUTH RFC

PARENTS WELCOME TO STAY & WATCH!

EMAIL TO SECURE YOUR SPACE!



[RIGHTONRUGBYCOACHING@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RIGHTONRUGBYCOACHING@GMAIL.COM)



# 3 DAY SPORTS CAMP



RIGHT ON RUGBY COACHING



BOYS & GIRLS



AGES 10 - 16

1 DAY = £30    2 DAY = £55    3 DAYS = £80

## What is involved

- Elite skills training
- Game environment challenges
- Multi-sport team games



📍 Truro RFC

📅 April 07 | 08 | 09

🕒 9am - 2pm

📍 Falmouth RFC

📅 April 16 | 17 | 18

🕒 9am - 2pm

EMAIL TO SECURE YOUR SPACE!



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## 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@fgbschools.co.uk">secretary.boskenwyn@fgbschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fgbschools.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@fgbschools.co.uk">head@fgbschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fgbschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fgbschools.co.uk</a> Denise Rusga <a href="mailto:drusga@fgbschools.co.uk">drusga@fgbschools.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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