Boskenwyn School Newsletter

27th November 2026

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

We are coming up to that wonderful time of year when children are wanting to snuggle in for a Christmas film, play some games and spend lots of quality family time with you. During some recent safeguarding training, I was alerted to a website created by parents which rates films and games. They do have an official rating but this website gives an honest parental perspective about the age ratings so it's worth a look:
Common Sense Media: Age-Based Media Reviews for Families | Common Sense Media

Due to a recent resignation, the governing body of our federation is looking for a parent governor to join our wonderful team. Ideally, we would like someone who is knowledgeable on premises management or health and safety but we would also welcome expertise in other areas. It is such a rewarding role to have a voice when it comes to the strategic direction of our amazing federation. If you would like to discuss further then please don't hesitate to contact our co-chair of governors, Martin Bland (Boskenwyn parent) on mbland@fbgschools.co.uk

If you're visiting Helston tonight for the Christmas light switch on, look out for our very own Snow White (Miss B) who will be switching on the lights at 7.30pm along with her sidekick 7 dwarfs and handsome prince!

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn


HELSTON THEATRE COMPANY
Snow White
and the Seven Dwarfs
26th - 31st January 2027
EPWORTH HALL, HELSTON
01209 312 505 — helstontheatrecompany.co.uk

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Non School Uniform Day
Tuesday 1st December
Fancy Dress in exchange for £1

ClotheSwap
Thursday 3rd December
Eco Club after school

Bag2School Collection
Tuesday 8th December

KS2 Christmas Performance
Monday 14th December
Gweek Village Hall 2pm and 5:30pm

Rosemullion Christmas Performance
Tuesday 15th December
Gweek Village Hall 2:30pm

School Christmas Dinner!
Tuesday 15th December

Last Day of Term
Friday 18th December - Finish 1:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays
KS2 Football with Mr Hemsley

Tuesdays
Chess Club Y1-6 with Mr Lawrence

Greenpower Club with Mrs Nicholas
Poldhu Class only

Thursdays
KS2 Netball with Mr Watson

Eco Club with Miss S

All clubs finish at 4:30pm

There will be no clubs on the last week of term (14-18 December)

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

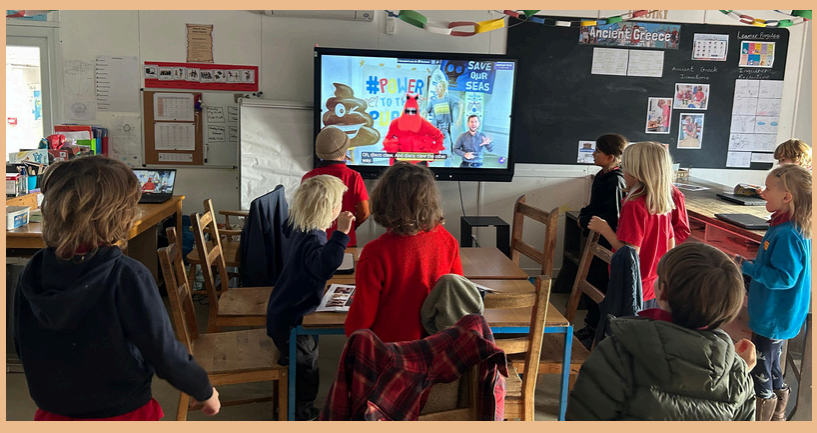
Church Cove Class

Yet another busy few weeks in Church Cove Class! The class have shown off their geometry skills in Maths - identifying properties of 2D and 3D shapes, learning about types of triangles and quadrilaterals, as well as learning about types of angles. The class have been writing 'defeating the monster' stories in English, inspired by The Iron Man by Ted Hughes. We are also working on Christmas poems as part of our writing projects for this half term.

We have practised our throwing, catching and teamwork skills in Rugby, while playing games to familiarise with protecting and taking tags as part of Tag Rugby. We are combining Computing and Art to create digital art focusing on an Ancient Greek mythological creature of choice. We are using software such as Chrome Canvas and Seesaw to produce these, after practising sketching and shading. We are also using our Inquiry lessons to learn more about physical and human features of Greece, to compare them to features during the Ancient Greek period.

The class are also enjoying getting ready for their Christmas production, 'Mr Humbug Sees The Light'. We also took part in a Pupil Power Assembly, hosted by Surfers Against Sewage. This assembly focused on learning about how the sea gets polluted and what we can do to help prevent this and spread awareness.





ECO CLUB

Through nurturing plants, children learn that their actions help living things thrive. This supports a stronger sense of responsibility for both the immediate environment and our wilder planet.
Greener spaces and caring for plants can lower stress, support emotional regulation, and create calming areas in busy rooms. Taking all this into account, the Eco warriors have started repotting the plants in our classrooms - and they've done an amazing job. We will continue to add some more plants as we go. Plants and pot donations are always welcome!

ClotheSwap

If you have clothes you don't wear or are the wrong size, please bag them up and bring them to school either on Wednesday 2nd or the morning of Thursday 3rd December. On ClotheSwap day (3rd December) we will lay them out and all you have to do is bring a bag and fill it with clothes you or your family need. Whatever is left will be put in the Bag2school collection, so there won't be any waste.

if you are going to the Helston light switch on this evening, keep yourselves warm and have an amazing weekend.

Eco warriors







SCHOOL UNIFORM

Labeling School Uniform:

Please remember to put your child's name in their school uniform. It is difficult to reunite jumpers with children without names!

Similarly, please can you check the labels in your school jumpers as some labelled jumpers have also gone missing!

NITS!



Do we need to say more?!

Please check your children's hair. These horrible creatures are still doing the rounds!

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!

Bag2School™
www.bag2school.com

GREENPOWER NEWS

Fundraising

Our Greenpower team have started coming up with ideas for fundraising for next Greenpower Racing season.

If you are able to offer sponsorship or can donate to our Greenpower Auction, please see Mrs Nicholas or Mrs Winter.

We would really love to hear from you!

Save the Date - Tuesday 1st December!

One of the team's ideas is to have a Non School Uniform Fancy Dress Day in exchange for a £1 donation.

Please wear your best Fancy Dress (or at least don't wear your uniform) on Tuesday 1st December to join in the fun!





FOBS NEWS

Christmas Fair

We'll be sending out information for the Christmas Fair next week - there will be a chance to have a stall at this event for children and parents to sell homemade crafts or goods. This will be December 10th after school at the gig club.

Please get in touch if you'd like to help or reserve a stall, space is limited.

Get in touch if you'd like to sell or if you can volunteer on any of these days.
Please spread the word!
boskenwynfobs@gmail.com





Thank you for your support

To BOSKENWYN SCHOOL

Thank you for supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Your collection total £60=81

District total £50,988=62

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Free Parenting Support for Families Across Cornwall

Building Confidence • Strengthening Relationships • Improving Outcomes

What is the Parenting Offer?

- **FREE** parenting support, workshops and advice.
- Support available from pregnancy through to 19 years (25 years with SEND).
- Focus on strengthening parent-child relationships, confidence and wellbeing.

When should parents consider attending?

- Preparing for different stages in your child's life, understanding their emotions and behaviours and preparing for their next stage of development.
- New parents or parents wanting relationship support.
- Support to strengthen emotional wellbeing, communication or family relationships.
- Seeking practical support to improve your confidence.

How we can support settings, schools and professionals?

- Partnership working – Parenting Workers to attend events, staff/team meetings, parents evening, coffee mornings.
- Identify parents/carers needs and deliver Bitesize workshops with topic related themes (e.g. routines, sibling rivalry, mental wellbeing).
- Deliver evidence-based programmes with your cohort of parents/carers.
- Tailor bespoke parenting support to meet needs.

Parenting workshops available

Practical support for every stage of your parenting journey

Understanding Your Child Togetherness – Solihull Approach

A 10-week evidence-based programme.

- Understanding behaviour
- Child development
- Emotional wellbeing
- Communication and connection
- Managing feelings and anger
- Building stronger relationships

Parents Plus Adolescent Programme

For parents and carers of young **people aged 12-19 years.**
A 9-week evidence-based programme.

- Understanding teenagers
- Positive communication
- Encouraging cooperation
- Effective boundaries
- Positive behaviour support
- Supporting emotional wellbeing

Supporting Healthy Relationships

A 3 week evidence-based programme for couples who are expecting or have children of any age.

Includes:

- **Me, you and baby too** (for all new or expectant parents)
- **How to Argue Better** (for parents who are still in a relationship with a child of any age)
- **Getting it Right for Children** (for separating or separated parents)

"One of the best things you can do for your child is to improve the relationship between parents."

Bitesize Workshops

Short practical workshops for all parents and carers.
Flexible 1-2 hour sessions providing practical tools and strategies.

- Routines
- Boundaries
- Praise & Rewards
- Remaining Calm
- Online Safety
- Teenage Brain
- Mental Wellbeing
- Sibling Rivalry
- School Transitions

Additional support

These services are available through the parenting website.

SEND Support

Specialist parenting support and workshops and access to local SEND services.

Video Interaction Guidance (VIG)

A strengths-based intervention using video to enhance parent-child communication and relationships.

Empowered Parenting Podcasts

Free podcasts offering parenting advice, practical strategies and top tips to support families throughout their journey.

Self-guided pathways online Learning & Resources

'Togetherness Solihull Approach'.

How do parents access this service?

FREE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FOR ALL FAMILIES

- No referral required
- Parents can self-book directly through the website
- Free to access
- Face-to-face and online options available
- Support available for families from pregnancy through to age 19 (25 years with SEND)

BOOK DIRECTLY ONLINE

www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting
parenting@cornwall.gov.uk
01872 324323

Scan here to find out more

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SKILLS TO LAST A LIFETIME

Give your child essential skills and confidence in and around water. Save a spot with Better Swim School for kids or Swimbies for toddlers & pre-schoolers from 2 years+

Swimming Lessons at Helston





BETTER

Better is a registered trademark and trading name of GLL (Greenwich Leisure Limited), a charitable social enterprise and registered society under the Co-operative & Community Benefit & Societies Act 2014 registration no. 27793R. Registered office: Middlegate House, The Royal Arsenal, London, SE18 6SX. Inland Revenue Charity no. XR43398.
The offer is receive 50% off the basket price of Lessons & Course Wet 30 minutes and 45 minutes and Swimbies 30 minute membership when booked online at https://betterflow.courseprogress.co.uk/onlinejoining The offer is only available at Helston Sports Centre. Offer ends on 31/11/2026. To claim the offer, promotional code TREAT50 must be applied at the point of making the booking.


BOSKENWYN
AND GERMOE
PARENTS
WREATH WORKSHOP
Saturday 5th December
5–7:30pm
Join Bronwen at Willow Farm
for a private wreath workshop
for parents of our school.
All materials a glass of mulled wine
and a light dinner provided.
Please BYO drink if you'd like
to stay for drinks after till 10pm.
£45
Contact Bronwen to book
07816398667

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@fgbschools.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

Werecognisethat thedecision toclose a school in theevent ofan emergency (egsnow, 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 toschools

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**