

Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

27th February 2026

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Just a short message from me today as I am travelling on a boat around Paris with some of our Year 5/6 students. As always, our children have been respectful and polite. We have had the most amazing weather, and I am sure there are plenty adventures to be told to our eager parents when we meet up with them this weekend.

I understand the Year 5/6's who remained in school have also had an amazing time cooking, visiting the donkey sanctuary and being creative making fairy houses, some of which are shown below.

Have a fabulous weekend! Paula Blackburn



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PINS Drop In Session
Pathological Demand Avoidance
Wednesday 4th March 2-3pm

World Book Day!
Bake sale at breaktime
Book and uniform sale after school
Thursday 5th March

Bag2School Collection
Thursday 12th March - early morning!

Bikeability Sessions Year 5/6
Monday 16 - Thursday 19 March

Parents coffee meeting
Friday 20th March 9am

Class Photos
Monday 27th April - AM

Parents coffee meeting
Thursday 30th April 2:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Mondays**
- KS2 Football
with Mr Watson

- Tuesdays**
- Year 3/4 Lego Club
with Mr Hemsley

- Chess Club
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.

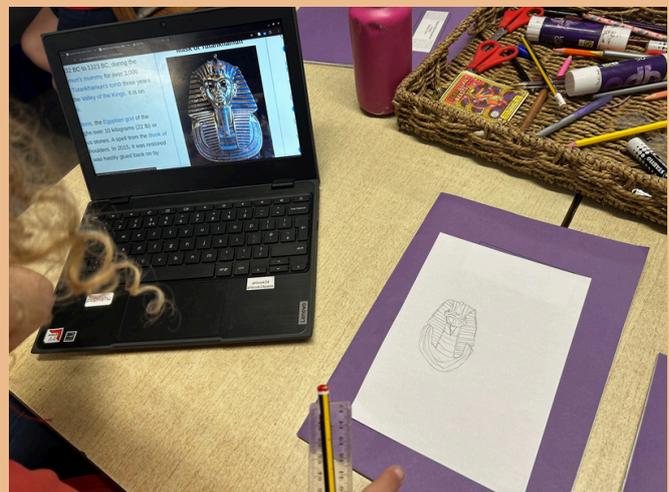
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CLASS UPDATE

Church Cove Class

A busy start to half term in Church Cove Class! We have started our Inquiry into Ancient Egyptian death masks this week, looking at a range of styles, patterns and colours. We have designed our own death masks this afternoon, ready to start making on Monday!

In English, we have been studying Egyptian Cinderella and exploring how to describe story characters through the use of speech. In Maths, we have been working hard on learning how to find equivalent fractions, mixed numbers and how to convert fractions to decimals. In PE, we have continued our swimming lessons, as well as exploring a range of balances using all parts of our bodies in PE. In Science, we have begun our inquiry into sound, notably what makes sounds and how we hear them. In RE, we have started learning about the Easter story for Holy Week. We also focused on our learner profile of 'caring' this week, and what this entails in and out of school



ECO CLUB

This week, we welcomed a visitor! Julian Abel from Wildlife Groundswell came to visit! Julian delivered a really interesting talk and gave us a few games to play to learn more about how all kinds of nature is connected and reliant on each other. We also learned that humans similarly are connected and are naturally kind to each other; and that we work better together than apart.

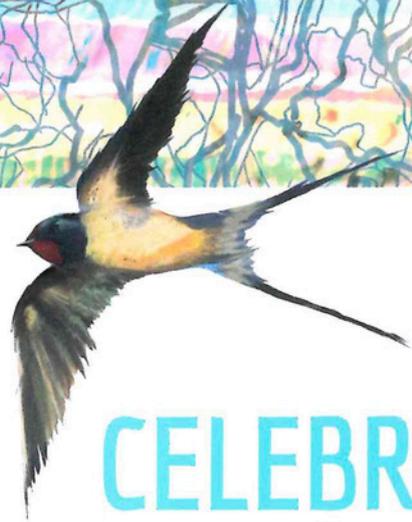
We were given Green Lizard Club badges to wear and we have asked Julian to return for another session as many of our usual members were away this week.

Below is an invitation to everyone from Wildlife Groundswell to attend an event on Monday 4th May at Rosuick Farm. It should be a good event so we hope that many people will be able to come.

Finally, wishing you all a happy and connected weekend!

Eco club





CELEBRATION OF NATURE

Reawakening the Lizard

4th MAY 2026

9:30am-4pm

Come and be part of a unique day of community, creativity, and connection as we launch **Reawakening the Lizard**, a movement to restore nature across the peninsula.

Inspiring nature talks and workshops

Poetry and storytelling

Films & soundscapes from the wild

Guided nature meditation with live music

Family activities: making bug hotels & swift kites

Conversations with conservationists

Bring a picnic or pre-order food



A chance to shape our shared vision for nature's future.
The irreversible decline of nature is not inevitable.
Join us and help **reawaken the Lizard**.

Rosuick Organic Farm, St Martin, Helston, TR12 6DZ
www.wildlifegroundswell.org.uk
Use the QR code or website to book



Parent coffee events at Boskenwyn and Germoe

The coffee mornings at Boskenwyn and Germoe School are open to any parent or carer who feels their child may need a little extra support — whether they have a confirmed SEND diagnosis, are currently on a pathway, have no diagnosis at all, or are simply unsure and want to explore things further. You don't need paperwork or labels to come along. These sessions are designed to be a warm, friendly and completely non-judgemental space where you can chat, ask questions, share experiences, or just listen over a cup of coffee with others who understand. Everyone is welcome.

4th March 2026
2-3pm
Boskenwyn School

5th March 2026
9am - 10am
Germoe School

19th March 2026
9.15 - 10.30am
Boskenwyn School

24th March 2026
9.15am - 10.30am
Boskenwyn School



30th March 2026
9am - 10am
Germoe School



Social Flourishing

Tuesday 31 March 2026 09.00-4.30 A one-day conference hosted by

Cornwall's Autism in Schools Team

and PINS (Partnerships for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools)

Come and join us in person at Falmouth University (Penryn campus) for a full-day conference bringing together neurodivergent voices, educators and professionals to explore how we can support all children to flourish. Our speakers will share lived experiences, expert insights and practical strategies to support neurodivergent individuals across all settings.



Compered by Robin Ince, comedian, author and broadcaster. His recent book, 'Normally Weird and Weirdly Normal', is described as 'a powerful, personal exploration of anxiety, ADHD and neurodiversity'.

Keynote speakers



Ben Kingston-Hughes: "WhyChildrenNeedJoy".

Ben Kingston-Hughes is an international keynote speaker, author and multi award-winning trainer. He works with vulnerable children across the UK and has appeared on television working on a variety of children's projects. His distinctive blend of humour, neuroscience and real-life experiences have made his training invaluable for anyone working with children. [Inspired Children](#)



Suzy Rowland: "How do we nurture individuality and well-being in children within a mainstream school system that still leans into conformity and standardisation?"

Suzy Rowland delivers public speaking, neurodiversity training and community programmes that drive real inclusion and change. Through initiatives like It Takes a Village, Teen Girls Circle and the pioneering Happy in School Project CIC, she supports schools, families and organisations to better understand and empower neurodivergent children and young people. Suzy blends lived experience with academic insight to create environments where every voice is seen, heard and supported. [Suzy Rowland](#)

Please see schedule overleaf for details of the workshops.

Free for PINS Schools in Cornwall (2 free places per school) and all parents/carers.

Other school staff and professionals £75 for one place or £100 for two places booked together.

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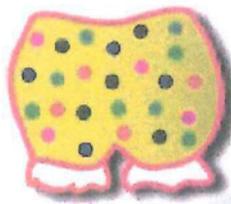


Plan for the day

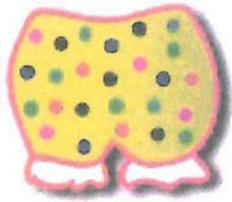
9-9.30am	Arrival, registration and tea/coffee
9.30am	Setting the scene
10am	'The reason we're here' – hearing from our children and young people about their experiences and what they need
10.40am	Keynote 1: 'Why Children Need Joy' by Ben Kingston-Hughes
11.40am	Coffee break (refreshments provided)
12pm	Workshop slot 1 – choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenna Grace – ADHD for parents and carers • Suzy Rowland – Empowered girls – experience a teen girls' circle • Ben Kingston Hughes – Seeing through behaviour to the child underneath • Roll the Dice – A hands-on introduction to using gaming to support social flourishing • Sophie Roberts – Classroom-based sensory strategies for schools
1.15pm	Lunch (provided)
2pm	Workshop slot 2 – choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jenna Grace – ADHD for school staff • Ben Kingston Hughes – Boys, brains and bodies • Robin Ince – Self-expression through comedy and creative writing • Laura Howard – Neuro-inclusive mindfulness for wellbeing • Roll the Dice – The power of gaming to support engagement
3pm	Coffee break (refreshments provided)
3.15pm	Keynote 2: 'How do we nurture individuality and well-being in children within a mainstream school system that still leans into conformity and standardisation?' by Suzy Rowland
4.15pm	Closing summary
4.30pm	Finish – spaces are available for networking including a café, a bar and outside areas if you wish to stay

FAQs

- All in-person tickets include lunch, refreshments and parking. We can cater for dietary requirements if we know these in advance. Lunch will be buffet-style with a range of seating options and spaces.
- We have done our best to ensure the venue is accessible for as many people as possible. If you have specific accessibility requirements or concerns, please get in touch on autismteam@cornwall.gov.uk and we can explore this further.
- We have booked several rooms to act as quiet spaces if you need some time away from the group. There is also lovely outdoor space around the building which is freely accessible throughout the day.
- We will have a free livestream option for parents and carers as we acknowledge attending in person can be tricky around childcare, school runs, etc. Please sign up online so we can track numbers and send the link. Please note this online option is only for parents/carers.



Gweek Pantaloons



THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

Thursday 5th, Friday 6th
& Saturday 7th March at
7pm

Tickets £8.00
Under 14's
£4.00

Saturday Matinee
Saturday 7th March at
2pm

At Gweek
Village Hall

Tickets from:

Brian Toney 01326221652

The Black Swan, Gweek Village Stores

Or online: www.gweekpantaloons.org

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

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 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



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