



# Boskenwyn School

## Newsletter

26th September 2025

### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

Firstly, I'd like to give a big shout out to Steve Green, one of our invaluable parents who helped us to prepare loading the skip on Thursday and has removed the rest of the rubbish by taking a few trips to the tip. Your kindness is very much appreciated by us all, Steve, thank you. Another parent who has been extremely helpful with his time and much appreciated advice about the school grounds/ongoing works this week is Jonathan Oultram. We all appreciate the help you have given us, thank you. We also appreciate Wayne Sara's help with our skip experience on Thursday. Thank you.

Thank you, also, to those parents who came to the half termly parent meeting on Monday. We talked about the school grounds and the new federation logo.

School grounds – We now have 4 weeks where we need to let the newly laid and seeded soil settle. Once it has settled then the contractors will decide whether more soil is needed. If more soil is needed then it will be laid then turfed and ready for children to play on.

It may take a little longer to compact before the playground equipment is installed but it shouldn't be too long after the turfing. As you know, the first phase equipment has been bought and 2 installation dates have already been postponed due to the ongoing works. I will keep you updated as and when things arise. We also chatted about organising a work day/evening where parents can help us with repainting the classrooms.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD CONTINUED...

Federation logo - Children at both Boskenwyn and Germoe were tasked to create a logo which would showcase both our schools. The outline of the design, the Cornish peninsular, was created by Nico. Nico also incorporated the sea, sand, forest. Other children wanted to see the Cornish Chough, Cornish flags, rainbows so we then tasked my daughter, Imogen (Im Blackburn Art) to put together all their ideas and create a digital image. She did 4 designs and the children voted on them and what you see below is the one they chose. Well done to all of the Boskenwyn and Germoe children. The individual, Superman style logos will remain the same, the federation logo will be used on the new minibuses, letterheads and newsletters.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



## WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Individual and Sibling Photos Revised date!**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September – 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:  
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

**Greenpower not on 30<sup>th</sup> Sept**

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

### Rosemullion Class

What a great start to the year we've had in Rosemullion Class! Our new Reception children have settled in really well. They've enjoyed their first coding sessions and have loved playing and learning in the sunshine this week.

In English, we've started Drawing Club, which has been lots of fun. In Inquiry, we've been learning about technology both new and old and how we can find out about the past.

In Science, we've been learning all about life cycles and how living things grow and change. In RE, we've started learning about Islam. We found out about Salah, which means prayer, and we even made our own colourful prayer mats. In P.E we are learning to pass and catch balls.

We've had a busy few weeks and are excited to keep learning!





## ECO CLUB

At this week's Eco club we were discussing recycling and upcycling. To start with, we have each been designing a portion we individually want to contribute to be placed within a big collaborative mosaic for the school. Some good ideas and designs were exchanged and made.

Also, we have taken some school grown radishes and spring onions out of their pots ready for Friday's lunch.

Thank you very much Rowan and Saul for the donation of two raspberries canes. It is very appreciated! We have planted them in bigger pots for the moment and will find the perfect place within the school grounds when all the work is finished.

It's so lovely to have some sunshine in September and hopefully it will stay for a while, well into October. In the meantime, enjoy your time outdoors and have a lovely weekend.



The Eco Warriors



## FOBS NEWS

### Pub Quiz and Meet up!

The Black Swan Pub in Gweek are kindly donating all proceeds from their Pub Quiz to our playground fund. The Quiz will be held on 14th October from 8PM. All are welcome – it's a bit of fun whilst raising funds for our school.

The FOBS team will also be holding an informal meeting from 7pm before the Quiz. Please do come along to find out how you can help get involved with our fundraising events. Our volunteers make it possible to hold events and we are so grateful for any help people can offer us!

We hope to see you at the quiz!



### **CHANGE OF MENU ITEM!**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October we are having loaded nachos instead of our regular menu item. On offer is a beef chilli option or a veggie option, both options come with nachos and cheese (dairy or vegan) of course!



### **PLEASE RESPECT OUR SCHOOL!**

Please respect the school rules and grounds by not allowing your child/ren to climb the hedges/tree/gates at drop off and pick up.

Please also DO NOT REMOVE play items from the shed. This can only be done during school hours by school staff.





# Sounds-Write

## Phonetic Coding



We are so excited to be implementing Sounds-Write phonics at Germoe and Boskenwyn and really feel it will have a positive impact on the children with their reading, writing and spellings. Below is a little bit of information about what Sounds-Write will look like and the slight changes for how we will send books home, compared to previous years.

### Phonics Sessions

All children in Years Reception - Year 2 will complete daily phonetic coding sessions with us in school. In Reception, this will be focused on the Initial Code, Year 1s will explore the Initial Code and the Extended Code and Year 2s will learn about the Extended Code in greater depth. Sounds-Write provides a Guide for Parents, which will be shared with you on Seesaw. This includes advice on how best to support your children at home and how we teach the sounds across the academic year.

### Reading Books

Sounds-Write recommends that the children bring books home that are decodable and achievable to allow the children to feel success, feel confident and build fluency. The children should be able to segment and blend the words to share the text with you at home. For this reason, the books sent home will be at least 2 units behind where we are teaching in class, to really make sure that the children are confident with the sounds that they contain. However, as a school we have also chosen to send home a second 'book of choice' with the children so they can still develop their love of reading and preferences for genre and style of text. Most children will bring 2 books home with them which can be changed as often as necessary. Once the children reach a certain point with their phonetic coding, they will no longer need the Sounds-Write books so will only bring home their books of choice. This is recommended to be mid-Year 1 or early Year 2 but will vary for each child depending on their needs.

As always, please do get in touch with your class teacher if you have any more questions.

Thank you!



# OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMPS

SCHEDULE 2025

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>** Bushcraft

(Survival skills & Combat)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Bushcraft

(Wild cooking & foraging)

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Bushcraft

(Explorer, navigation & tracking)

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Multi Sport Activity Camp

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** - Multi Sport Activity Camp,

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup>** - Multi Sport Activity Camp

**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup>** - Multi Sport Activity Camp

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup>** - Halloween Special Activity Camp

**BOOKINGS GO LIVE MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER!**

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**SPORTS  
CENTRE**

[www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com](http://www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com)







**Cornwall Partnership**  
NHS Foundation Trust

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

# **Wild Wellbeing**

**During October half term we are offering FREE nature based  
creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.  
This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.  
Please book EACH child on to a session.**

**Morning and afternoon sessions available at:**

**The Core at St Ives Community  
Orchard - Thursday 30 October**

**Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October**

**We are also offering a Parentwell session at  
Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October**

**Each session will last approx. 2 hours**

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

**<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>**

**Follow us on Facebook for updates and  
upcoming events:**

**Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)**



# Anticipatory Grief Support

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



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



## **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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