

# Boskenwyn School

## Newsletter

6th February 2026



### MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to those who made the parent governor meeting this week. Unfortunately, I will need to move the date of the next one from 18<sup>th</sup> March to 20<sup>th</sup> March at 0900. It would be great to see more of you there. It is an informal opportunity to meet other parents and to discuss any queries you have or make suggestions on areas where we can improve.

This week we talked about having more opportunities for sport. We discussed the playground markings and FOBs are going to look into funding for them. We also discussed our involvement in the Helston and Lizard Cluster sports and how we can get more out of our connections with more competition.

Phase 1 of the playground equipment installation will begin next week. This is a trim trail around the outside of the grassy area. Phase 2 will begin when the soil is compacted enough to take the weight of the larger equipment. We would like to thank you for your patience on this, it has been very trying and frustrating for us all.

As you are aware, we are heavily involved in the "Partnership for Neurodiversity in schools" PINS project. We have received lots of support including staff training, pupil support and intervention and parent support and guidance so far. You are invited to what sounds like a very exciting PINS conference on 31<sup>st</sup> March at Wadebridge, the flyer is attached. It would be great to see you there, it is a free event with lots of amazing speakers and people on hand to give support and advice. You could possibly arrange to car share with other parents.

## **MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN CONTINUED**

Repairs to the roof have now been completed but the scaffolding is remaining in place for the decoration work which will be undertaken over half term.

We also have a parent support event booked at Germoe, the main topic being around a sensory theme and how best to support difficulties. Parents from both Boskenwyn and Germoe are invited to join the specialists at Germoe on 5<sup>th</sup> March at 9am.

Wishing you a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



## WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### **Bag2School Collection**

Thursday 12th March - early morning!

#### **Parents coffee meeting**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 9am

#### **Class Photos**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April - AM

#### **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
- **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

### Rosemullion Class

We've had a fantastic week in Rosemullion Class!

We are so proud of our Reception children for starting Drawing Club. They have been working incredibly hard to add their "special code" to help their drawings come to life.

We've also enjoyed lots of performances on the Rosemullion Stage, with some children taking on the role of ticket sellers while others performed for their audience. In science, we created our own experiments through inquiry and then raided the kitchen for bicarbonate of soda and vinegar – which was very exciting!

The children loved music this week, exploring how their bodies can move in different ways while listening carefully. In inquiry, we painted landmarks that are special to us, and as always, we spent lots of time learning and playing outside.

What a brilliant week of creativity, curiosity, and confidence!



## ECO CLUB

For our first Eco Club of the New Year, we welcomed new members Isaac and Tahlia.

This week we have been making decorative terrarium style jars. We had different natural materials soil, pebbles, moss, and white narcissus bulbs.

The use of the live or preserved moss is placed around the top of the bulb to retain moisture and provide a lush, green look.

Each Eco Warrior made it their own with their individual touches. They all looked beautiful. Well done to each of you!

Have an amazing weekend  
The Eco Warriors



## LETTER FROM POLDHU CLASS

Dear parents and carers,

We are currently asking for donations of plants and wood so people in Poldhu Class can make fairy houses. Please leave the hedges alone!

We are looking to build our fairy houses in the playground to create a calming and quiet place to relax and unwind. We would be very grateful if you could give plants like rosemary and thyme, which are both herbs and help calm people down if they are sad or nervous.

Our small garden would help children learn how to look after the environment and the small animals that would live in the garden.

The bugs would also benefit from the flowers.

We hope the children will learn how to care for each other and the bugs in the garden.

Thank you for your time

Marna and Noah (Poldhu)



## FOBS NEWS

We are having a meeting for FOBS next Thursday at The Black Swan pub in Gweek from 7:15pm.

Please feel free to come along if you wanted to be part of planning our next event or just wanted to see what it's about.

Please note coming to a meeting doesn't mean you have to help with every event; we really welcome all types of help. Having new people join means we can get new ideas of ways we can raise funds.

Hope to see you there!

Team Fobs.



# Football

## For Kids!

**10.30 -11.30**

**On the Recreation Field!**

**To Sign Up  
Visit**

[spond.com/invite/VWLLK](https://spond.com/invite/VWLLK)



**07864338787**

**Starting Saturday 7th Feb 2026!**

# 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 WeirdlyNormal', 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.**

**Social Flourishing Conference Tickets, Tue 31 Mar 2026 at 09:00 | Eventbrite**

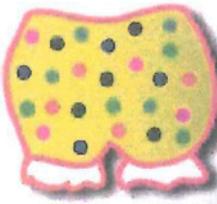


## Plan for the day

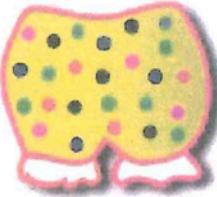
9-9.30am	Arrival, registration and tea/coffee
9.30am	Setting the scene
10am	‘The reason we’re here’ – hearing from our children and young people about their experiences and what they need
10.40am	Keynote 1: ‘Why Children Need Joy’ by Ben Kingston-Hughes
11.40am	Coffee break (refreshments provided)
12pm	Workshop slot 1 – choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jenna Grace – ADHD for parents and carers</li><li>• Suzy Rowland – Empowered girls – experience a teen girls’ circle</li><li>• Ben Kingston Hughes – Seeing through behaviour to the child underneath</li><li>• Roll the Dice – A hands-on introduction to using gaming to support social flourishing</li><li>• Sophie Roberts – Classroom-based sensory strategies for schools</li></ul>
1.15pm	Lunch (provided)
2pm	Workshop slot 2 – choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jenna Grace – ADHD for school staff</li><li>• Ben Kingston Hughes – Boys, brains and bodies</li><li>• Robin Ince – Self-expression through comedy and creative writing</li><li>• Laura Howard – Neuro-inclusive mindfulness for wellbeing</li><li>• Roll the Dice – The power of gaming to support engagement</li></ul>
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](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup>, Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
& Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at  
7pm

Saturday Matinee  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March at  
2pm

Tickets £8.00  
Under 14's  
£4.00

Tickets from:

Brian Toney 01326221652

The Black Swan, Gweek Village Stores

Or online: [www.gweekpantaloons.org](http://www.gweekpantaloons.org)

At Gweek  
Village Hall

The  
Tolmen Theatre Company  
presents



# NO ANGEL

The Tolmen Centre, Constantine  
19-21 and 26-28 Feb at 7pm  
Tickets £7/£4. [tolmencentre.co.uk](http://tolmencentre.co.uk)  
Age guide 10+

## 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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