



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

21st November 2025

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to those who came to the parent coffee morning and to those who sent in questions even though they couldn't make it in person. Here are some of the notes and actions:

Playground – I have spoken to Mrs Nic who is now dealing with the playground markings and she is going to get a price for a chequer/chess board to go with the pitch markings. She will also look into some large chess pieces and counters. We are waiting for an installation date for the larger equipment which will go onto the grass. Unfortunately, we can't have the amount of equipment on the grass as we had before due to the depth of the new sewage system so we are extending a little onto the playground instead. I will keep you updated.

Linda is organising the plaque for **Sam's pergola** which is situated outside Mrs Nic's outdoor shelter.

Mrs Nic is tasking some of her children to **survey the play equipment**, they will then help with the ordering of replacement equipment – this will give them ownership and hopefully help them respect and look after the equipment more.

Mr Conway is sorting through the **PE questionnaire results**. He did say that parents were asking for more PE but unfortunately this isn't possible as we have a set curriculum. We do, however, include active learning in other areas and try to keep the children as active as possible. There will be a few missed sessions on the lead up to Christmas but the children will still be active with extra breaks between play practices and active drama!

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN CONTINUED

A parent asked about **Mr Hemsley's blinds** being shut. Mr Hemsley assured me that they are open for the majority of the day. He purposefully closes them at the beginning and end of the school day so that the children don't get distracted or unsettled by the coming and going of parents and carers.

We also talked about the **carbon footprint of our travel abroad** and parents came up with some great ideas. One fantastic idea was to have a conservation hedge. If any of you could help with that then please drop me a line, or if you have any other ideas which would feed into our climate change action plan then I'd love to hear them.

Finally, just to let you all know that we raised £144 in total from our no school uniform Children in Need day last week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 8th December Gweek Village
Hall – Afternoon and Evening

KS1 Christmas Production

Tuesday 9th December Gweek Village
Hall 2:30pm

School Christmas Dinner

Tuesday 16th December

Class Photos

Monday 27th April – AM

Parents coffee meeting

Thursday 5th February 2:30pm

Parents coffee meeting

Wednesday 18th March 9am

Parents coffee meeting

Thursday 30th April 2:30pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

- KS2 Football
with Mr Watson

**This club will not run when there
is a football league game on:
12th January, 2nd February.**

Tuesdays

- Year 3/4 Lego Club
with Mr Hemsley
- Year 5/6 Greenpower Club
with Mrs Nicholas
- KS1 Seasonal Crafts
with Mr Lawrence

Cancelled 12th November

Thursdays

- Eco Club
with Miss Schellekens

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

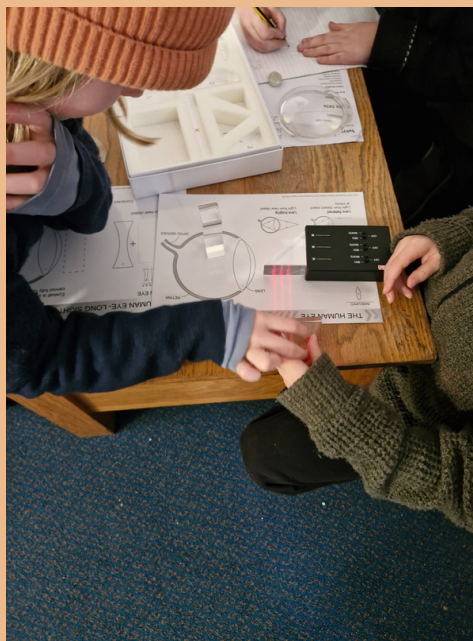
Poldhu Class

It has been a busy few weeks in Poldhu since returning from half term.

In science we have been learning about light and how we see things with Mrs Larcombe. We finished this unit with a variety of different activities and investigations this week. It was wonderful seeing the children all so engaged with their learning.

On Remembrance Day, we watched a live session with Mr Dilly, a secondary school teacher, and Tom Palmer, an author. Mr Dilly was at the D-Day museum in Portsmouth, and he was talking about why we remember the Second World War. The children were all very respectful and mature whilst watching and during our discussions after and during our 2 minutes silence.

This week saw Mr Hemsley and Mrs Winter taking a group of children to compete in the swimming gala. The children tried their best and all had fun, winning 3 medals in the process!



ECO CLUB

Yesterday was World Children's Day and we had a little think about how we can take action to help children around the World. UNICEF says that *"It's critical for children and young people to have information, opportunities and platforms so they can stand up for their rights and make themselves heard". 'Climate change is the most far-reaching crisis facing children and future generations with a variety of environmental factors'*. We have a couple of ideas which we will investigate and find a way for us to make a difference.

This week we discussed reducing our carbon usage by turning down the thermostat by 1 degree, wearing an extra jumper, popping on a woolly hat, snuggling into a blanket and even wearing socks in bed – this will all be helping children across the world.

Trying to make a difference, the Eco Warriors considered using candles instead of electric lights in the house during these cold and dark winter months; therefore they started to make some amazing candle stick/tea light holders which can be bought at the Christmas fair.

Have a beautiful weekend and keep warm.

The Eco Warriors



FOBS NEWS

Christmas Fair and Winter Social

Save the date!!

Thursday 4th December will be our school Christmas fair and winter social.

Expect music, delicious food, Christmas crafts including wreath making and all our Bosky Christmas favourites such as the tombola and lucky dip.

This year we are offering a market section which gives parents and or creative children a chance to hold a stall for the fee of £5.

Please email boskenwynfobs@gmail.com if you'd like to have a stall - space will be limited.

We are also in need of volunteers to help run the fair - again please email or speak to a member of FoBS if you can help!

We hope you can make it!!



BOSKENWYN SCHOOL CHRISTMAS FAIR

THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
THE HELFORD GIG CLUB, GWEK
3:45PM - 6:30PM

★ CHRISTMAS STALLS ★
CURRY - DRINKS - CAKES
★ FESTIVE GAMES ★
CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

A SOCIAL EVENT TO GATHER
& RAISE FUNDS FOR OUR
SCHOOL

SWISS STUDENTS – HOST FAMILIES REQUIRED

Last summer we successfully hosted 3 Swiss Students at Boskenwyn school.
In previous years, we have hosted more than this.

The children really enjoy having the Students present in their classes, and the Students have a fabulous time both at the school, and with their host families.

This year, we will be hosting our Swiss students from Sunday 21st June to Saturday 4th July 2026..

Host families receive £350 per student. For that, you will need to provide accommodation, all their meals, bring them to school and pick them up each day. (We are happy to send more than one student to the same family and the students can share a bedroom). The students are all CRB checked and they can provide proof of this. The students will be aged around 17-18 years old. They are German speaking and they all speak excellent French and English.

Please let Linda know If you are interested, so we can give a rough estimate of numbers to the Swiss School.

They are looking to accommodate 160 students this year – so every place is gratefully accepted!

If you have any questions, please do ask!



Christmas Menu

Tuesday 16th December

MAIN COURSE

Roast Turkey
Quorn Roast
Vegan Roast - all with gravy

SIDES

Sage + Onion Stuffing
Pigs in Blankets
Roast Potatoes + Parsnips
Fresh Sprouts, Carrots + Peas

DESSERT

Mince Pinwheels + Custard or
Gingerbread Man





EXPLORE AUTISM, THE 4 AREAS OF DIFFERENCE AND THE PDA PROFILE

17TH NOVEMBER 2025
10.30AM - 12.30PM
ST AUSTELL CONFERENCE CENTRE

To book your place email:
laurenlpcc@outlook.com



PARENT CARER COFFEE MORNING

A relaxed drop-in event for Parents and Carers of Children with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND).



- Grab a free drink and snack.
- Meet other Parents and Carers.
- Ask your questions and give feedback.
- Have a look through our resources and signposting information.

WHERE AND WHEN

Date: Monday 15th December 2025

Time: 09:30-11:30am

Location: Helston Family Hub, Bulwark Road, Helston, TR13 8JF.

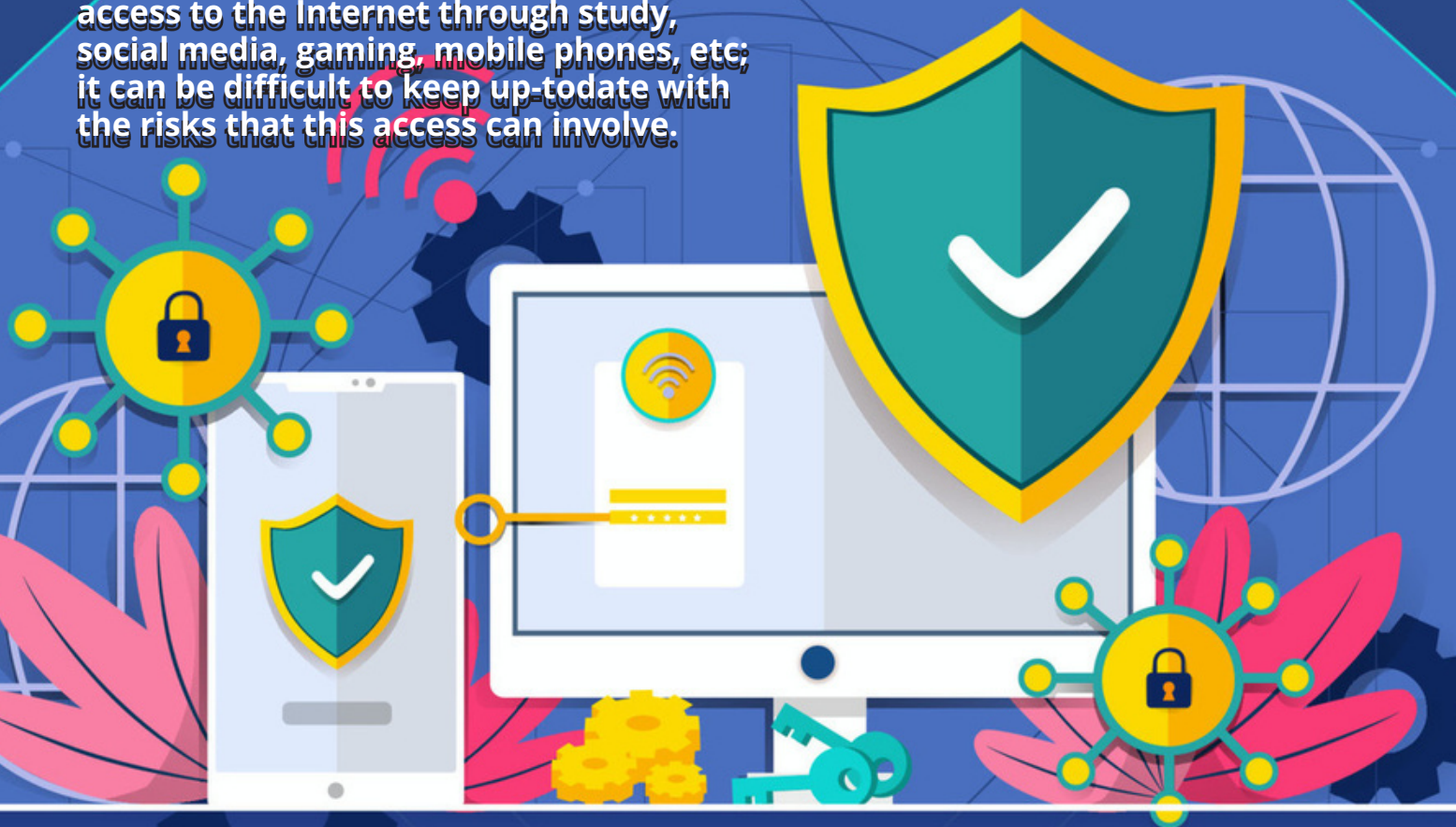
Hosted by: Georgie Watson (she/her)
georgiepcc@outlook.com

www.parentcarerscornwall.org.uk

Parents Information Evening – Internet Safety

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

Keeping young people safe online is one of the biggest challenges facing parents, carers and professionals. With young people having ever-increasing access to the Internet through study, social media, gaming, mobile phones, etc; it can be difficult to keep up-to-date with the risks that this access can involve.



- 6.00pm Upon arrival, you will be greeted at North Site Reception
- 6.10pm Tea and Coffee in the C01 Computing Suite
- 6.20pm – 7.00pm Presentation in C01 Computing Suite followed by Q&A session

At this information evening, I will outline some of the most common risks to young people online as well as the opportunities these tools can offer in terms of supporting them in being safe.

- Areas for discussion include:
- Consequences of not being safe while online
- How to be safe while on the internet
- Social Media Dangers
- How to Report Online Bullying
- Introduction to Apps and Tools used by students (iPads)
- Parental Safety Tools E.g. Google Family Link and Apple Parental Controls

If you would like to attend, please complete this short Microsoft Form

<https://forms.office.com/e/GgRgFUg8sr>

This will allow us to cater accordingly, letting us know the intended number in your party. If you have any questions about this event, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Elizabeth Freeborn
with her band

WAKE the River

In Concert with support from



ALICE
WONDER
HARP

A candlelit concert of live music supporting VoW's mission to
give legal personhood to Rivers and Rias in the Uk
Sunday November 30th, St Laudus Church,
Mabe, 4pm

Tickets £4/£7/£10 child/unwaged/waged

Book online via www.alicewonderharp.co.uk

Bring Cash for refreshments/raffle

online booking advised, on the door price £11

Voices of Water Foundation





THE GOOSEBARN

CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

11AM - 4PM

**SEWORGAN,
CONSTANTINE**

**LOCAL ARTISANS INCLUDING CERAMICS,
TEXTILES, PRINT, KIDS CRAFTS AND MORE**

**HOMEMADE SOUPS, BREADS, PASTRIES, CAKES,
MULLED APPLE AND HOT DRINKS**

FREE ENTRY

**FOR MORE INFO CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/THEGOOSEBARN/](https://www.facebook.com/thegoosebarn/)**

**HELSTON
RAILWAY**

Christmas Trains



Santa Train Dates (December 2025)
6th, 7th, 13th, 14th, 20th, 21st, 22nd

Santa Train Times
10:00, 11:30, 15:00

Train of Light Time
17:30



Ticket Prices

Adult £10

Child £11.50

Under 5 years £5

Child and under 5 prices include
present from Santa!

visit www.helstonrailway.co.uk

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

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 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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