



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

17th October 2025

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

I had meeting with our assigned Attendance Officer last week. Each school has an Attendance Officer assigned to them to check that the school is tackling any persistent absence and that they are issuing penalty notices to those who have 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised attendance.

We do have an authorised absence request form which must be used if you are applying to take your child out during term time. These absences will only be granted under exceptional circumstances which are stated on the request form. This was discussed at our governors' meeting last night and we have decided that in future, any authorised absences will need to be approved by governors. Therefore, if you are requesting to take your child out in term time, please make sure that the request is made at least 4 weeks before the intended absence. We understand that this may not be possible in some circumstances, such as a funeral or a competition. You will be notified of the outcome of the request once approved by governors, if you take your child out without prior permission then the absence will be unauthorised and may result in a penalty notice.

Unfortunately, we do have many families who have persistent absence; persistent absence is less than 90% attendance, equating to half a day per week. These families will receive a letter this week to notify them of their child's attendance figure. We know and understand that illness can not be helped but we still need to send the letter to inform you of their current attendance figure and will need to request medical evidence if the attendance does not improve. I urge you to see this as a supportive letter and an offer of help if needed.

MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN CONTINUED

Families who regularly arrive late will also receive a letter to explain the detrimental effect this has on their children and how these lates may lead to unauthorised absences if they do not improve. Again, 10 sessions of unauthorised absence will lead to a penalty notice so we really do want to help you to prevent this from happening. We have a duty of care to your child and we have to follow the government's statutory policies and procedures. We understand that isolated lateness cannot be avoided but regular lateness can.

Persistent absence and lateness not only affects your child, their wellbeing and the academic achievement but it also has a detrimental effect on the whole school and could result in a poor Ofsted grading. Please help us to improve, we are always here to listen and support.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Tuesday 4th November at Gweek Village Hall starting at 2.30. All welcome!

This will include our harvest auction to raise money for Helston food bank.

All donations of auction items will be greatly appreciated!



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Harvest Festival

Tuesday 4th November
Gweek Village Hall

Parents coffee meeting

Monday 17th November 9am
note change of day

KS2 Christmas Production

Monday 8th December Gweek Village
Hall – Afternoon and Evening

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

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Mondays

- KS2 Football
with Mr Watson

**This club will not run when there
is a football league game on:
3rd Nov, 1st Dec.**

Tuesdays

- Year 3/4 Lego Club
with Mr Hemsley
- Year 5/6 Greenpower Club
with Mrs Nicholas

- KS1 Seasonal Crafts
with Mr Lawrence
not on 21st October

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

What a fantastic few weeks we've had in **Rosemullion Class!**

In Science, we've explored life cycles and loved learning about metamorphosis, creating our own models with LEGO, blocks and cardboard. A highlight was watching a live lesson with Steve Backshall; he even answered one of our questions – out of 2000 schools!

In Maths, Years 1 and 2 have been exploring the properties of 2D and 3D shapes and how they can move in space, while Reception have been continuing to develop their subitising skills.

In Music, we've been learning to communicate through sound, drumming outside with pots and pans. In Art, the Reception children created nature-inspired pictures (with plenty of googly eyes!). In Inquiry, we've been exploring how writing and communication have changed over time.



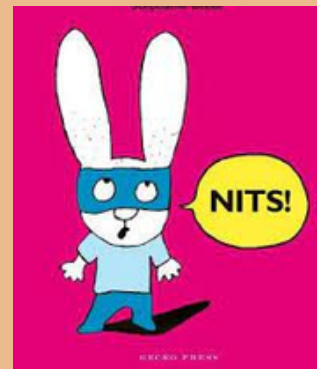
THANKS TO CORNISH TEA AND COFFEE

A word of thanks to Cornish Tea and Coffee who kindly donated a significant amount of paper to the school, along with some tea bags for the staff! Thank you so very much!



NITS!

Please check your child's head for nits this weekend. We have a couple of nit cases reported to us - and we really don't want them doing the rounds!



POPPY APPEAL

Our usual poppies and extras are on sale from the office for you/your children to purchase during their breaktimes or before/after school.

Please can you allow them to bring in a donation to put into the pot?



WE'RE STILL HERE!

Just a reminder that we have one week still to go before we break up! Just one week!

Then we'll have October half term week, starting Monday 27th and we're back to school again on Monday 3rd November – on the run up to Christmas!

HEALTH AND SAFETY FIRST!

Please do not bring scooters, skateboards or similar onto the school playground at the beginning or end of the day.

The playground is quite busy, and this is a real health and safety hazard with so many people milling about.

Please securely close and lock ALL GATES behind you.

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.

FOBS NEWS

Thanks to all that attended the Quiz on Tuesday.

It raised £84 towards our playground fund and proved a fun evening in the process. A big thank you to The Black Swan in Gweek for supporting us.

FoBS will be doing the refreshments for the Harvest Festival, which follows half term, on Tuesday 4th November. We are asking for donations of baked goods to sell and to be dropped in reception Tuesday morning.

Please can we ask NO NUTS in any baked goods.

We are also looking for helpers – please get in touch if you can help serve or clear up after by emailing Boskenwynfobs@gmail.com

Thank you all!



GREENPOWER CLUB

Our GreenPower team have their sights on the races this year and have already begun to think about fundraising.

They will be holding a bake sale on Tuesday 21st October after school. Any donations will be gratefully received.

They have also started thinking about running an online auction.

If you are able to donate anything for this, please contact Mrs Nicholas. We are hoping to run the online auction shortly.

In addition, if you know anyone who would be happy to sponsor our GreenPower team, then we would be delighted to accept their sponsorship! We have two GreenPower cars and are desperate to race them again this year!

Many thanks,

The GreenPower Team





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)



OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITY CAMPS

SCHEDULE 2025

Tuesday 21st Bushcraft

(Survival skills & Combat)

Wednesday 22nd - Bushcraft

(Wild cooking & foraging)

Thursday 23rd - Bushcraft

(Explorer, navigation & tracking)

Monday 27th - Multi Sport Activity Camp

Tuesday 28th - Multi Sport Activity Camp,

Wednesday 29th - Multi Sport Activity Camp

Thursday 30th - Multi Sport Activity Camp

Friday 31st - Halloween Special Activity Camp

BOOKINGS GO LIVE MONDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER!

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**SPORTS
CENTRE**

www.sirbenainsliesportscentre.com



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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