

Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

13th February 2026



MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Just a short message from me today!

Firstly, huge congratulations to Mr Watson on the arrival of his new baby boy, George. Mr & Mrs Watson now have 2 lovely children to keep them busy for a while! Mr Watson will be back to school after the half term break. I'm sure he's missed us all, especially the children in Rosemullion Class.

The work in the playground continues, and it's looking good already despite the weather. We expect them to work into the early part of next week. They need one dry day to do a particular job, so we're hoping they'll find that dry day when we are all away!

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful and restful half term. I look forward to seeing you all on Monday 23rd February.

Paula Blackburn



WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

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

Parents coffee meeting
Monday 22nd June 9am

KS2 Summer Production
Tuesday 7th July - Gweek Village Hall

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

- Mondays**
KS2 Football
with Mr Watson
- Tuesdays**
Year 3/4 Lego Club
with Mr Hemsley
- Wednesday**
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

Poldhu Class

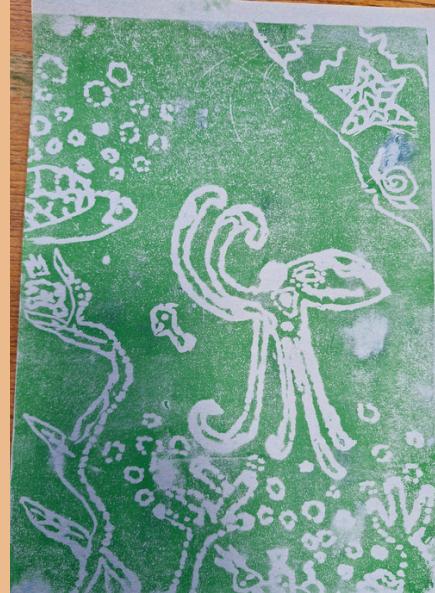
What a busy few weeks in Poldhu!

We have been busy with our inquiry projects and are producing well thought out pieces of work. We are looking forward to adding our art pieces after half term.

Last week we managed to print our sea pictures. We experimented with different colour paper and paints. The children were pleased with how their prints turned out but were also reflective on what went well and what they would change next time.

This afternoon the children have enjoyed their class treat. Some children were making models; some were playing board games while some had a teddy bears picnic.

We are looking forward to a week of rest before returning for a very exciting week.



ECO CLUB

This week in EcoClub, we have been working a bit more on our mosaic piece and it's coming on really well.

The Great Big School Clean is a major annual environmental campaign, running from March 13–29 2026, where schools across the UK unite to remove litter, fostering community responsibility and improving student well-being. This will be something we will be working on when we return after half term.

However, for our first week back after the half term, we are having a guest speaker from Groundswell to come and talk to our Eco Club. We are very much looking forward to hearing his thoughts and seeing what more we can do for the environment based on his experience.

We wish you a very lovely half-term.

Eco club



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)



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 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

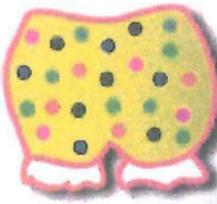


Plan for the day

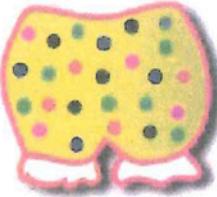
9-9.30am	Arrival, registration and tea/coffee
9.30am	Setting the scene
10am	‘The reason we’re here’ – hearing from our children and young people about their experiences and what they need
10.40am	Keynote 1: ‘Why Children Need Joy’ by Ben Kingston-Hughes
11.40am	Coffee break (refreshments provided)
12pm	Workshop slot 1 – choose from: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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

Saturday Matinee
Saturday 7th March at
2pm

Tickets £8.00
Under 14's
£4.00

Tickets from:

Brian Toney 01326 221652

The Black Swan, Gweek Village Stores

Or online: www.gweekpantaloons.org

At Gweek
Village Hall

The
Tolmen Theatre Company
presents



NOANGEL

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

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MUSIC AND LYRICS BY

LIN-MANUEL
MIRANDA,
OPETAIA FOA'I &
MARK MANCINA

20 - 21 February 2026
St John's Hall, Penzance
3.30pm and 7pm

Booking essential

01736 810181

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MOANA JR IS PRESENTED THROUGH SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT WITH MUSIC THEATRE
INTERNATIONAL (MTI).

ALL AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE MATERIALS ARE ALSO SUPPLIED BY MTI.
WWW.MTISHOWS.COM

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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