

BOSKENWYN



Boskenwyn School

Newsletter

5th September 2025



MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers

A huge welcome back to all of you! It is always such a shock when we see the children after a Summer break, they grow so much! I hope you had a lovely break and are getting back into the swing of things.

As you can see, the grounds work has not yet been completed. We apologise for this but it is completely out of our hands and we are just as much, if not more, frustrated than you are. However, we plough on with smiles on our faces! We have introduced more playground games and equipment to ensure the children are getting a good deal from their break times whilst the grassy area is still out of bounds.

It would be lovely to see you all at the welcome meeting at Gweek Village Hall on Tuesday at 2pm next week, 9th September. We will talk through the small changes, curriculum updates and have a question/answer session. All new and existing parents are welcome, it will be a great chance for you to meet one another.

Have a lovely weekend.

Paula Blackburn

WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Welcome Meeting Gweek Village Hall

Tuesday 9th September 2pm

Welcome Meetings in each Classroom 3:30pm next week

Monday 8th – Church Cove

Wednesday 10th – Poldhu

Thursday 11th – Rosemullion

Individual and Sibling Photos

Friday 3rd October – 08:30 start

Class Photos

Monday 27th April – AM

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS
CURRENTLY APART FROM AFTER
SCHOOL CARE**

SAFETY REMINDERS

Please do not park across the staff car park and obstruct the entrance.
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SCHOOL TIMES, UNIFORM AND OTHER THINGS

Just a reminder:

School Times:

Reception and Key Stage 1 (KS1) children:

Start time: 09:00

Finish time: 15:15

All Key Stage 2 (KS2) children

Start time: 08:45

Finish time: 15:30

We stagger the times to allow for parking. Please don't wait around to chat to friends if you only have one early pick up/drop off as this creates parking issues for other parents who are on the later time schedule.

School Uniform:

*Black, navy or dark grey trousers, skirt or joggers, pinafore dress.

*Red polo shirt and navy/blue jumper or sweatshirt. We have a sapphire blue school sweatshirt which you can buy for £11 cash in the office or on SchoolMoney. If you are new to the school, SchoolMoney will be activated after your child's first day.

*Comfortable shoes or trainers are fine.

*No big logos or flashing lights please.

* A rucksack containing a water drinks bottle, raincoat, hat and some suncream.

Asda seem to be able to accommodate our uniform requirements without going somewhere pricey.

PE Kit:

Black shorts and red or white T polo shirt, trainers.

For Reception and KS1 children, we are relaxed about this attire.

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SCHOOL TIMES, UNIFORM AND OTHER THINGS CONTINUED

Reception and KS1 children

Because of the nature of their play, we expect the younger children to get wet or muddy quite frequently. Please bring wellies to leave in school as well as a spare set of clothes in their bag.

Tuck

We have a tuck shop selling snacks at morning break for 30p per item. Please either give your child cash, or bring cash into the office for them.

School Dinners

All Reception and KS1 children are entitled to a Free School Meal. You may be entitled to Free School Meals for older children if you meet certain criteria.

Please look at <https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools-and-colleges/school-meals/apply-for-free-school-meals-and-pupil-premium/> to apply.

Even if your child is in KS1 now, it is best to get your application in earlier. If you qualify for Free School Meals, you will also qualify for a little bit of discount on some school trips. If you find form filling is not your thing, please call the Pupil Premium team on 01872 323298 as they are very helpful and will complete the form on your behalf.

If you have any questions above any of this, please give Linda a ring in the office

SCROUNGE FOR POLDHU CLASS!

We're collaging this half term and need colour magazines, newspapers, scraps of cloth and any other materials that may allow creativity in collage.

Any corrugated cardboard or other textural materials would be great. Thanks!

PLEA FOR THE PLAYGROUND!

Please may we have any old but in good condition baby dolls, accessories and prams?

Also, any toys that may be used for the playground.

Please feel free to contact Mrs Nicholas if you have anything which may be suitable. Thank you!

NEURODIVERSITY PARENT CAFE

Monday September 29th, 9.30 to 11pm, at Germoe School

All parents from both Germoe and Boskenwyn Schools are welcome to come along.

A representative from the Autism team will be present to answer questions, offer supportive advice and signpost parents to other useful things for their neurodiverse children.

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!



Early Help Kerrier Drop in with CAMHS

You are invited to our Early Help drop in
23rd September 2025 at 9.30am.

Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, TR15 1NA.

The CAMHS Team- The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has a range of teams for children and young people and covers the spectrum of ages 0 to 18 years old

SEN Navigators Team and Cornwall SENDIASS- for advice on how to find Special Educational Needs support
and
Early Help Family and Youth Workers

All welcome, Free of charge, Refreshments provided

**For any further information
please contact:**

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000



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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