



# Germoe School

## Newsletter

17th January 2025



### Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

It's been quite a hands on week this week, due to staff sickness I've spent a lot of time in classes. I always enjoy teaching and getting to know the children better. I really enjoy listening to the children and watching them solve their problems together by reasoning and thinking critically, this was particularly evident in kindergarten and Perranuthnoe. It was also great to see how quickly years 3 and 4 picked up new French vocabulary when we used the total physical response (TPR) method of second language acquisition. They had great fun whilst responding to unfamiliar words through movement and song... ask them about it, I'm sure they'll be happy to teach you.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

### CHRISTINGLE

Please can the children bring their candle collection boxes to school on Monday ready for the Christingle service at Germoe Church - 2.30 pm. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

### CLUBS

#### Monday:

**CANCELLED DUE TO FOOTBALL LEAGUE** - Mr Conway- Football Club

Miss Symons- Origami

#### Tuesday:

**CANCELLED** MRS KNIGHT- ECO CLUB

Miss Burns- Recorder Club - **KS2 ONLY**

#### Thursday:

Mrs Reeves and Ms Motley - Dance Club

## CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

You are all invited to The Christingle service on Monday 20th January at 2.30 in Germoe Church.

On Friday, we had a special assembly delivered by Reverend Anne Newport from Germoe church, she explained to the children about the significance of the Christingle and gave out the candle collection boxes. Today your child will come home with a Christingle candle, if you feel able to offer a small amount of change to go towards the Children's society. It is always a beautiful service, with lit candles lighting up the church, plus the children get to eat the Christingles afterwards!

Here is a little information from the Children's society.

### The donations raised at Christingle services can make a big difference for children and young people. Here's how:

**£20** could provide a wellbeing check-in for a young person who is at their lowest, helping them realise they are not alone.

**£45** could help a child to process their trauma and begin to recover through a 30-minute talking therapy session.


**£90** could provide a young person with an hour-long talking therapy session, helping them understand how they can move forward when they're struggling with their mental health.


**£180** could make it possible for a child and their family to receive four hours of support to help them navigate the difficult process of reporting abuse.



### Share your celebrations with us!

You can let us know about your Christingle experience by contacting:

 [facebook.com/childrenssociety](https://www.facebook.com/childrenssociety)

 [@childrensociety](https://twitter.com/childrensociety)

 [@thechildrenssociety](https://www.instagram.com/thechildrenssociety)

Share your story #Christingle.

## Thank you

Every day, we see the incredible difference the right support can make for young people when they're struggling. Your generosity is making it possible for us to be here for them when they need us most — so that no child has to wait for support. Thank you.



# DIARY DATES 2024/2025

## SPRING TERM 2024

### Monday 20th January

Christingle Service Germoe Church  
2.30pm

Football League Y3/4 - there will be no  
football club

### Wednesday 22nd January 2.30pm

Parents coffee & cake meeting

### Thursday 23rd January

KS2 swimming

### Thursday 30th January

KS2 swimming

### Thursday 6th February

KS2 swimming

### Thursday 13th February

KS2 swimming

### Monday 10th March

Football League Y3/4 - there will be no  
football club

### Monday 24th March

Football League Y3/4 - there will be no  
football club

### Thursday 27th March 9.00 am

Parents coffee & cake meeting

### Thursday 8th May 2.30pm

Parents coffee and cake meeting

### Wednesday 2nd July 9.00am

Parents coffee and cake meeting

## TERM DATES 2024/2025

### Autumn term (74 days)

- 3rd September 2024 - 20th December 2024
- (Half term 28th October - 1st November )

### Spring Term 2025 (60 days)

- 6th January 2025- 4th April 2025
- (Half term 17th - 21st February)

### Summer Term 2025 (61 days)

- 22nd April 2025- 23rd July 2025
- (Half term 26th May - 30th May)
- **INSET DAYS 2nd -6th June 2025**



### **Safer parking around schools**

The school, the police and local highway authority often receive concerns from members of our communities, schools and colleges regarding inconsiderate and often dangerous parental parking outside schools at the beginning and end of each school day.

Parking restrictions are put in place to manage the highway network and to ensure the safety of all road users, vehicles and pedestrians alike. Cars parking inconsiderately, especially on zigzag lines, cause visibility issues for pedestrians of all ages and ability who are crossing the road network to get to and from school.

While we want to encourage sustainable travel to school, especially walking, we recognise that some parents will have to use the car for at least part of their journey to school.

**However, it's important for us to:**

**Reduce congestion around schools to improve air quality.**

**Make the route to school safer for children.**

**Show respect to local residents.**

**Unfortunately, most schools experience a small minority of parents who choose to ignore the parking restrictions.**

### **Driving to school? Please remember:**

**'School Keep Clear'** are clearways, meaning **no stopping and definitely no parking, not even to drop off or pick up any passengers.** These markings are designed to allow a clear view up and down the road for children to cross safely before and after school. If you stop, even to drop off, on these lines, you are making it dangerous for children to cross by obscuring their view. Park in a way that does not obscure the view of any school crossing patrol – avoid parking on the stretch of the road opposite the zigzags, especially if this means you have to park on the pavement to do so.

keep the view around junctions clear so that children can cross safely.

Parking on a bend can cause difficulties, making visibility difficult.

Be considerate to local residents by avoiding parking across or turning around in driveways or parking on the grass verges. Most people like the grass verges and don't like to see them churned up.



Try to park further away from school. This has several advantages – you will find it easier to find a space and to turn your car around for your return journey. It will also be an opportunity for your children to practise walking safely with you by teaching them pedestrian road safety skills. Walking the last part of the journey to school is also good for your child's mental and physical health.

Keep your car off the pavement at all times. No one (especially children, people with a pushchair, in a wheelchair or with reduced mobility) should have to step on the road because of cars parked on the pavement.

The locations below can be enforced by police officers and the civil enforcement officers. Therefore please:

**do not park on double yellow lines and yellow School Keep Clears markings.**

**do not park in a way that blocks access to dropped kerbs or any other pedestrian crossings.**

**do not park in a way that blocks residents' driveways.**

**do not park within 10 metres of a junction.**

PC Paul Stevenson 17776

Falmouth Neighbourhood Beat Manager

## **RINSEY CLASS UPDATE**

We've been planting plants to see if they will grow in science and we had fun planting them. Only two of them had grown so far and they both had water. In maths we've been rounding to nearest 10,100 and 1000 it was quite fun. Then in English we have been learning to write our science investigation 'what do plants need to grow?'.  
By Mia

## **SCHOOL MONEY**

Please can we ask everybody to make regular payments towards School Money? We try to allow all the trips to be paid over weeks or months but there are still some accounts which are behind in payments. We really don't have the cash as a small school to lend you the money - and it affects what we do as a school when we haven't the money in our account to use.

We appreciate everybody who keeps their accounts up to date and hopefully you find the reminders helpful. If you have any queries or issues with School Money please contact Mrs Care - [secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk](mailto:secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk)  
Thank you.

## **School Closures in Emergency – Agreed Notification Procedure**

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: We will inform Cornwall Council so they can update their website We will inform local radio stations (BBC Radio Cornwall, Goldmine FM, Heart FM, Pirate FM) so they can make announcements and update their websites 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

## **Academic and Pastoral Support**

If you need help or have concerns regarding your child, please see your class teacher in the first instance. Discussion with your class teacher first will help them to meet the needs of your child. Further support can be sought by class staff, should this be needed.

## **PARKING**

Please can we ask that you do not park on the pavement at the bottom of the playground and this means the pavement cannot be used and residents/parents/children have to walk in the road which can be dangerous.

## Parent/Carer Workshops – to run from January 2025.

These are one-off, one hour long, online workshops with our Mental Health Practitioners. These are open to everybody; people do not need to have a mental health need to join. You can sign up with the links below.

A Teams link will be emailed to parent/carers from MHST for each workshop prior to the workshop taking place.

Behaviour Workshop – <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40>

Sleep Workshop – <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc>

Worry Workshop – <https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF>

Resilience Workshop – <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK>

I need to find a list of teachers

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Our school – Meet the staff

School website

I need to know term dates

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.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 01736 763310

I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc

School website

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Calendar

School website

I want to read a school policy

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Our school - Policies

School website

I want to see the school development plan

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Our school – school development plan

School website

I want to see what is on the lunch menu

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Parent info – Menu

School website

I want to find out about clubs

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Parent info - Newsletter

School Website

I want to look at a past or present newsletter

[www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk](http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk)

Parent info - Newsletter

Phone or email

01736 763310

I need to report a safeguarding matter to school

Paula Blackburn [head@fbgschools.co.uk](mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk)

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# ARTS LAB: ANIMATION COURSE

10-16  
year olds  
and it's  
free!

10am - 3pm  
at The Old  
Chapel

1st, 9th  
and 16th  
February

Join local artists Amanda Lorens and Mae Voogd for a 3-part workshop exploring a fun approach to stop motion animation and printmaking. Create imaginative, short animation sketches inspired by music, with a focus on experimentation, collaboration, and creativity. Beginning with an introduction to the stop motion and monoprint techniques.

There are limited spaces available. To book your spot, email [Amy.gcca@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.gcca@gmail.com)



## FREE ANIMATION COURSE FOR AGES 10-16! 🎨

Dates: 1st, 9th & 16th February

Time: 10 AM - 3 PM

Location: The Old Chapel, Godolphin Cross

Join local artists Amanda Lorens and Mae Voogd for an engaging 3-part workshop exploring stop-motion animation and printmaking inspired by music. Create your very own short animation in a fun, supportive environment! This course is perfect for young artists aged 10-16 looking to try something new. No experience necessary! Spaces are limited, so don't miss out!

Email Amy at [Amy.gcca@gmail.com](mailto:Amy.gcca@gmail.com) to reserve your spot.

This workshop is funded by ArtsLab, a creative wellbeing program by and for young people in Cornwall, delivered by HeadStart Kernow, Creative Kernow, and Arts Well.

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST** NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Resilience Workshop

Monday 20th January - 9.30am & 4pm  
Tuesday 21st January - 11am & 2pm  
Wednesday 22nd January - 11.30am & 4pm  
Thursday 23rd January - 9.30am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to talk about the meaning of resilience, explore building resilience and look at how and when a young person should ask for help.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK) <https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST** NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Behaviour Workshop

Monday 27th January - 9.30am & 2pm  
Tuesday 28th January - 11.30 am & 4pm  
Wednesday 29th January - 9.30am & 1.30pm  
Thursday 30th January - 11.00am & 4pm

This workshop provides parents with practical strategies to foster positive behaviour and communication at home.

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40) <https://forms.office.com/e/1PwGDXSQ40> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

**MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST** NHS Cornwall Partnership NHS Foundation Trust

Parents and Carers - please join us at our 1hr online Sleep Workshop

Monday 3rd February - 11am & 4pm  
Tuesday 4th February - 9.30am & 2pm  
Wednesday 5th February - 9.30am & 1.30pm  
Thursday 6th February - 11am & 1.30pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on sleep hygiene and sleep routines. Also includes practical strategies for helping children

To book a place please complete the online form [HERE](https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc) <https://forms.office.com/e/7ac7qHLPhc> or scan the QR code

This workshop is open to parents/carers of primary aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 6 in any school in Cornwall

## Tax-Free Childcare

Tax-Free Childcare is:

- For **working families**, including the self-employed, **in the UK**
- Earning **under £100k** and **an average of £167** per week (equal to 16 hours at the National Minimum or Living Wage) each over three months
- Who **aren't** receiving Tax Credits, Universal Credit or childcare vouchers
- With children aged 0-11 (or 0-16 if disabled)
- For every £8 you pay into an online account, the government will add an extra £2, **up to £2,000 per child per year**

For more information <https://www.gov.uk/tax-free-childcare>



Parenting a child aged 4-11

### Solihull - Understanding your child

A 10-week workshop delivered weekly. Each session is 2-hours in length. This hybrid programme gives you the option to attend in-person or virtually on Microsoft Teams

This is an evidence-based workshop that covers topics such as:

- How your child develops
- Understanding how your child is feeling
- Tuning into what your child needs
- Responding to how your child is feeling
- Different styles of parenting
- Having fun together
- The rhythm of interaction
- Why sleep is important
- Self-regulation and anger
- Communication and tuning in
- Looking back and looking forwards

#### When?

Tuesdays from 12:30-14:30,  
Starting 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025

#### Where?

Redruth Family Hub, TR15 1NA  
or on Microsoft Teams



To book scan the QR code or click:  
[Parenting children aged 0 to 11](#)  
and select your preference for in-person or virtual attendance

#### Contact us

Email: [parenting@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@cornwall.gov.uk)  
Website: [www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/parenting)



Together for Families

[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

'We play loads of fun games, do activities and challenges and sometimes get badges'  
Matilda

## Rainbows

Germoe Church Hall  
Thursdays 5.15pm - 6.15pm

### Girls play, learn and have tons of fun

for ages 4 to 7

At Rainbows, we welcome all girls to play, learn and have fun in a creative, safe space for all abilities.

Registered charity number: Exempted from registration

Join a local Rainbows group [girlguiding.org.uk/joinus](http://girlguiding.org.uk/joinus)

# MATHS FOUNDATIONS

Wednesday 19 February 2025  
10:30-12:30 or 1:30-3:30  
Roarsome Play, Redruth

**BOOK NOW**

[www.mobilemultiply.co.uk](http://www.mobilemultiply.co.uk)

**FREE ENTRY**  
and lunch provided

Learn to:

- Make maths fun
- Reduce / prevent maths anxiety for you (and your children)
- Talk about maths

Topics:

- Number recognition
- Number bonds
- Place value
- Time - digital and analogue
- 2D & 3D shapes

Work with us while your children play and gain number confidence to help your children develop a positive relationship with maths.

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## Twitter and Instagram

The Federation of Germoe and Boskenwyn Schools are on twitter and Instagram!

Twitter: @BoskenwynGermoe

Instagram: boskenwyngermoe

Feel free to follow us and spread the word to encourage others to hear about the wonderful things happening in our schools.