



# Germoe School

## Newsletter

28th February 2025



### Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

I hope you had a lovely half term break. It was wonderful to sit in with the children today from kindergarten to year six, listening and appreciating the amazing string quartet who came to perform for us. The children were engrossed and inspired by their amazing talent and asked them such informed questions. Many of them said they now wanted to learn how to play an instrument. At the moment we have drums, guitar and piano lessons at school. Your child can join these existing lessons or they may decide they want to learn the violin or saxophone or something different. If they are interested in learning to play then you will need to use the following link to Cornwall Music Service to sign them up. Subsidies are available for those who receive pupil premium.

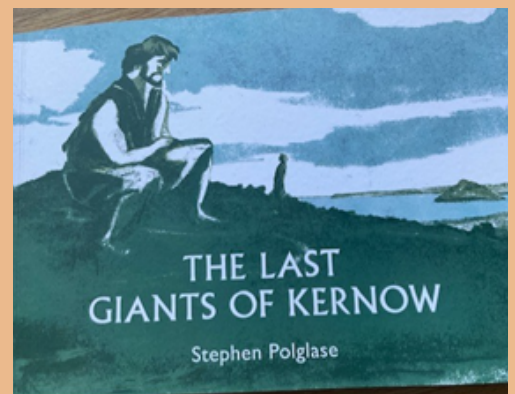
<https://cmst.co.uk/>

Have a lovely, sunny weekend Paula Blackburn

### **HURRAH! WORLD BOOK DAY IS ON THE 6TH OF MARCH!**

On the 6th of March we'll be celebrating WBD. This year, we are lucky enough to have a local author visit so we have decided to theme our day around local stories. If you would like to join us in this theme, please come dressed as your favourite character from a Cornish tale. Otherwise, please feel free to come dressed as another character that has grabbed your interest. We know that time and money are tight for many of us, so please don't feel you need to spend a lot on making or buying a costume. We have loads of dressing-up and fabric at school. Please just pop in and talk to one of the team.

We are thrilled to say that local author, Stephen Polglase, will be visiting us on WBD to talk with the children about his book 'The Last Giants of Kernow'. If you are interested, it is available to buy for £15 from [jill.polglase@icloud.com](mailto:jill.polglase@icloud.com)



## **SPRING TERM 2024**

### **Thursday 6th March**

World Book Day

### **Monday 10th March**

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

### **Tuesday 11th March**

Godrevy Class Eden Project  
Rinsey Class Penlee House

### **Thursday 13th March**

Perranuthnoe Class Maritime Museum

### **Monday 24th March**

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

### **Wednesday 26th March**

Songfest Performance

### **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



## **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.



## **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.

## **SCHOOL MONEY**

One common SchoolMoney Support enquiry is about parental login issues. The free SchoolMoney app solves this by removing the need for passwords! It's easy to set up, works on both Android and Apple, and enhances the user experience!

Our App benefits:

- Easy mobile number login – no need for passwords or emails.
- Always signed in – no repeated logins for payments.
- Supports Google Pay and Apple Pay (where available).
- Access to Payments, Bookings, Messages, Noticeboards & Calendars.
- Linked sibling payments, even across different SchoolMoney schools.

Invite your parents to [download the app](#) today!

Please also have a look at our [App Guide](#) or [demonstration video](#)!

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.

## GODREVY CLASS UPDATE

This week, we completed a maths challenge where we had to find 3 mystery numbers using the clues we were given. The clues were about square numbers and we had to use our addition, multiplication and communication skills to complete the task. It was exciting getting closer and closer to the answer!

We also had a visit from a string quartet. They played enthusiastically and we enjoyed their company. When they were finishing, the school played a game where we had to clap when we thought the piece was over, however they kept taking long breaks and then continuing to play- we think they were trying to trick us. Earlier this week, a member of parliament came to teach us about how parliament works. Isaac learnt that there are two different houses, one called the House of Commons and one called the House of Lords. In the House of Lords Rewan learnt that there is a giant, golden throne for the King.



### 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/7ac7qHLPfc>

Worry Workshop –

<https://forms.office.com/e/YR5MeEwtEF>

Resilience Workshop –

<https://forms.office.com/e/TE2UmBZrHK>

**COMPETITION**

**Closing date**  
28th Feb

We need your help to design a thank you postcard for the businesses who donated to our auction to raise money for the new school Library.

**PRIZE**

The winner of the chosen design will receive A brand new art set!

**your postcard must:**

- Be A4 or A5
- Include the total raised – £2003.10
- Thank the donors for their kind generosity
- Be colourful and bright

All entries to be handed in to Mrs Symons on Monday after half term

### 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

## EDEN PACKED LUNCH CHALLENGE WINNERS

Godrevy class have recently taken part in a packed lunch challenge with the Eden Project. Their brief was to design a packed lunch. They had to consider sustainability, local and seasonal food, and taste, through the lens of nature, economic and social considerations, and consider choices that could be made and by whom. Children researched and presented in various ways – posters, drama, power point and books, using a range of presentational skills and media.

As a class we made vegetable sushi and chocolate brownies – we used gluten and dairy-free products so that everyone could try some. We also tried an avocado, because although it's not a locally produced food, some of us hadn't had it before. The baking afternoon was a lot of fun and tasty.



Rewan, Violet, Charley and Raef produced the winning presentation for Germoe School, using Canva. It was all singing and all dancing, with great visuals and sound. Their work was acclaimed for the attention given to nature and for showing compassion about food.

Well done team, and to all the great presentations and hard work!

## TAX FREE CREDITS

Please do check if you may be eligible for Tax Free Credits using the link below. These can be used towards Breakfast Club and Afterschool Care

### 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>

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

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## KERNOW YOUNG CARERS SERVICE

Kernow Young Carers Service meets the needs of young carers and young adult carers. We support Carers from 4-25 yrs.

**HOW TO CONTACT US**

01736 756655

hello@carersadviceine.org.uk

www.cornwallcarers.org.uk  
www.kernowyoungcarers.co.uk

**CORNWALL CARERS SERVICE**  
SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO CARE

**01736 756655**  
A Whole Age Service

**We offer:**

- Practical support, information, advice, and guidance.
- Activities and workshops.
- Social interaction, peer support and help to provide a break from the caring role.
- Training and support for schools.
- 1:1 support.
- Help to access grants to meet a range of needs that help to reduce the impact of your caring role.

**Partners:** Cornwall Council, disAbility, CRCC, Age UK, Promote, Barnardos

## CORNWALL CARERS SERVICE

**Are you a carer?**

**A Carer is anyone who cares, unpaid, for a friend or family member who due to illness, disability, a condition that affects their mental or physical wellbeing or an addiction cannot manage without their support.**

Caring includes helping with chores and tasks like cooking, cleaning, communication, moving around, shopping, washing, taking medication, managing money or managing appointments.

**Cornwall Carers Service delivers a range of high quality support services for unpaid Carers of all ages throughout Cornwall.**

Our Partnership is made up of DisAbility Cornwall IOS, Barnardos's Age UK CIOS, Promas CIC and CRCC as the Lead Partner.

A Creative and inspirational partnership of like-minded organisations supporting unpaid Informal Carers caring for a loved one.

Our services include, emotional support, information, advice and guidance, statutory assessment, access to grants, community support, carer specific training and dedicated support for all carers (including young carers and young adults).

## Little Artists

WITH ANNIE 5-11 yrs

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

At The Exchange Gallery in Penzance

Weds 3.45-4.45

paint, print, sculpt, build, weave, glue, create, sparkle!

£8 per week

Email: [newlynlittleartists@yahoo.com](mailto:newlynlittleartists@yahoo.com)

## 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

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

**CORNWALL COUNCIL** Together for Families [www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

## 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.