



# Germoe School

## Newsletter

15th November 2024



### Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

Our year 5 and 6 children have been working hard on their letter writing skills this week. They have written to all the local companies to ask for donations/prizes for our online auction. FROGS have done a wonderful job in setting this up. All funds raised will go towards a new school library which the children are really excited about. Please take a look by clicking the link below. Hopefully, after the children's letters have been received, we will have many more prizes to be auctioned so please look again. If you have anything you would like to offer then we would be extremely grateful, it can be anything such as gardening services, odd jobs, nails, hair etc so think outside the box! The children and FROGS would really appreciate any contributions. The link to the auction is: [Germoe Christmas Auction 2024](#)

The children look great in their pyjamas today, although it was very strange seeing a huge dinosaur on the playground today!!

Have a lovely weekend.

Paula Blackburn

### KS2 CHRISTMAS PLAY

Our production is fast approaching!

Ticket information will be shared in next week's newsletter. Please note there will be a 1.45pm and a 6pm performance, we ask that children are present at both please- if this is not possible please speak to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

This week children were given information regarding their costumes. If you have not seen this information please contact Mr Conway or Miss Symons.

# DIARY DATES 2024/2025

## AUTUMN TERM 2024

### Tuesday 19th November

Parent coffee & cake meeting

### Thursday 5th November

Perranuthnoe Class Minack Trip

### Monday 9th December

YR-Y6 Christmas Panto (see letters sent via email)

### Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Production - KS2 afternoon and evening performances

### Friday 13th December

Godolphin Cross Lantern Procession  
6pm

### Monday 16th December

KS1 Nativity @ 2.30pm

### Tuesday 17th December

Christmas Lunch

### Friday 20th December

Break up for Christmas at 1.30pm

## TERM DATES 2024/2025

### Autumn term (74 days)

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

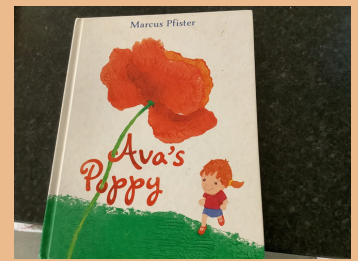
### Spring Term 2025 (60 days)

- 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**

## KINDERGARTEN CLASS UPDATE



This week in Kindergarten, we talked about Remembrance Day. We watched a video on CBeebies and we talked about how the music changed when the war started, and also how the music changed again when the war stopped, we discussed how this made us feel. We also noticed that poppies started to grow in the fields. We went on to make poppies out of play dough, and we also made a colourful poppy wreath out of willow. We read a beautiful story called 'Ava's poppy' about a little girl who befriended a poppy, and we talked about how the poppy died, but grew again as she buried the seed head in the ground, creating new life.


## FOODBANK DONATION

Last week, some of our year 6 children helped to load up the donations for the foodbank which we collected during our Harvest Festival. These donations have now been taken to Helston and are being distributed as needed. Through the Harvest Auction we also raised an incredible.£153.00 which is also being sent to the foodbank to support their work!

## 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.

**HELP US TO PUBLISH**



**The Last GIANTS of KERNOW**

Godolphin Cross Community Association will be publishing Stephen Polglase's new book in time for Christmas. The story is inspiration for the Lantern Festival at Godolphin House and the school will be taking part in lantern making workshops this year. It weaves together Cornish folklore, the landscape around Godolphin and tin mining with beautiful illustrations.

[www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-last-giants-of-kernow](http://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/the-last-giants-of-kernow) to buy your copy

**What's on? Activities**  
The Elms, November 2024

Cornwall Neighbourhoods for Change

Mondays	10:30 - 12:00	Cuppa Companions (Tyacks Hotel)	An opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Tyacks, Camborne.
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Tuesdays	10:00 - 12:00	The Magic Cupboard	A subscription based food larder.
	10:00 - 12:00	Cuppa Companions (Treloweth)	Meet the Community Health & Wellbeing Team at Treloweth Community Hall. First Tuesday of every month. Drop in.
Wednesdays	10:00 - 13:00	Warm Tums	Under 5s & parent/carer group. Craft activities and a hot lunch provided.
	14:00 - 16:00	Woman Kind (Autumn Term)	Our women's peer support group. Safe supportive space for all women. No booking required.
	16:00 - 18:00	Just Be;	A space for young people, with food, activities and on-hand advice. Drop in, no booking required.
Thursdays	10:00 - 12:00	HELP Drop In with Coodes Solicitors	Drop in for advice and guidance, anything from housing to benefits. Free legal consultations on 14th & 28th from Coodes
	10:00 - 13:00	Health Checks	60 minute health checks run by Healthy Cornwall. Booking in advance required.
	11:00 - 12:00	Puffalots (Illogan)	Gentle exercises if you have completed pulmonary rehabilitation. The Old School Centre, Illogan.
	14:30 - 16:30	The Wanderers	Walking group leaving from The Elms to various places. Booking required.
Fridays	10:00 - 12:00	Chilled Art Group	Join Professional Community Artist Steph from ArtsWell for a creative journey! No booking required.
	17:00 - 19:00	Friendly Friday	Good food and a friendly chat. Booking required.
Saturdays	10:00 - 14:00	Why Don't You? Club	Fully accessible family activities designed to be enjoyed by all. Booking required.
Sundays	12:00 - 14:00	Social Sunday	Good food and a friendly chat. Booking required.



## CLUBS

### **Monday:**

Mr Conway- Football

Miss Symons- STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) Explorers

### **Tuesday:**

Mrs Knight- Eco Club

Miss Burns- Book Making

### **Thursday:**

Mrs Reeves and Ms Motley - Dance Club

All Clubs are open to Year 1 and above and if your child/ren would like to join you will need to contact Mrs Care in the office to sign them up.

### **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: 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

### **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.

### School information finder - Germoe

What information do you need?

Where to find the information

I need to contact school urgently

Phone on 01736 763310

I need to contact school non-urgently

Email [secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk](mailto:secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk) or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)

School website

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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## 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>

## New Dates - Autumn Term

Liven up the grey days with our art workshops for children and young people.

Autumn term dates for Kids Club and Porthmeor Art Collective:

29 Sep, 27 Oct, 24 Nov.

Young Life starts again on 3 Oct at 5pm.

### [11 - 16 Years | Porthmeor Art Collective](#)

Workshops for young artists aged 11-16. Based at Porthmeor Studios, they are taught contemporary art practice by working artists and start finding their artistic voice.

### [7 - 10 Years | Sunday Kids Art Club](#)

This is a Kids Art Club like no other, where children get to work on easels and use the same high art quality materials as our adults courses. They are taught by experienced artist tutors and start to take their first steps as young artists.

### [Young Life](#)

Working from a clothed model, come and try your hand at life drawing. Taught by one of our most experienced tutors Steve Dove. This heavily subsidised session is made possible because of the generous support of our students and funders.

If you are a family on low income and would like support for your child to access these workshops, please email [cat@schoolsartframing.co.uk](mailto:cat@schoolsartframing.co.uk)





An opportunity for young people aged 9-12 to audition to be part of a brand-new musical production to be performed at the Minack during the Easter holidays 2025. The production is based on the entrancing legend of the Mermaid of Zennor and the young people will audition for a part in the ensemble cast. Perfect for those who enjoy performing, singing, dancing and acting. The production will also star two professional adult actors. For more information on rehearsal and performance dates and to book an audition slot visit [www.minack.com/take-part](http://www.minack.com/take-part)

## **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>

