



Germoe School Newsletter

5th September 2025



Message from Miss Blackburn

Welcome back! Thank you to those who attended the welcome meeting on 3rd September 2025. Here are the notes I made for those who couldn't make it:

1. Welcome back note – hoping you all had a lovely break and a re-charge of batteries.
2. Topic Webs – Please get as involved with your child's learning, tie in out of school visits with topics. Teachers will upload a topic web every term to their class section of our website. It tells you the overarching learning objectives for each subject each term.
3. Mrs Knight/Mrs Sukstiene are now kindergarten teachers and Miss Burn/Mrs Sukstiene are now year1/2 teachers. We will be using continuous provision with our year 1 and 2 children based around our inquiry topics. We will discuss this further in class welcome meetings.
4. Attendance. Attendance is really important, our figures are checked regularly by the LA and it could lead to a failed OFSTED report if figures are too high. Please be honest with us and we will do what we can to help ensure your absence is authorised if it is valid.
5. Home School Promise – Please see attached for a copy of the home school promise. Please read through with your child. We promise to keep to our side of the bargain!
6. FROGS – Friends of Germoe School are always after new recruits, if you would like to join or offer help then please contact our parent governor Naomi Penrose npenrose@fbgschools.co.uk The work they do is amazing and you will benefit from their fundraising through school trip subsidies etc.
7. Phonic Coding – we have changed from Read Write Inc phonics scheme to Sounds Write phonic coding programme which is wonderful. Not being a phonics lover, this makes much more sense and is linked to a spelling programme. It's basically about investigating or coding the words instead of the sounds within them – much more child friendly! We will run a session for parents in the coming months with more detail.
8. Homework – Please listen to your child read every evening, or read to them. Some classes have reading records to record their reading and others are concentrating on developing a culture of reading at home so don't focus on recording it but the teacher will check in with them to ask what they are reading at home... so please do encourage it! More information will be given in your class meeting. We will also set a family learning challenge every term so you can get involved with their inquiry project work. Class specific homework will be mentioned in the class welcome meetings.
9. Half termly parent coffee mornings – Please do attend the half termly coffee mornings with me, it's a great opportunity to meet you, moan with you etc etc., nothing formal just a celebration of successes and a vehicle to offload a school problem/find a solution together. The next one is Monday 22nd September at 9.00am in the School Hall.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn



The Federation of Boskenwyn and Germoe Schools Home-School Promise



Aims:

Our home-school promise aims to outline effective ways in which we can agree to work together to foster and maintain respectful and pro-active relationships with you and your child as they move through our schools.

As a pupil, I promise to:

- Come to school with a positive attitude to learning
- Have mutual respect for my classmates and the staff
- Respect the resources, the classroom and whole school environment
- Be a positive role model in my community
- Try my best when learning and use the 4B's to help me
- Complete some home learning with my family or on my own
- Use online technology at school and at home safely and responsibly

As a parent/carer, I/we promise to:

- Ensure my child attends school regularly and on time and in the correct uniform
- Ensure my child is collected on time unless I have informed the school otherwise
- Notify the school of any illness
- Give my child time every day to listen to them read or read to them or ask them questions about their reading
- Support my child's progress when learning at home
- Support school policy on learning and ~~behaviour~~ conduct
- Ensure the school has up to date emergency contacts
- Notify the school if my child has any allergies/dietary requirements
- Notify school of any problems at home which may impact their learning or well-being
- Support the school in the teaching of safe internet use at home
- Attend parent consultations to discuss my child's learning and progress
- Regularly check emails, school website, Seesaw and/or social media for important school information
- Respond promptly to communications from the school where required
- Help my child to have a positive attitude to learning
- Talk positively to my child about their school day

As a school, we promise to:

- Be open and welcoming, offering parents the opportunity to be involved in the life of the school
- Provide information and opportunities to support and reinforce learning at home
- Communicate regularly via email, text, website, (social media, phone, letter and face to face may also be used)
- Provide a bespoke, inquiry based curriculum which inspires and enriches
- Ensure children are sufficiently encouraged, supported and challenged
- Have high aspirations for what your child can achieve now and in the future
- Give children the tools to become confident, 21st century, lifelong learners
- Support children to feel safe and have a trusted adult to open up to
- Continue to learn and develop professionally and adapt our practice where we see the benefit of improvement
- Be available at the beginning or end of the school day to answer immediate queries or concerns
- Notify parents of events in good time via school website/email



WELCOME MEETINGS

Welcome meetings will be taking place next week in classrooms for you to see the teachers and to get the details about your child's class. All parents/carers welcome.

Kindergarten – Monday 3.15pm

Perranuthnoe – Tuesday 3.15pm

Hendra – Wednesday 3.30pm

Godrevy – Thursday 3.30pm

UNIFORM AND SCHOOL TIMES

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 or navy trousers, skirt or joggers.

***White/pale** blue polo shirt and sapphire jumper or sweatshirt. We have sapphire blue school sweatshirts in stock which you can buy for £11 through 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 sapphire t-shirt, we have school PE t-shirts in stock for £6.00, trainers. For Reception and KS1 children, we are relaxed about this attire.

Reception and KS1 children

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

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, please give Anita a ring in the office.

GODREVY – SCROUNGE

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!

MUSIC LESSONS

There are some spaces available in drums, guitar and piano lessons, and there is also the option to learn the violin. If your child is interested in any of these please contact Mrs Care for more details.

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.



NO WASTE WEDNESDAY!

Great news! We have new recycling stations in each classroom including food waste bins. In order to reduce our waste and recycle/compost effectively we need to take some action.

Here is what our Eco-Club members have to say...

"We think our school has been wasting too much food and not recycling enough wrapping so we would like to introduce 'No Waste Wednesday' every week. In your packed lunch you can use reusable pots and tubs and if you do have wrappers make sure to put your rubbish in your lunch box so you can take your rubbish home to recycle!"

Each Wednesday, we will be weighing our food waste and black bins to monitor our waste.

We will be working with Kathryn to ensure that the right amount of food is prepared in the school kitchen. If you have a packed lunch, we encourage you to avoid individually wrapped items. For example, cut a chunk of cheese from a large block rather than bringing an individual portion.

Let's all do our bit to work towards a 'No Waste Wednesday'!

SCHOOL MENU

GF = GLUTEN FREE

DF = DAIRY FREE



Monday

Build your own ^{GF DF} baguette (ham, cheese, tuna) with scrumptious salad bars and features home grown ingredients.

Tuesday

Chicken nugget/Quorn nugget + chip with beans and cheese.



Wednesday

^{GF} Spagetti ^{GF DF} bolognese / ^{GF} macaroni cheese with broccoli and carrots.

Thursday

Build your own ^{GF} wraps chicken/cheese or ^{GF} fish fingers with scrumptious salad bars.

Friday

Burger + chips (^{DF} chicken, ^{DF} beef, ^{DF} vaggie)
scrumptious salad.

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Monday 8th September

Kindergarten welcome meeting
3.15pm

Tuesday 9th September

Perranuthnoe welcome
meeting 3.15pm

Wednesday 10th September

Hendra welcome meeting
3.30pm

Thursday 11th September

Godrevy welcome meeting
3.30pm

Monday 22nd September

Parent coffee/cake meeting
9.00 am

Thursday 9th October

YR to Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccines

2025/2026

Autumn Term 2025 (74 days)

3rd September 2025 – 19th December 2025
(Half term 27th October – 31st October)

Spring Term 2026 (60 days)

5th January 2026– 2nd April 2026
(Half term 16th – 20th February)

Summer Term 2026 (61 days)

20th April 2026– 22nd July 2026
(Half term 25th May – 29th May)

Public Holidays

Christmas Day	25th December 2025
Boxing Day	26th December 2025
New Years day	1st January 2026
Good Friday	3 rd April 2026
Easter Monday	6 th April 2026
May Bank Holiday	4th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25th May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 st August 2026

INSET DAYS

1st –5th June 2026

PINS Project – Parent/carer survey

Dear Parent Carer

We are pleased to inform you that your child's primary school will be participating in the Partnership for Inclusion of Neurodiversity in Schools (PINS) Project over the next 12 months, with an aim explore neurodivergent children's experiences and help improve the support on offer to them in school.

The PINS project is part of a current national programme of partnership working between the Department of Education (DfE), the Department of Health & Social Care (DHSC), NHS England (NHSE), and Parent Carer Forums (PCF); to better support the education and health needs of neurodivergent children & young people within mainstream school settings across the UK.

As the PINS Project work is about to begin in your school, you are being invited to share your thoughts and experiences in relation to school via a survey by Parent Carers Cornwall. The information from this survey will be used to understand your child's school's strengths and potential areas of improvement from your perspective as a Parent and/or Carer.

When this current phase of the national PINS Project comes to an end in March 2026, Parent Carers Cornwall will again invite you to complete another survey. This will be a new survey towards the end of our local project work, to understand what has changed for you and your child in relation to school over the course of your school's involvement in the PINS Project.

This survey is for ALL Parents and/or Carers of children attending participating primary schools in the PINS Project in Cornwall to complete, not just Parents and/or Carers of children with SEND or neurodivergent children (self-identified or diagnosed).

Please find the link to our survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Summer25PINSsurvey>

N.B. If you have more than one child attending the school, then you are welcome to complete the survey individually for each of your children attending the school.

If you would like to learn more about the PINS Project work in Cornwall, please visit [the Parent Carers Cornwall PINS Project webpage](#). There you can find details on the aims of the national PINS project, a list of schools that participated in phase 1 of the project in Cornwall, and information about our Locality Support Officers. The final list of the schools participating in phase 2 of the PINS Project in Cornwall will be published on the website shortly. The Parent Carers Cornwall website also contains details of regular free Parent Carer events & workshops; and is home to Cornwall's Neurodiversity Hub (which is part of the current Neurodiversity Profiling Tool offer across Cornwall).

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.

Sleep Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/6cJiu8PArV>
Resilience Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/260T74xF2v>
Worry Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/hkyaFeuYIZ>
Behaviour Workshop - <https://forms.office.com/e/gA2jNGbZ4F>



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

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

Monday 8 September - 9:30am & 1pm
Tuesday 9 September - 10am & 4pm
Wednesday 10 September - 9:30am & 1pm
Thursday 11 September - 11am & 4pm

This workshop aims to provide psychoeducation on "What is worry?" and "Why does my child worry?" Also includes practical strategies for helping children manage their worries.

To book a place please complete the online form
<https://forms.office.com/e/hkyaFeuYIZ> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of school aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 7 in any school in Cornwall



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

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

Monday 15 September - 9.30am & 1pm
Tuesday 16 September - 10am & 4pm
Wednesday 17 September - 11am & 1pm
Thursday 18 September - 9.30am & 4pm

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
<https://forms.office.com/e/260T74xF2v> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of school aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 7 in any school in Cornwall



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

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

Monday 22 September - 9.30am & 1pm
Tuesday 23 September - 11am & 4pm
Wednesday 24 September - 9.30am & 1pm
Thursday 25 September - 10.00am & 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
<https://forms.office.com/e/gA2jNGbZ4F> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of school aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 7 in any school in Cornwall



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT TEAM - MHST
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

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

Monday 29 September - 11am & 4pm
Tuesday 30 September - 9.30am & 1pm
Wednesday 1 October - 9.30am & 1pm
Thursday 2 October - 10am & 4pm

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
<https://forms.office.com/e/6cJiu8PArV> or scan the QR code



This workshop is open to parents/carers of school aged children enrolled in Reception to Year 7 in any school in Cornwall

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Support for families affected by the terminal illness of a parent/carer

If you are a family with children where the parent/carer has a terminal illness come and join us at one of our activities or events.

We provide:

- Memory making workshops
- Support boxes
- Drop In sessions
- Activity days
- Information
- Peer Support

With the exception of our activity days all our services are free.

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Visit: www.gunnerskids.org
 email: tamsin@gunnerskids.org

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SilverCloud

Interactive cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) programmes to help support and make you feel better

SilverCloud offers a number of programmes including:

- Supporting an Anxious Child
- Supporting an Anxious Teen
- Supporting a Child with ADHD

For more information and to sign up please use the link below:
<https://cornwallcyp.silvercloudhealth.com/signup/>




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.

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.
- IT support.
- Help to access grants to meet a range of needs that help to reduce the impact of your caring role.

HOW TO CONTACT US

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hello@carersadvice.org.uk

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

 

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CORNWALL CARERS SERVICE

Are you a carer?

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, Barnardo'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.

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.

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Breage Festival
Children & Adult Competition
Saturday 20th September

Childrens Competition's
 Make your own miniature garden, using your imagination and creativity.
 Base to be no bigger than 30cm x 30cm

Make your own recycled animal using things that you would put up for roadside collection.

Age Groups
 0 - 4 years, 5 - 7 years, 8 - 10 years, 11 - 16 years

Prizes for 1st, 2nd & 3rd

All entries for the children's competition are to be dropped at Breage Church at 1pm on the day with a name, age and contact number on the bottom so can't be seen.
 Judging to take place by 3pm then you are able to collect your designs to take home.

Adult Competition
'Festival' themed Cake Competition

Put your baking skills to the test and enter your creation that's fit enough for a festival! Then donate it to us to use and sell to help our fundraiser.
 Best baker will win a prize!

Please **DO NOT** use NUTS within the ingredients and please supply a list of ingredients so we can display. Please drop any cakes by 1pm on the day to Breage Snooker & Social Club with your name and contact number on the bottom.





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 or email class teacher(name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
	School website
I need to find a list of teachers	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Our school – Meet the staff
	School website
I need to know term dates	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
	School website
I want to find out about upcoming dates, trips etc	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Calendar
	School website
I want to read a school policy	www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk
	Our school - Policies
	School website
I want to see the school development plan	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
	Parent info – Menu
	School website
I want to find out about clubs	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
	Parent info - Newsletter
	Phone or email
	01736 763310
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Paula Blackburn head@fbgschools.co.uk
	Angie Larcombe alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk