



Germoe School Newsletter

17th October 2025



MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

I had a meeting with our assigned Attendance Officer last week. Each school has an Attendance Officer assigned to them to check that the school is tackling any persistent absence and that they are issuing penalty notices to those who have 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised attendance.

We do have an authorised absence request form which must be used if you are applying to take your child out during term time. These absences will only be granted under exceptional circumstances which are stated on the request form. This was discussed at our governor's meeting last night and we have decided that in future, any authorised absences will need to be approved by governors. Therefore, if you are requesting to take your child out in term time, please make sure that the request is made at least 4 weeks before the intended absence. We understand that this may not be possible in some circumstances, such as a funeral or a competition. You will be notified of the outcome of the request once approved by governors, if you take your child out without prior permission then the absence will be unauthorised and may result in a penalty notice.

Unfortunately, we do have many families who have persistent absence, persistent absence is less than 90% attendance, equating to half a day per week. These families will receive a letter this week to notify them of their child's attendance figure. We know and understand that illness can not be helped but we still need to send the letter to inform you of their current attendance figure and will need to request medical evidence if the attendance does not improve. I urge you to see this as a supportive letter and an offer of help if needed.

Families who regularly arrive late will also receive a letter to explain the detrimental effect this has on their children and how these lates may lead to unauthorised absences if they do not improve. Again, 10 sessions of unauthorised absence will lead to a penalty notice so we really do want to help you to prevent this from happening. We have a duty of care to your child and we have to follow the government's statutory policies and procedures. We understand that isolated lateness cannot be avoided but regular lateness can.

Persistent absence and lateness not only affects your child, their wellbeing and the academic achievement but it also has a detrimental effect on the whole school and could result in a poor Ofsted grading. Please help us to improve, we are always here to listen and support.

Have a lovely weekend
Paula Blackburn

HARVEST FESTIVAL

TUESDAY 21ST OCTOBER AT 2PM AT GERMOE CHURCH

Please join us for our Harvest festival. This year we will be holding the service in church led by Reverend Susie, there will be songs and poems and a Harvest auction! Miss Blackburn will once again hold an auction in the church, any donations for the auction will be greatly received.

Please bring your non-perishable goods into school before the festival and any perishable goods can be brought in on the day before or even on the day of the service.

Items to bring – tins, packets of food and toiletries etc, all proceeds will go to Helston food bank.

Your donations are greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your continued support.

POPPY COLLECTION

Poppy's will be available to buy from the office from Monday next week

HAVE A SPOOKTACULAR ECO-HALLOWEEN!

The Eco-committee have been thinking about ways to help the environment this Halloween. Here are some ideas:

- If you are buying sweets for trick or treaters try to buy sweets with cardboard wrappers, like mini boxes of smarties.
- Make spooky lanterns by painting jars and putting in a tea-light.
- Compost your pumpkin when Halloween is over.
- Make something yummy with the pumpkin seeds when you hollow out your pumpkin.

Here are some recipes ideas from BBC Good Food

<https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/howto/guide/how-use-pumpkin-seeds>



DIARY DATES

Tuesday 21st October

Harvest Festival 2pm @ Germoe Church

Wednesday 19th November

Parent coffee/cake meeting 2.30 pm
Swimming Gala @ Helston

Wednesday 3rd December

KS2 Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 10th December

KS2 Christmas Production

Thursday 11th December

Rogue Theatre trip YR-Y6

Tuesday 16th December

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AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Clubs are open to year 1- 6 unless otherwise stated.

Monday:

Football Years 3-6, with Mr Conway

CANCELLED - STEM (Science, Technology and engineering) with Miss Symons

Tuesday:

Yoga with Miss Burns

Environmental Explorers with Mrs Knight

Thursday:

Art with Mrs Sukstiene

WRAPAROUND CARE

Breakfast Club available from 8am and after school care until 4:30pm daily

SPRING/SUMMER DIARY DATES

Thursday 5th February

Parent coffee/cake meeting 9.00 am

Wednesday 18th March

Parent coffee/cake meeting 2.30 pm

Thursday 30th April

Parent coffee/cake meeting 9.00 am

Monday 22nd June

Parent coffee/cake meeting 2.30 pm

PERRANUTHNOE CLASS UPDATE



This week we have been busy completing our woodland animal homes. Firstly, we did our research, finding out about what animal homes look like, and where they are – on the ground, underground, in the tree, hidden in the bushes, up high, down below? Then we went on to design and construct them using junk modelling, building and adapting our models as we went along, testing their strength, making sure they were sturdy enough to house their animal. Finally, we went into the forest and built our woodland animal homes using natural resources, thinking about where they would build their homes and why. I wonder if we get any new inhabitants?



WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION

https://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk/web/parent_information_finder/

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.



Pop up Food Hub

See our Facebook Page

Helston

Pre-Order Only – payment on the day

Last order 4 days prior to event

To guarantee your bundle please contact

Debbie on 07880 835 331

For £30, which helps to keep the charity running, you will receive a trolley load containing:

Tea or coffee
Pasta or rice
A selection of tins and cereal
Bag/box of Crisps
A box of pasties or pies
A bag of frozen items
A bag of fresh fruit/veg
A bag of household toiletries
Bread/rolls/cakes
Pet Food
Other extra items as available



**All welcome. No referral needed
We look forward to seeing you there**

Remember to bring a trolley or plenty of strong bags

Saturday 18th October 10:00 – 11:00

Please use the link to book or scan the QR code

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

Devon & Cornwall Food Action
PRE-ORDER Form



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Kehelland
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All Things Batty!

Wednesday
29th October
5.00pm- 7.30pm

Join us for an evening learning about our
night flying residents.

Games

Walk around
site

Talk by a
local expert

Bat box building £5 per box

Tickets available from our website

www.kehellandtrust.org.uk

£5 per person including a filled jacket potato

Scan to find us
on Google maps



Well behaved dogs on leads welcome



U18's must be accompanied by an adult

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A Cornish Autumn Celebration

Wednesday 29th October

10.00am - 3.30pm

Apple Decorations **£1.00**

Site Entry **FREE**

Craft activities **FREE**

Badge Making **£1.00**

Activity Trail **FREE**

**Pop up caf serving drinks,
snacks and cakes.**

Join us for a fun-filled family day out celebrating
Autumn. Explore our beautiful site and learn about
October festivals around the World

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COMMUNITY ACTION FESTIVAL

AT HUMPHRY DAVY SCHOOL

FRIDAY 24TH OCTOBER
12PM – 6PM

Free half-term family fun
Cost of living and wellbeing support

FREE FOOD

FAMILY ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

**DISCOVER LOCAL SUPPORT
AND COMMUNITY GROUPS**



HOSTED BY
ANDREW GEORGE MP





Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly
invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term we are offering FREE nature based creative sessions linked to the 5 ways to wellbeing.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall.
Please book EACH child on to a session.

Morning and afternoon sessions available at:

The Core at St Ives Community

Orchard - Thursday 30 October

Hayle Family Hub - Friday 31 October

We are also offering a Parentwell session at

Penrose Estate - Monday 27 October

Each session will last approx. 2 hours

To request a place, please complete the online
form or scan the QR code provided:

<https://forms.office.com/e/vc2Dtk8C5B>



Follow us on Facebook for updates and
upcoming events:

[Cornwall Mental Health Support Team \(MHST\)](#)

