



Germoe School Newsletter

19th September 2025



Message from Miss Blackburn

Dear parents and carers,

You will be very pleased to know that on a surprise environmental health inspection last week, we received the highest grade of 5. Well done to all the staff, particularly Kathryn.

Our children have been busy designing a joint logo for our federation, the designs look amazing and I will share the final one with you once they have all voted. The jumper logos will stay the same, the federation logo is for letterheads and for our new minibuses.

Have a lovely weekend

Paula Blackburn

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Harvest festival will take place in church on Tuesday 21st October at 2.30pm, everyone is welcome! More details to follow.

PLEA!! PERRANUTHNOE CLASS

If you have any cardboard boxes and other recycled materials at home that you no longer need, could we please have them for our DT project, we are making prototypes, building and making woodland animal homes. Please drop them at school with Class 2.

Thank you for your continued support!

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!



Sounds-Write

Phonetic Coding



We are so excited to be implementing Sounds-Write phonics at Germoe and Boskenwyn and really feel it will have a positive impact on the children with their reading, writing and spellings. Below is a little bit of information about what Sounds-Write will look like and the slight changes for how we will send books home, compared to previous years.

Phonics Sessions

All children in Years Reception - Year 2 will complete daily phonetic coding sessions with us in school. In Reception, this will be focused on the Initial Code, Year 1s will explore the Initial Code and the Extended Code and Year 2s will learn about the Extended Code in greater depth. Sounds-Write provides a Guide for Parents, which will be shared with you on Seesaw. This includes advice on how best to support your children at home and how we teach the sounds across the academic year.

Reading Books

Sounds-Write recommends that the children bring books home that are decodable and achievable to allow the children to feel success, feel confident and build fluency. The children should be able to segment and blend the words to share the text with you at home. For this reason, the books sent home will be at least 2 units behind where we are teaching in class, to really make sure that the children are confident with the sounds that they contain. However, as a school we have also chosen to send home a second 'book of choice' with the children so they can still develop their love of reading and preferences for genre and style of text. Most children will bring 2 books home with them which can be changed as often as necessary. Once the children reach a certain point with their phonetic coding, they will no longer need the Sounds-Write books so will only bring home their books of choice. This is recommended to be mid-Year 1 or early Year 2 but will vary for each child depending on their needs.

As always, please do get in touch with your class teacher if you have any more questions.

Thank you!



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



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.

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.

CLUBS

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

Monday:

Football Years 3-6, with Mr Conway

STEM (Science, Technology and engineering) Miss Symons

Tuesday:

Yoga, Miss Burns

Environmental Explorers, Mrs Knight

Thursday:

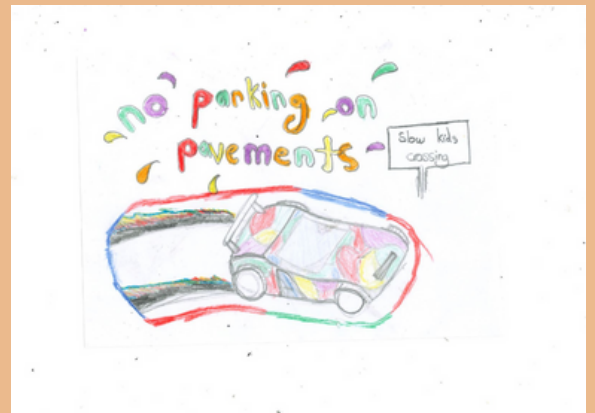
Art, Mrs Sukstiene

What is Environmental Explorers Club?

Are you interested in the environment? Do you care about your planet? Join us for forest time, eco-activities and gardening. Bring wellies, waterproofs and old clothes.

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.

DIARY DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2025

Monday 22nd September

Parent coffee/cake meeting 9.00 am

Tuesday 23rd September

Humphry Davy Evening

Thursday 25th September

Helston Open Evening

Wednesday 1st October

Mounts Bay Open Evening

Thursday 2nd October

Mullion Open Evening

Thursday 9th October

YR to Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccines

Tuesday 21st October

Harvest Festival 2pm @ Germoe Church

Wednesday 19th November

Parent coffee/cake meeting 2.30 pm

Wednesday 3rd December

KS2 Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 10th December

KS2 Christmas Production

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

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

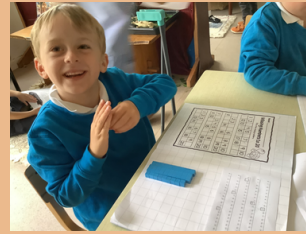
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| Christmas Day | 25th December 2025 |
| Boxing Day | 26th December 2025 |
| New Years day | 1st January 2026 |
| Good Friday | 3 rd April 2026 |
| Easter Monday | 6 th April 2026 |
| May Bank Holiday | 4th May 2026 |
| Spring Bank Holiday | 25th May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

INSET DAYS

1st – 5th June 2026

PERRANUTHNOE CLASS UPDATE

This week, in Maths we have been busy learning about Base ten and ones and we really enjoyed watching the crocodile eat the biggest numbers! In PE, we have been learning how to throw and catch accurately, keeping our eyes on the target and to have our hands in the correct position in order to receive the ball. In Science we have been learning about animal habitats and in DT we have been assembling animal homes after researching the sorts of environments they need in order to survive. In Drawing Club we have had fun with the Little Robots, letting our imaginations take us to far and wide places! And in History we have been inquiring into technology of the past and how things have changed in the present day. Phew, what a busy week!



PINS Project – Parent/carers 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 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

Early Help Kerrier Drop in with CAMHS

You are invited to our Early Help drop in
23rd September 2025 at 9.30am.

Redruth Family Hub, Drump Road, TR15 1NA.

The CAMHS Team - The Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) has a range of teams for children and young people and covers the spectrum of ages 0 to 18 years old

SEN Navigators Team and Cornwall SENDIASS - for advice on how to find Special Educational Needs support and Early Help Family and Youth Workers

All welcome, Free of charge, Refreshments provided

For any further information please contact:

Email: Kerrier.FamilyHub@cornwall.gov.uk
or ring Redruth Family Hub on 01209 310000



Anticipatory Grief Support

Support for families with children when a parent/carer has a terminal illness.



gunnerskids.org



gunners kids
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.

Terminal illnesses include: MND, heart disease, organ failure, lung disease, certain neurological conditions, some cancers, and any other life limiting condition that cannot be cured.

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

Find us on:   




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@carersadvice.org.uk

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

CORNWALL CARERS SERVICE
SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO CARE

01736 756655
A Whole Age Service




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

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.

Caring includes helping with chores and tasks like cooking, cleaning, communication, moving



SilverCloud

SilverCloud offers a number of programmes including:

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

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

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





Everyone is welcome!

SAT 20TH SEPT | 11AM

ST GERMoe CHURCHYARD

AUTUMN EQUINOX

Join us for stories round the fire, exploring the churchyard and connecting with God through nature... plus hot chocolates and marshmallows!!

EXPLORE | CONNECT | PLAY

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult - thank you!
For further info email kernierpioneer@gmail.com or find us on Facebook




Arts Adventurers @ The Centre
Open to all children aged 7-11
4-5pm every Monday
Free of charge

Children take part in various creative arts activities, meet and interview local artists, plan and deliver arts exhibitions and performances. This is the perfect group for children who enjoy all aspects of the arts. For more information and to book a Free slot, follow this link [How can I take part? | Minack Theatre](#)

Arts Adventurers, Crabwalkers

This group is open to children aged 9-14. This is a referral only group for children who have experienced Trauma/adversity/loss. Children work with practitioners weekly. The sessions foster a gentle child focussed approach, with a relaxed friendly atmosphere where the children take part in creative arts activities which see them grow in confidence while learning the importance of talking when they are faced with difficulties. If there is a child/children in your school who you feel would benefit from this group, please do share this information with their parents and get in touch with us.

4.30-6pm every Thursday
The Trelya, Penzance
Free of charge

MINACK ADVENTURERS AT THE CENTRE

FREE CREATIVE ARTS CLUB
FOR 7-11 YEAR OLDS

From 15th September
Every Monday 4-5pm
The Centre - Newlyn

For more information -
education@minack.com
or visit Minack.com to sign up




It all starts with... 

All Stars Cricket is the best cricket experience for **5-8 year-olds**

All kids are guaranteed to develop **new skills** while **having fun** and **making friends**

Participants receive a **personalised t-shirt**



Sign up today at allstarscricket.co.uk 



This is our game.

Calling all 8-11 year olds!

Whether a graduate from All Stars or new to the sport, Dynamos Cricket is an exciting way for kids to **play, learn** cricket skills and make **new friends**.

Participants receive a personalised New Balance shirt with their name and chosen number.

Sign up today 

dynamoscricet.co.uk



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.



WINNER

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 |