



# Germoe School Newsletter

26th September 2025



## MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you to those who attended the parent meeting this week, it was lovely to see you.  
Here is an outline of things we discussed:

Forest School – parents asked about forest school. This is on Wednesdays, it couldn't happen the previous weeks due to unforeseen circumstances but this week and going forward will be Wednesday. Parents asked about whether the older children have time in the forest. They have 2 afternoons a term and the dates will be shared with you close to the time. They do have access to outdoors all of the time, just not to the forest on a normal day.

Morning break for year 1 and 2 – parents asked about break time as the children thought it had been taken away from them. I explained that they have a natural break to each snack mid morning, but they are now encouraged to continue their learning, following their ideas without being told to stop and pack away at a set time. This allows that free flow and children can access the outdoors whenever they want to.

Topic webs – these have been put onto Seesaw and they are on our school website under classes. They give you an overview of the things children will be learning over the term with the links to the National Curriculum objectives.

School lunches – we talked a little about this but will continue with our ideas after half term when we are used to all the new equipment. Ideas include belly bugs and Chefs in Schools.

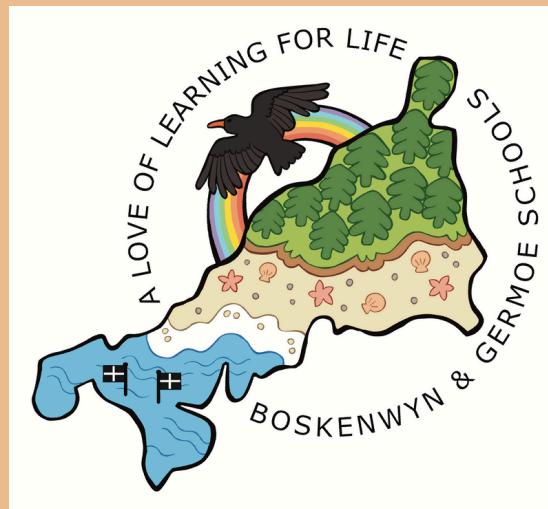
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## MESSAGE FROM MISS BLACKBURN CONTINUED

E-books – parents asked about sharing e-books. If you have any links you would like to share then please send them to us and I will put them on the newsletter. In the meantime, Mrs Sukstiene would like to share this one with you: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>. Lucy had some great ideas to take this further with the “books as mirrors and doors” approach. This is about children being able to see themselves in the books they read and so ensuring that their disability/race/religion etc is represented but also opening doors to new worlds for them. I do think we do this well, particularly with our daily reading sessions in which our teachers read to the children from a variety of genres. We will also conduct an audit to ensure fair representation in our literature.

Federation logo – Children at both Boskenwyn and Germoe were tasked to create a logo which would showcase both our schools. They created individual designs that included the Cornish Peninsular, the Cornish Chough, Cornish flags, rainbows so we then tasked my daughter, Imogen (Im Blackburn Art) to put together all their ideas and create a digital image. She did 4 designs and the children voted on them and what you see below is the one they chose. Well done to all of the Boskenwyn and Germoe children. The individual, Superman style logos will remain the same, the federation logo will be used on the new minibuses, letterheads and newsletters.

Have a lovely weekend  
Paula Blackburn



## HARVEST FESTIVAL

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

## DIARY DATES

### **Monday 29 September**

Neurodiversity Parent cafe 9.30am

### **Wednesday 1st October**

Mounts Bay Open Evening

### **Thursday 2nd October**

Mullion Open Evening

### **Thursday 9th October**

YR to Y6 Nasal Flu Vaccines

### **Friday 17th October**

Godrevy class out – Humphry Davy

### **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 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

## AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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

### **Monday:**

Football Years 3-6, with Mr Conway  
STEM (Science, Technology and engineering) with Miss Symons

### **Tuesday:**

**CANCELLED** – Yoga with Miss Burns  
Environmental Explorers with Mrs Knight

### **Thursday:**

Art with 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.

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

## **UNIFORM AND SCHOOL TIMES**

PLEASE SEE LINK BELOW, YOU WILL FIND THE INFORMATION UNDER OUR SCHOOL/SCHOOL PROSPECTUS

<https://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk/web/>

## **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'!

## **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.

## **2025/2026 ACADEMIC CALENDERE**

### **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**

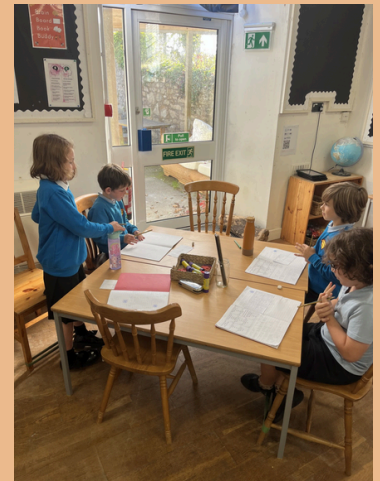
Christmas Day	25th December 2025
Boxing Day	26th December 2025
New Years day	1st January 2026
Good Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2026
Easter Monday	6 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
May Bank Holiday	4th May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25th May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 <sup>st</sup> August 2026

### **INSET DAYS**

**1st – 5th June 2026**

## RINSEY CLASS UPDATE

We have had another week of fabulous learning and definitely enjoyed the sunny weather. In English, we are learning about how to construct sentences correctly. In Maths, we have finished off learning about place value. We have been enjoying hockey and football in PE. In Inquiry, we have been learning all about the Stone Age!



### 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.



**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](http://www.gunnerskids.org)  
 email: [tamsin@gunnerskids.org](mailto:tamsin@gunnerskids.org)

Find us on:




## CORNWALL CARERS SERVICE

**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 for all carers (including young carers and 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.

## 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.

## 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**

01736 756655

[hello@carersadvice.co.uk](mailto:hello@carersadvice.co.uk)

[www.cornwallcarers.org.uk](http://www.cornwallcarers.org.uk)  
[www.kernowyoungcarers.co.uk](http://www.kernowyoungcarers.co.uk)


 

## CORNWALL CARERS SERVICE

**SUPPORT FOR THOSE WHO CARE**

**01736 756655**  
*A Whole Age Service*




 **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/>





**It all starts with...** **ALL STARS CRICKET**

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](http://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 

[dynamoscricket.co.uk](http://dynamoscricket.co.uk)

**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 15<sup>th</sup> September  
 Every Monday 4-5pm  
 The Centre - Newlyn

For more information - [education@minack.com](mailto:education@minack.com)  
 or visit [Minack.com](http://Minack.com) to sign up



## 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 <a href="mailto:secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk">secretary.germoe@fbgschools.co.uk</a> or email class teacher( name plus @fbgschools.co.uk)
I need to find a list of teachers	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – Meet the staff
I need to know term dates	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Term dates
I need to see if my child has homework or upload their homework	See saw
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 <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Calendar
I want to read a school policy	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school - Policies
I want to see the school development plan	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Our school – school development plan
I want to see what is on the lunch menu	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info – Menu
I want to find out about clubs	School website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I want to look at a past or present newsletter	School Website <a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent info - Newsletter
I need to report a safeguarding matter to school	Phone or email 01736 763310 Paula Blackburn <a href="mailto:head@fbgschools.co.uk">head@fbgschools.co.uk</a> Angie Larcombe <a href="mailto:alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk">alarcombe@fbgschools.co.uk</a>
School Uniform	<a href="http://www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk">www.germoe.cornwall.sch.uk</a> Parent Info - School Prospectus