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ABOUT GO CORNISH

Every child growing up in Cornwall deserves the opportunity to learn something of the Cornish language, and to discover the culturally rich heritage of our amazing patch of the planet.

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What's this?



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The programme provides you with:

- Easy to follow and free to download learning resources for teachers
- Creative ways to celebrate the language with learners and the local community
- Interactive learning tools, building pupil confidence to use the language at school and at home
- Welcome CPD session and language support along the way
- Access to the Go Cornish school network, with opportunities to learn from others
- Input from a bank of visiting Cornish speakers, creatives and cultural practitioners
- Celebration event and Go Cornish awards: Bronze, Silver and Gold
- Cross curricula Cornish language resources (Key Stage 1 and 2)

Go Cornish brings the Cornish language to life both inside and outside the classroom. It provides a clear framework to celebrate the language in fun and immersive ways, whilst promoting its use across your whole school community.

Commissioned by Cornwall Council, Go Cornish is available to all primary schools in Cornwall for FREE. Teachers don't need to speak Cornish themselves at entry level, and it requires little time commitment or admin.



THE LEGAL BACKGROUND: CORNISH AS AN OFFICIAL LANGUAGE

The Cornish language was given official recognition by the UK Government under the European Charter for Regional and Minority Languages in 2002 and this was reinforced as part of recognition for the Cornish as a national minority under the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCPNM) in 2014.

Government recognition led to the Cornish Language Strategy 2015-2025 which set out how we can all work together to increase use of Cornish, with young people being vital to the future of the language. The Creative Manifesto for Cornwall also recognises that our language helps make Cornwall's culture and creative economy distinctive.

REASONS TO GO CORNISH

Go Cornish gives young people across Cornwall the opportunity to embrace their own sense of Cornishness and to contribute to the future of our unique language.

Here are the benefits of Go Cornish for the young people at your school:

- **It's fun!** – Go Cornish is all about children, their teachers and families having fun with the Cornish language.
- **It grows brains** – Language learning has been scientifically proven to improve thinking skills and memory abilities. Bilingual students concentrate better, ignoring distractions and thinking more creatively regardless of which language they learn.
- **It deepens connection to other cultures** – Having a greater understanding of our own language and culture fosters an appreciation for the traditions and languages of others.
- **It boosts confidence** – Being out of your comfort zone and making mistakes is all part of language learning. The upside is the incredible sense of achievement your young people feel when they can converse with someone else in Cornish.



Here are some reasons why your school should Go Cornish:

- **To demonstrate commitment to Ofsted's 'cultural capital'** – Introduced in September 2019, 'cultural capital' now features prominently in the Ofsted's school inspection framework. In part, it encourages teachers to value and celebrate the backgrounds, traditions and languages that children and their families may bring, whilst exposing them to new and culturally enriching experiences.
- **To celebrate the Cornish language** – The Cornish language is alive! All around Cornwall there are place names, businesses and communities that see the language as an important part of Cornish identity. Go Cornish provides your school with ways to use and enjoy the language with pupils, parents and the local community.
- **To embrace our Cornish culture** – There is a calendar of traditions and events across Cornwall that embrace the language and contribute to Cornwall's distinctive cultural identity. By having an appreciation of the Cornish language, we can all gain a greater sense of place and cultural awareness.
- **To cultivate an international Cornish identity** – Cornish is one of six Celtic languages and more than 60 minority languages spoken across Europe and thousands around the globe. Go Cornish celebrates our Cornish language whilst providing learners with a Celtic community and international identity that goes far beyond the Cornish shores.



THUMBS-UP FOR GO CORNISH

“Inspiring children and young people to feel connected to Cornwall is important for Cornwall’s future economic growth. The Go Cornish resources will support our development of the broader curriculum and support our aspiration that every child growing up in Cornwall has the opportunity to learn something of the Cornish language, and to discover the culturally rich heritage of Cornwall. Most importantly, the resources make learning fun!”

- Kate Evan-Hughes, Director of Education at Cornwall Council

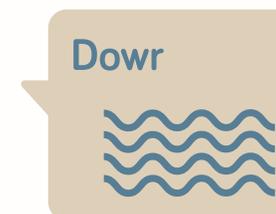


“The Go Cornish resources are a great help to teachers and staff with any level of Cornish language knowledge. They play a key role in introducing children to the language, whilst giving them knowledge of local history and their Cornish heritage. Perhaps most importantly – the children love it!”

- Ollie Stephens, Coads Green Primary School



What do you want to drink?



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“Go Cornish is an exciting project, that I’m sure many schools would be interested in. An appreciation of our Cornish culture and language can be a gateway to the wider world, and deepens an understanding of the importance of culture and language to others.”

- Tamsin Lamb, Education Lead at Crofty Multi Academy Trust

AWARDS

At each award level (Bronze, Silver and Gold), the three aims of AWARENESS, ENJOYMENT and ENGAGEMENT are sub-divided into three measurable activities; helping you to have a whole school approach and making your progress assessment quick and simple.

We will provide you with the tools, resources and support needed to meet the criteria outlined in the table below.



AIM	ACTIVITY	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD
AWARENESS	Signage	Welcome visitors with Cornish signs	Use Cornish on signs around school	Adopt Cornish to lead all school signage
	Communication	Tell people about Go Cornish	Use Cornish headings & greetings	Employ Cornish in all external comms
	Routines	Take the register and use Cornish greetings	Involve all staff in using Cornish	Have daily conversations in Cornish
ENJOYMENT	Activities	Have fun (e.g wet playtime) with Cornish	Use Cornish on trips across school	Create Cornish offerings
	Joining In	Take part in Cornish competitions	Perform using Cornish	Run a Cornish club
	Community	Share a bit of Cornish with families	Put on events using Cornish	Host Cornish community sessions
ENGAGEMENT	Kryw Kernewek	Involve pupils in the Go Cornish programme	Encourage pupils to lead activities	Support schools new to Go Cornish
	Teaching Cornish	Begin some Cornish in the classroom	Embed the teaching of Cornish	Mentor others teaching Cornish
	Cross Curricular Learning	Deliver a Cornish topic	Deliver two Cornish topics	Deliver some teaching through Cornish



HOW DO YOU GET INVOLVED?

Go Cornish is a two year, rolling award designed to be flexible and fit around your school day. This means that, having signed-up, you can apply for your award as soon as you think your school has met the required criteria, whether that's in six months, one year or the full two years.

Once you have achieved your badge and celebrated your success, it is yours for two years. You can then decide whether you're going to maintain it or progress to the next level.

1. Register Online

Head to our website (gocornish.org) for further details about Go Cornish, and to register your school on the programme.

All you need to do is complete and submit the short 'Statement of Commitment' which allows us to collect key contacts and basic information about your school.



2. Welcome CPD Session

Once you have registered for Go Cornish, we will send you your Go Cornish School Badge for you to display on your website. It can also be used in your school prospectus, on newsletters, email footers etc.

You will also be invited to attend one of our introductory welcome sessions. These will run on specific dates listed on the Go Cornish website and are available in a pre-recorded format.

The session will cover:

- How to access our bank of learning resources and bring the Cornish language to life
- Ways of embedding the Cornish language in your school setting through purposeful planning
- Advice on engaging your whole school in the learning process
- Tips on evidencing and evaluating your activities
- How to celebrate and share your progress with us and other Go Cornish schools
- What support is available throughout the process
- Setting up a 'Kryw Kernewek' (Cornish Crew) for your school
- Completing the run around survey at the start and end of the programme, so you can ascertain your school's progress.



How are you?



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HOW DOES IT WORK?



3. Delivering Go Cornish

Once you have shared the Go Cornish resources with your colleagues, the fun can begin. We will provide you with a clear action plan, so your school can start learning and playing with the Cornish language whilst checking off the required criteria along the way. Our team of fluent Cornish speakers and practitioners are available for support every step of the way.

4. 'Kryw Kernewek' (Cornish Crew)

Kryw Kernewek is how pupils can contribute ideas, engage peers with Go Cornish and help demonstrate your school's commitment.

At Bronze they have a limited role, supporting with things such as the run around survey and your award assessment. However, as you progress to Silver and Gold their role becomes more important. They will be contributing ideas to the Go Cornish programme, involving fellow pupils, staff, families and the community, as well as helping with some of the admin tasks.

5. Evidencing Progress and Self Evaluation

You will evidence progress throughout your journey by sharing pictures and videos through our private Facebook group for Go Cornish schools.

Once you think you have completed all of the criteria in the relevant award you should download and print the Kryw Kernewek check list. It's then up to your Kryw Kernewek to watch, listen, ask and find examples for each of the questions asked. This is a simple tick box form but we would love it if they took some pictures and videos along the way. The form is signed off by the Kryw Kernewek and your Head Teacher.

We also want you to repeat the run around survey that you did when you signed up to Go Cornish.

The assessment has been designed to be as time efficient, low impact and enjoyable as possible. You can then complete the form on our Go Cornish website and upload photos or further evidence for one of the Go Cornish team to review. It really is that easy!

6. Receiving Your Go Cornish Award

Once you have submitted your self evaluation and evidence, you will be notified about your Go Cornish Award within four weeks. Your school will receive a digital badge, issued by Cornwall Council, along with information about how to access it in multiple formats. Your badge can then be displayed in various settings such as on your website, brochures and around school.

Finally, we will help mark your achievement by providing you with a 'How to Celebrate' pack full of good ideas and useful ways to share your success. This will include example press releases, social media posts and announcement templates.



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REGISTER

Register or re-register for Go Cornish at gocornish.org.

- All we need is your:
- School information
 - Statement of commitment from headteacher
 - Go Cornish Champion

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WELCOME

Book your place on one of our **Welcome CPD Sessions**.

We will walk you through the Go Cornish process, explaining how to put our resources to use and document your school's progress for evaluation.

3

ACCESS

Gain access to our bank of **Go Cornish resources**.

We will provide your school with a unique login, giving you access to our framework of learning and Cornish language resources.

The Go Cornish team are on hand for Cornish language help and support.

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DELIVER

Now the fun begins!
Your school can get started swapping ideas with other Go Cornish schools in our closed Facebook Group.

We make it simple for you to self evaluate and evidence progress along the way.

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SHARE

Once you've received your award and digital badge, we will provide you with a Celebration Pack, to mark your success and share it with others.

Your awards lasts for two years. You can choose to re-register for the next award tier, or maintain your current status.

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GO CORNISH IN OTHER SETTINGS

Go Cornish has been created for primary schools, with the criteria, activities and resources in line with Key Stage 1 and 2. However, it is very much Cornwall Council's ambition for Go Cornish to be expanded for other settings, including pre-school, secondary, community groups and even businesses.

If you are keen to incorporate Cornish into your setting, we want to hear from you.

More Cornish Language Resources

There are a whole host of Cornish language resources available on our website, such as 'Klub Kernow' developed specifically for secondary schools. Visit gocornish.org to see the great things on offer.

Any Questions

See our FAQ on gocornish.org or contact us at hello@gocornish.org.



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