



Boyton Primary School

Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023





Dear Parents,

Wow – what a jam packed week! Firstly, we were so proud of the children for such wonderful Christmas plays!! We're so grateful to many others – thank you to Lesley and Phil for hosting us and creating the most wonderful stage, in their barn, for our Nativity. Thank you to all involved with the Chapel for making us so welcome. Thank you to **you** for being so supportive with costumes and line learning – and many, many thanks to Mrs Gilman and Mrs Billing for their efforts in helping put together 'Baubles' and Miss Cartmell and Mrs Walker for the Acorn/Birch class' Nativity. As you can imagine – these performances take many hours of preparation!

The Victorian day was also such a success! I sense the children have certainly grasped what it was like to be a child in this era! They weren't impressed with the eating in silence!

We also had the most wonderful Christmas lunch today. We are hugely grateful to Tracy, our cook, who cooked for over seventy meals! It was really lovely to see so many local friends and family in school.

Next week, we have the Santa/Elf run on Monday in aid of Crisis and Christmas parties in the afternoon. Mrs Wood has put up a list for food contributions, but we're suggesting Chestnuts bring savoury foods and Acorns/Birch – cakes/ buns etc. Thank you!!

On Tuesday, our last day, we're having a Polar Express Day and a special visitor in the afternoon!

On this note, on behalf of all at Boyton Primary, we wish you a very lovely Christmas and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Friday 5th January, 2024..

Very best wishes,
Mrs Davies



Useful dates for next week!



Monday 18 th Dec	Tuesday 19 th Dec
Santa/Elf Run— donations for Crisis	Polar Express day! (Please wear pyjamas, onesies/ dressing gowns
Christmas parties — please can children bring in food contribution and clothes to change into	Father Christmas visit! Last day of term



A collage of Crisis Christmas campaign images on a red background. It includes several portraits of people with text overlays: 'Last Christmas you helped us reach 4,500 homeless people', 'NO ONE SHOULD BE HOMELESS AND ALONE THIS CHRISTMAS.', 'Bring someone in from the cold this Christmas', 'No one should be homeless and alone', 'This year Christmas could be tougher than ever', 'This Christmas many people will be homeless and alone', and '£28.22 COULD BE SOMEONE'S FIRST STEP OUT OF HOMELESSNESS.'. The Crisis logo is prominent, along with the slogan 'Together we will end homelessness' and a 'Donate now' button.

On Monday 18th December, we will be having a Santa/ Elf run to raise money for Crisis. Children can wear a Santa / elf or simply a Christmassy outfit! We would be very grateful of donations.

<https://www.crisis.org.uk/get-involved/donate-to-crisis-at-christmas>



Our Christmas Charity



What your Christmas donation could provide

A gift of £29.73 to Crisis at Christmas could give someone who's homeless:



Help with a safe place to stay



Hot meals and a Christmas dinner



Access to health and wellbeing programmes



Support to leave homelessness behind for good



Merry Christmas From Acorns and Birch Class!

Dates for Your Diary

MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER

Santa/Elf Run – donations for CRISIS

Christmas Parties

TUESDAY 19TH DECEMBER

Polar Express Day – wear pyjamas, onesies, and/or dressing gowns

Children may bring in games - nothing electronic

Forthcoming events

Tuesday 19th December – Last Day of School

Friday, 5th January – First Day Back at School

Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



Acorn

All of Acorn Class
for their amazing
Nativity Performances



Birch

All of Birch Class
for their amazing
Nativity Performances



Chestnut

All of Chestnut Class
for their amazing
Nativity Performances

Whole School to Date	95.43%
Acorns This Week	96.08%
Birch This Week	93.87%
Chestnut This Week	95.75%

Useful Information

Safeguarding

- All children have a right to be safe, no matter who they are or what their circumstances.
- Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility.
- If you are concerned about a child, please speak to one of the Designated safeguarding Leads. If a child is in immediate danger contact the police on 999.



Katherine Davies
Safeguarding Lead



Jane Gilman
Deputy Safeguarding Lead

Useful numbers

Early Help Hub	01872 322277
Citizens Advice	0344 411 1444
NSPCC	0808 800 5000
Childline	0800 1111
Addiction: Drug and Alcohol support	01579 340616 (24hrs)
Multi-Agency Referral Unit (MARU)	0300 123 1116 (If you are concerned about a child's safety)

School Clubs

Breakfast Club:

At Boyton, we are really lucky to have a fantastic Breakfast Club run by Ms Walker. Children can be dropped off from 8.15am and have a choice of breakfasts including cereals, toast, etc. It costs £2 a session. If you would like to book your child in, please email Mrs Wood.

secretary@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk

After School Clubs after October Half-Term:

Monday

Art Club Years 4 to 6

Tuesday

Craft Club Reception to Year 6
Limited to 12

Wednesday

Lego Club Reception to Year 6

Thursday

Outdoor Learning – Limited to 12 and open to Years 1 to 6

Online Safety

Do check out this website. It has age appropriate activities to reinforce online safety messages with children, plus guidance for parents/carers. The CEOP Education team is part of the National Crime Agency. We run a national online safety education programme, which provides training, resources and information for children and young people aged 4 - 18, their families and professionals who work with them.

[CEOP Education \(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](https://thinkuknow.co.uk)



Help your children get the most out of the Internet

I'm concerned about my child

> I'm concerned about my child

Reporting an incident to CEOP

> Reporting an incident to CEOP

I'd like information and advice on keeping my child safe

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December SEN Corner

This month I wanted to highlight a couple of services that parents are able to access without professional referral.

Firstly, the Early Help Hub. It is a great service. Professionals and parents can make referrals and for a variety of support. This service is really helpful especially if you are thinking of going down a diagnosis pathway. Most pathways require parents to have completed a parenting course. The Early Help Hub can help parents access the correct course.

<https://www.cornwall.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/childrens-services/early-help/>

Who can request Early Help services

Professionals, parents and young people can request help, however please note:

- parents / carers must hold Parental Responsibility (PR)
- children and young people must be old enough to consent for themselves (age 13 years or above)
- professionals must have sought consent from parent / carer or competent young person

List of Early Help Services

Parents and/or professionals can request:

- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Early Support - Supporting Change in Partnership (SCIP)
- Early Years Service
- Family Support
- Health Visiting
- Parenting Support
- Portage
- School Nursing
- Targeted Youth Support

Next Parent Carers Cornwall, they offer a variety of support to families of children with SEND. It can involve meetings with families in similar situations, training and workshops.

<https://parentcarerscornwall.org.uk/>



Christmas can be magical but it can also be a complete sensory overload for some children. Here are some links with some top tips for reducing the load for the whole family.

<https://www.sensationaltutors.co.uk/10-tips-for-enjoyable-christmas-children-with-sen/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JB6xDpgtepU>

Make a Difference Become a Parent Governor



Why become a Parent Governor?

Governors have an important part to play in helping schools to run effectively. They work as part of a team with the Head of School and school staff to help provide a happy, safe and thriving learning environment and an excellent education for all the children.

As a Parent Governor, you will be well placed to understand parents' views and have first-hand knowledge of how the school is run. You will have the opportunity to work toward improving the school experience not only for your own child but for children in years to come.

This voluntary role can be challenging yet extremely rewarding and is a great way to build on your personal and professional skills. You will be supported in the role through training and mentoring allowing you to use your knowledge and experience to the full extent.

What will you do?

You will work with the Local Governing Body (LGB) to develop the school's vision and priorities, review educational performance and make strategic decisions.

Parent Governors are representative parents rather than representatives of parents. You will not be expected to gather the views of other parents and take them to Governors meetings or to personally become involved in individual concerns. You will need to be able to present a balanced and impartial view, based on the benefits for all children.

Local governor meetings are held three times a year and may be combined with school visits focused on school priorities. You will receive reports from the headteacher and senior leaders and need to be able to question, challenge and support decisions. You will also be expected to visit the school as a governor which can be a quite different experience to visiting as a parent!

The governing body operates a code of conduct which sets an ethos of professionalism and high expectations of governors.

What are we looking for?

We need enthusiastic and committed parents from a variety of backgrounds. You do not need leadership or education experience; just a desire to give back to the school and its community and a proactive approach to becoming involved as a member of a team.

Next steps

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Julia Stoneman Clerk to the Governors at clerkjstoneman@gmail.com

Craft Club



Acorn/Birch Class Update

What a busy week! All of the children have been working incredibly hard with our Nativity! Our Year 2s have even been working on the play with Chestnuts too! Well Done Everybody!

Year 2 have completed their unit of Maths about shape this week. Year 1 have been using our rekenreks to make the number 8 in different ways. Acorns have been working on which numbers make the number 4. They even used our paint dabbers to help them.

In PSHE, Acorns have been focusing on who the special people in their lives are and what makes them special to them. In Geography, we have been comparing features of Boyton to London, recognising how different they are. In RE, this week we have listened to the Nativity story, understanding why this is an important story to Christians. The children even spotted who their character was.

All of the children have been busy making lovely things for Christmas, you may see some in the hall when having your Christmas lunch ☺

Thank you to everyone for all your support over this busy time and providing wonderful costumes for our plays. The children have enjoyed every little bit, which has made this time more magical.

Have a merry weekend!



Here they are sorting 3D shapes they have chosen into groups.

Chestnuts Class Update

Wow! What an action-packed week we've had in Chestnuts Class! The highlight had to be our Christmas performances – they were both spectacular! Well done to all of the children for being absolute super-stars, from learning their lines to remembering the chords that they've learnt on their ukuleles! We even had some children who had to stand in for others at very short notice – Gwen and Tabitha, you did an amazing job! We also had our Victorian School Day this week, when we learnt what it was like to be a school child around a hundred and fifty years ago! The costumes looked amazing and the children really embraced the differences between modern-day schools and Victorian ones!

As well as this, we've still managed to fit lots of learning in! We re-visited some learning about rounding numbers to the nearest thousand in maths, creating a human number line to help us! We have also completed our diary entries linked to our class text, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe*. In history, we looked at the differences between rivers and canals and why canals were built. Finally, we have had a fantastic Christmas lunch today – it was delicious!

Have a great weekend everyone!
Mrs. Gilman



School Calendar 2023/2024

Cornwall Council

2023/2024 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2023						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

October 2023						
Mon	2	9	16	23	30	
Tue	3	10	17	24	31	
Wed	4	11	18	25		
Thurs	5	12	19	26		
Fri	6	13	20	27		
Sat	7	14	21	28		
Sun	1	8	15	22	29	

November 2023						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24		
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

School holidays

Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2023
Boxing Day	26 December 2023
New Years Day	01 January 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024
Easter Monday	01 April 2024
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2024
Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

December 2023						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24		

January 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

February 2024						
Mon	5	12	19	26		
Tue	6	13	20	27		
Wed	7	14	21	28		
Thurs	1	8	15	22	29	
Fri	2	9	16	23		
Sat	3	10	17	24		
Sun	4	11	18	25		

AUTUMN TERM (72 days)

4 September - 19 December 2023
(HALF TERM 23-27 October 2023)

SPRING TERM (55 days)

4 January - 28 March 2024
(HALF TERM 12-16 February 2024)

SUMMER TERM (67 days)

15 April - 24 July 2024
(HALF TERM 27-31 May 2024)

March 2024						
Mon	4	11	18	25		
Tue	5	12	19	26		
Wed	6	13	20	27		
Thurs	7	14	21	28		
Fri	1	8	15	22	29	
Sat	2	9	16	23	30	
Sun	3	10	17	24	31	

April 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

May 2024						
Mon	6	13	20	27		
Tue	7	14	21	28		
Wed	1	8	15	22	29	
Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
Fri	3	10	17	24	31	
Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

June 2024						
Mon		3	10	17	24	
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

July 2024						
Mon	1	8	15	22	29	
Tue	2	9	16	23	30	
Wed	3	10	17	24	31	
Thurs	4	11	18	25		
Fri	5	12	19	26		
Sat	6	13	20	27		
Sun	7	14	21	28		

August 2024						
Mon		5	12	19	26	
Tue		6	13	20	27	
Wed		7	14	21	28	
Thurs		8	15	22	29	
Fri		9	16	23	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

195 days are included on the school calendar. Schools will be open to pupils for 190 days. The five additional days are allotted for In-Service Training (INSET). Schools allocate their own INSET days.

School Lunch Menu Second Half Autumn Term

	WEEK 1 13/11/2023 04/12/2023	WEEK 2 30/10/2023 20/11/2023 11/12/2023	WEEK 3 06/11/2023 27/11/2023 18/12/2023
M O N D A Y	Panini day - ham, cheese or tuna melt Potato wedges, baked beans and peas Chocolate Brownie	Chicken goujons with sweet and sour sauce Rice, peas & sweetcorn Quorn chicken pieces with sweet and sour sauce Choc chip cookies	Pepperoni or cheese & Tomato Pizza Herby diced Potatoes, baked beans, Sweetcorn Summerfruit Mousse
T U E S D A Y	Homemade cottage pie carrots and green beans. Tomato pasta bake Sticky Toffee cake and custard	Homemade Lasagne, garlic bread carrots and peas Tomato and cheese creamy pasta bake Jelly & cream	Meatballs in rich tomato sauce with spaghetti Jacket potato with assorted fillings peas Homemade chocolate crispie
W E D N E S D A Y	Roast Gammon, stuffing balls Roast potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage Strawberry Mousse	Roast Beef, Yorkshire pudding Roast potatoes, seasonal Veg Quorn sausage Toad in the Hole Strawberry meringue	Roast Chicken, Stuffing Balls Roast Potatoes, Cauliflower cheese (G/F), Seasonal veg Cheese Whirl (V) Choc Sponge & Icecream
T H U R S D A Y	Chicken Wraps with choice of sauce BBQ, Mayo, Tomato Peas and sweetcorn Jacket potato with assorted fillings Blueberry Muffins	Sausage & mash with gravy Broccoli, sweetcorn Quorn sausage & mash with gravy Ice cream and Toffee sauce	Burger in a bun potato wedges, baked beans, peas veggie burger in a bun Strawberry & Blueberry Meringue with cream
F R I D A Y	Breaded Fish Chips, baked beans, peas Cheese and tomato pizza pinwheel Ice cream and Strawberry sauce	Southern fried chicken goujons Cheese or Ham Panini Curly fries, baked beans, garden peas, tomato ketchup Vanilla sponge and custard	Sausage & Chips Quorn sausage & Chips baked beans, peas apple crumble and custard

Everyday there is also the option of a **Jacket Potato** or **Tomato Pasta**

Christmas Card Making

DECEMBER 20TH

Attend one session:

Session 1 - 10:00 - 11:30

Session 2 - 11:45 - 13:00

Find us at:

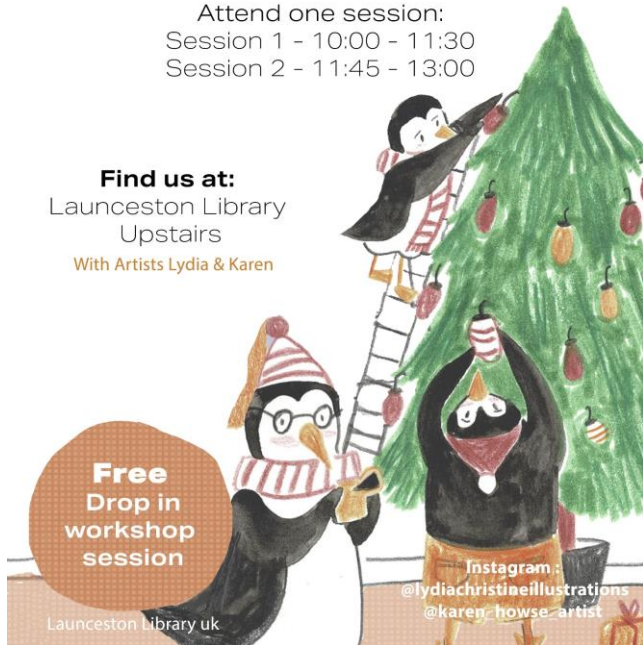
Launceston Library
Upstairs

With Artists Lydia & Karen

**Free
Drop in
workshop
session**

Launceston Library uk

Instagram:
[@lydiachristineillustrations](#)
[@karen_howse_artist](#)



Do you have a child born **between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020?**

If so, you will need to apply for a place in a reception class in September 2024 for that child by the deadline of **15 January 2024**.

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**



Please note: you will need to apply even if your child attends a school's nursery or pre-school class. If a school is oversubscribed the fact that a child attends a school's nursery or pre-school, or a local nursery or pre-school, does not automatically guarantee a place at that school. The school's oversubscription criteria will be used to allocate places. Visit our website or contact us for more information.

Visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions for more information and to access the online application system

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



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Starting school September 2024

Applying for a place in a reception class for children born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020

The deadline for applications is **15 January 2024**



Attending a nursery or pre-school

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Information and guidance

Website and application form: www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

Email: schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk

Post: School Admissions Team, County Hall, Truro, TR1 3AY

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions



Applying for a **reception class** place for **September 2024**

Special Educational Needs

If an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan has been issued for your child you do not need to complete an application form. Please contact the Statutory SEN Service for more information: Tel: 01872 324242. Email: statutorysen@cornwall.gov.uk

1 Decide on your preferred schools

You are strongly advised to name **three** preferences on the application form. **Naming a second or third preference does not give you any less chance of getting a place at your preferred school.** When making your decision you should...

...think about **how you will get your child to school.** Go to www.cornwall.gov.uk/schooltransport for more information on whether your child would be entitled to home to school travel assistance.

...look at the **admission arrangements** on our website that will be used to allocate places for each school.

...consider naming your **nearest or designated school** as one of your preferences. You can find your nearest or designated school on our website.

...look at the detailed **admissions information** on our website, also available on request.

2 Submit your application by 15 January 2024

Apply online at www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions

3 Wait to find out which school you have been allocated

If you applied on time you will be notified of your allocation on **National Offer Day: 16 April 2024. Apply on time!** Late applications will only be dealt with after National Offer Day and there may not be any places left at your preferred schools.

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