



**Boyton Primary School**

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 8th December 2023**





Dear Parents,

Firstly, it was great to see all the Christmas jumpers today! Thank you also to all who were able to attend our Christmas craft workshops! There was a lovely buzz and I was very impressed with all the creations made!

We've had a great week! Learning has been interspersed with Christmas play rehearsals! Mrs Gilman and I have been so impressed with the children's efforts in learning lines and songs! Thank you so much for the help with this and to all who have been able to drop costumes in. Please do have a chat if there are any items that you're struggling to find.

Next week is looking busy. Chestnut's Class have their Victorian day on Tuesday. I know Mrs Gilman has been in touch regarding that. We've also got our Christmas plays and then Christmas Lunch on Friday. Please read on for more details/ timings.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any worries or concerns. Wishing you a very lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mrs Davies



## Useful dates for the next few weeks!



Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec
Dress rehearsal Chestnut's class – please drop your child at the Chapel at 8.50am.	Chestnut Class Victorian School Day	2pm Christmas performance – Chestnuts Class <i>Doors opening from 1.45pm</i>	2pm Nativity – Acorns/Birch at Hornacott Farm <i>Barn opening from 1.45pm!</i>	Polar Express Day Wear pyjamas, onesies, and/or dressing gowns	Santa/Elf Run – donations for Crisis	Children to bring in games – nothing electronic
No after school club	Craft Club 	No after school club	No after school club  6.30pm Christmas performance – Chestnuts Class <i>Doors opening from 6.15pm</i>	Christmas lunch!!  (and Christmas jumpers!)	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', 'This year Christmas could be tougher than ever', 'No one should be homeless and alone', '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 text 'This Christmas people will be homeless and alone.' and a 'Donate now' button.

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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

### Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December  
8:50am at the Chapel  
Christmas Performance in Chapel Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Acorn/Birch Nativity Hornacott Barton Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Christmas Performance in Chapel Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6:30pm  
Polar Express Day Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Lunch with guests Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
Santa/Elf Run – donations for Crisis Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Parties Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Last Day of School Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – children to bring in  
games – not electronic.  
Father Christmas Visit 19<sup>th</sup> December

### Next Week's Events

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### Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn** George



**Birch** Edith



**Chestnut** Caiden Zara Gwen

Whole School to Date	95.60%
Acorns This Week	95.67%
Birch This Week	95.02%
Chestnut This Week	95.76%

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:clerkjstoneman@gmail.com)

# PTA Update

## Round -up

Thank you to everyone that supported last week's coffee morning and cake sale at the village Chapel.

We raised £ 224.00, which was fantastic seeing as the snowy weather deterred some of the regulars.



## Future Events

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Bags2Schools collection**  
- Spread the word with friends and family – A good opportunity for a clear out and tidy up before Christmas and the New Year!

**Please see our Facebook Page for further details of each event:**

## Boylton PTA Events



# Craft Club

We had lots of fun in craft club this week



# To all of our amazing children at Boyton Primary School

Do you have any old teddies or soft toys you no longer want?  
If you do, please can you bring them to school to give as Christmas  
presents to the rescue dogs at the kennels where Tracy helps?

The dogs names are Phil, Cody, Louie, Princess, Chicco, Jedd, Woody,  
Betsy, Nish Nash, Rodney, Fleur, Mimi, Maya and Bruce.

If you have any old blankets they would appreciate those too.

Thank you so much  
Tracy and all the Rescue Dogs xx





# Acorn/Birch Class Update

We have had a wonderful week starting off the Christmas activities and learning. In Talk for Writing, Birch have just finished their own version of a review for a show. They have even been using commas in a list and subordinating conjunctions in their own review. Acorns have been following the story of Stickman but are choosing their own characters for stickman to meet in the story. They have even made 'Beware' signs for stickman to look out for on his travels.

Over this week, all of the children have been monitoring and tracking, what the weather is like every day. They have even been measuring how much water one of the rain gauges they made last week, has collected each day. We have had lots of discussions about the frost they've been seeing this week.

Acorns have been showing so much confidence in phonics this week! Birch have worked hard during Maths this week with Year 1 focusing on the number 8 and what that number is made up of. Year 2 have shown such confidence in working on Shape and being able to identify edges, vertices and faces.

All of the children enjoyed a lovely craft afternoon with everyone!  
Have a lovely weekend!



# Chestnuts Class Update

Our Christmas Play rehearsals are really having a positive effect on the children learning their lines! They are all doing amazingly well! Please remember that it's our dress rehearsal at the chapel on Monday morning, so please drop your children there at 8.50am – thank you.

We have been planning to write our diary entries in Talk for Writing this week and have been writing fronted adverbials by placing the adverbs at the start of our sentences – high level writing! The year 3s and 4s had another amazing day at the Woodland Skills Centre! The year 5s and 6s produced leaflets about our circulatory system and taught the others all about it on their return! We had a fantastic time at our Christmas Craft afternoon – it was great to spend that time together getting into the Christmas spirit!

It was our last week with Amy for our PE this week. We used the climbing frame in the hall and some children faced their fear of heights by going right up to the top - amazing!

Finally, just a few reminders for next week: Monday is our dress rehearsal at the chapel, Tuesday is our Victorian Day, Wednesday is our afternoon Christmas Play (2pm at the chapel) and Thursday is our evening performance (6.30pm at the chapel).

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	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	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	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	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	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	8	15	22	29		
Sat	9	16	23	30		
Sun	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**

## 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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions) for more information and to access the online application system

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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](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions)

Email: [schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@cornwall.gov.uk)

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

Telephone: 0300 1234 101

[www.cornwall.gov.uk/admissions](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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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