



Boyton Primary School

Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 1st December 2023





Dear Parents,

Firstly, a huge thanks for all the wonderful, homemade Christmas tree decorations! They look fantastic and are going to be very hard to judge! We will be announcing the winners nearer to Christmas.

Also, thank you so much to our PTA for organizing some super events recently which really enable the school to be part of the Boyton Community. Last week's quiz was great fun and many thanks to PTA members (and their children) for all they did to make it such a success. Thank you again to all who were able to support the Chapel Coffee morning yesterday. The photos looked like all had great fun and again, an incredible amount of money was raised.

We have had a great week in school. Excitement is growing as we start the Christmas play(s) preparations. Thank you so much for your support in helping your child learn words and begin to get costumes together. Please can costumes be brought into school by Friday 8th December, in a named bag. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing you next Tuesday afternoon for our Christmas workshops. Do come along and have fun making a Christmas craft with your child/ children! I have attached a slide of useful dates as I realise it's a busy time of year!

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 4 th Dec	Tuesday 5 th Dec	Wednesday 6 th Dec	Thursday 7 th Dec	Friday 8 th Dec
Y3/4 An Daras Woodland Skill Centre visit	Christmas workshops from 2pm			Christmas jumper day



Monday 11 th Dec	Tuesday 12 th Dec	Wednesday 13 th Dec	Thursday 14 th Dec	Friday 15 th Dec	Monday 18 th Dec	Tuesday 19 th Dec
	Chestnut Class Victorian School Day	2pm Christmas performance – Chestnuts Class	2pm Nativity – Acorns/Birch at Hornacott Farm	Polar Express Day (More information to follow!)	Santa/Elf Run – donations for Crisis	Children to bring in games – no electronic gadgets please
			6.30pm Christmas performance – Chestnuts Class	Christmas lunch!! (and Christmas jumpers!)	Christmas parties – please can children bring in food contribution and clothes to change into. (More information to follow)	Father Christmas visit! Last day of term

Dates for Your Diary

Yr 3 & Yr4 Woodland Skills Centre 4th December
Christmas Workshops in school Tuesday 5th December pm
Christmas Jumper Day Friday 8th December
Christmas Performance Dress Rehearsal Monday 11 December
Christmas Performance in Chapel Wednesday 13th December at 2pm
Acorn/Birch Nativity Hornacott Barton Thursday 14th December at 2pm
Christmas Performance in Chapel Thursday 14th December at 6:30pm
Polar Express Day

Forthcoming events

Christmas Workshops in school
Tuesday 5th December 2pm

Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 8th December

Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



Acorn Charlotte



Birch Percy



Chestnut Bella Reeva Ella

Whole School to Date	95.87%
Acorns This Week	95.83%
Birch This Week	95.99%
Chestnut This Week	95.84%

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

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



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Boyton Primary School

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

Making Christmas Baubles with lots of glitter!



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



Acorns/Birch Update

There has been some great learning happening this week! Birch children have been learning to use subordinating conjunctions, such as 'when' to join two clauses, rules to add suffixes when adding 'ed' and reinforcing their confidence in using commas in a list – lots to remember! Birch children have also been developing their mathematical vocabulary in Maths, using terms such as vertices, sides and faces to describe 2d/ 3d shape.

Acorns have been developing their recall of the story, 'Stick Man' – acting it out, developing their knowledge of the characters and settings etc. They also planned and made some very creative 'floating' devices to enable Stickman to stay dry in the water!

In Geography, the Birch children did some fieldwork in the school grounds. We started by getting a birds-eye view, using Google Earth. With this, we were able to identify physical/ human features. We also then used metre sticks and trundle wheels to measure distances plus took photos to compare. Acorn children investigated and labelled features of the playground. (ie shed)

We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday afternoon for our Christmas crafts! As always, please don't hesitate to ask if you should have any queries. Have a lovely weekend!
Miss Cartmell and Mrs Davies



Chestnuts Class Update

As we enter into December, we are all embracing our Christmas play roles! Mr. Harrison was really impressed with how well everyone sang in our first singing practice on Wednesday! We have all shown great perseverance with our maths learning this week and managed to find equivalent fractions. Our homework for maths can be found on Mirodo (years 3 and 4) or SATs Companion (years 5 and 6).

We have been learning about subordinating conjunctions and fronted adverbials in our Talk for Writing, which we will be using over the next two weeks to produce our final piece of writing for this term.

We have been learning about the digestive system and were able to order the journey that our food takes through our bodies!

Some of us enjoyed some time at the Chapel for the Coffee Morning on Thursday; it was great for the generations to come together to enjoy some traditional games.

We are looking forward to our Victorian School Day on Tuesday 12th December, where we will travel back in time to experience a typical day in the lives of Victorian children – will we be able to cope with no technology?

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 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

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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