

**Boyton Primary School**



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# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024**



EY & Y1

**Acorn**



Y2, Y3 and Y4

**Birch**



Y5 & Y6

**Chestnut**

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Dear Parents,

The end of term is rapidly approaching!! Thank you so much for the beautiful Christmas decorations that the children have made! Our tree looks beautiful!

Thank you also to all who were able to join us for Launceston Light Switch on last Friday! It was a super opportunity for our children to sing with friends from Werrington and North Petherwin. They did a great job- despite the rain!

Don't forget also to pop into St Mary Magdalene's church to see the Christmas tree festival and our tree! It looks beautiful! Also, we have the PTA Bingo this evening! We look forward to seeing you in the village hall – 6.30pm for a 7pm start.

This week, we've had another visit from Mr Swait, who undertook a deep dive in Maths. Through discussion with myself, lesson visits, book looks and pupil conferencing, he was really impressed with what he saw and pupils confidence in talking their learning.

On Wednesday, Acorns and Birch had a fantastic time at the Sustainability/ Woodland Skill Centre. I know they are already looking forward to their next visit, next Wednesday.

**We've got some exciting things coming up:**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Year 6s have the opportunity to visit Launceston Collage (11.45- 1.45pm) Do get in touch if you require any additional information.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – dress rehearsal at the church. Please drop children there for 9am. We will then walk back to school. Christmas Carol Concert at 6.30pm in Boyton Parish Church – all are welcome!

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Acorn/Birch children visit the Woodland Skill Centre again

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Whole school trip to the Pantomime! (late return – about 5.30pm)

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

Best wishes

Mrs Davies [kdavies@andaras.org](mailto:kdavies@andaras.org)



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## Dates for Your Diary

PTA Bingo! Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Boyton Parish hall.  
Christmas Carol Concert – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Stay and Play every Wednesday - 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Acorns and Birch visit to the Woodland Skill Centre.  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> – Christmas jumper Day!  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>-Santa Run around school field.  
Family Christmas lunch – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (More details to follow!)  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup>- School disco!  
School breaks up for Christmas! – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Forthcoming events

PTA bingo this evening!

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec– Carol Concert rehearsal.** Drop children at the church – not school 9am. (Sadly, no breakfast club today.) We will all walk back to school after for normal pick up

**Carol Concert – 6.30pm start.** (Please can children arrive from 6.10pm)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec** – visit to the pantomime. Please can children bring a packed lunch. (£5 contribution on Arbor please)

[\(Read on for information about clubs during Christmas weeks\)](#)

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn / Birch** – Hugo, Charlotte and Nathan



**Chestnuts** – Mazie, Lexi and Ryan

### Whole School to Date

96.6%

Acorns  
This Week

100%

Birch  
This Week

95.31%

Chestnut  
This Week

99.44%

## 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 Tracy. 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 let Mrs Basford in the school office know.

[boyton@andaras.org](mailto:boyton@andaras.org)

### After School Clubs Autumn Term 2024:

**WB 9<sup>th</sup> December**

#### Monday

Mountain Biking Club - Caja

#### Tuesday

Film club - Miss Kinver **(Not on due to Carol Concert)**

#### Thursday

Board game club – Mrs Davies **(Not on due to trip to pantomime)**

**NB No clubs in the final week of school**

# Acorn/Birch Class Update

The highlight of this week's learning has most definitely been our visit to the Woodland Skills Centre! We had a fantastic day learning about wolves and creating our own wooden wolf howlers and Christmas tree decorations. We are looking forward to our second visit next Wednesday!

In maths, Acorns have been securing their understanding of numbers up to five and Birch have been counting faces, edges and vertices on 3D shapes.

In English, Birch have been enjoying reading Billy and the Beast and have been using adjectives to describe Billy's character. Acorns have been reading the poem, The Christmas Pine, and built a giant Christmas tree outside with crates – great imagination!

In Geography, everyone has been learning about why polar bears don't live in Antarctica and Birch have been ordering the food chain of polar bears.

We have been looking very closely at insects during science, making detailed, accurate drawings of them.

If you have any questions or concerns about anything, please let me know.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gilman





# Chestnut Class Update

In English this week, we have read 'The Selfish Giant', where he built a wall around his garden so the children couldn't play in it. This led to writing diary entries and letters describing the Giant's feelings as the Wind, Hail and Rain stayed all winter long and didn't allow Spring or Summer to make an appearance.

During our Maths learning this week, the Yr 3/4 children have counted in squares and compared area. Whereas the Yr 5/6 children, have learnt how to use short division. They started off looking at how to divide the multiples, then moved onto dividing with remainders.

In Science this week, the Yr 3/4 children set up an experiment with eggs and different liquids – to see how your teeth can be affected by decay – we look forward to exploring the results next week. On the other hand, Yr 5/6 children designed an electrical quiz board game, that is going to be made next week.

In PSHE, the children learnt about discrimination, where they used the Rosa Parks story to highlight what people went through. They also looked at a range of people from different backgrounds and identified similarities and differences between them.



# Digiduck says...



'Be a good friend online,'

'Say kind things to others,'



'and make sensible choices.'



# Smartie the Penguin

If anything happens online that makes **Smartie the Penguin** feel worried, upset or confused, he doesn't try to fix things by himself ...



Always ask an adult for help!



He stops ...



Thinks about what to do ...




And always asks an adult for help!





## Dates for the End of Term - December 2024

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December
Children's home-made decorations to be brought into school please.		Acorn/Birch children visiting the <b>Woodland Skill Centre</b> (Bring packed lunches, very warm clothes and wellies)		PTA School Bingo – Village Hall. Doors open at 6.30pm for 7pm start!
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December
	Dress rehearsal at the church. Please drop the drop at the church for 9am. (Sadly, no breakfast club today)  <b>Christmas Carol Concert</b> – Boyton Church. Please arrive from 6.15pm for a 6.30pm start	Acorn/Birch children visiting the <b>Woodland Skill Centre</b> (Bring packed lunches, very warm clothes and wellies)	PTA Whole School trip to the Pantomime! Hoping to be back by 5.30pm. Please make a £5 donation on <u>Arbor</u> . Pack lunch needed please (Please can children wear school uniform for easy identification)	Boyton Christmas Jumper / top Day!
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December
	<b>Santa Run</b> (around the school field!) <u>in</u> aid of Cancer Research. A token donation would be appreciated. Children to wear anything Christmassy!!	Christmas Lunch for family and friends! (Christmas jumpers!) More information to follow re staggered arrivals due to the popularity of this!	<b>Christmas Disco</b> for children of Boyton, Werrington and North <u>Petherwin</u> . Mr P is the DJ! Location: Werrington Primary School 5.30- 7pm	Last Day of term – please can children bring in games to play. (Nothing electronic) 



# PTA Update

## Round -up

We hope the children are looking forward to next weeks Theatre Trip to see Beauty & The Beast in Pantomime.

Thank you to those of you who have paid the contribution toward the bus.

**For more info visit our Facebook Page:  
Boyton PTA Events**

[boytonpta@gmail.com](mailto:boytonpta@gmail.com) Phone: 07968696132

## Future Events

### Christmas Family Bingo:

6<sup>th</sup> December, 6.30 p.m. Boyton Village Hall

All ages welcome. Light Refreshments will be available and there will be a raffle – which includes this lovely Charlie Bears Teddy!



**Fully Funded  
School  
Support  
Course**

**Available  
in Levels  
1, 2 & 3**

**\*Please go to our website  
for more detailed  
information.**



**6 Week  
Course  
Mon - Fri**

**Daily sessions**

**1st session 9:30 - 11:30am**

**2nd session 12:30 - 2pm**

**[www.studysmartuk.online](http://www.studysmartuk.online)**

# New school menu starting Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025

	WEEK 1 07/01/2025 27/01/2025	WEEK 2 13/01/2025 03/02/2025	WEEK 3 20/01/2025 10/01/2025
M O N D A Y	Panini Pizza Slices, Cheese & Tomato Diced Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans  Homemade Chocolate Brownie	Chicken Wraps Potato Wedges, Baked beans, Sweetcorn. Quorn Chicken Wrap  Chocolate Crispie	Southern fried Chicken Goujons Diced Herby Potatoes, peas, Baked beans Cheese & Tomato Pizza  Choc Chip Cookies
T U E S D A Y	Homemade Lasagne, Garlic Bread Peas & Sweetcorn Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake  Choc Chip Cookies	Burger in a Bun, Diced Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans Veggie Burger in a Bun  Vanilla Muffins	Sausage & Mash Green Beans, Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage.  Chocolate Crispie
W E D N E S D A Y	Roast Gammon, Stuffing Balls Roast potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage.  Ice Cream and Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing Balls Roast potatoes, seasonal Veg Quorn Chicken Pieces  Chocolate Mousse	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal veg Quorn Sausage Toad in the hole  Ice Cream & Strawberry sauce
T H U R S D A Y	Hot Dog in a Roll Wedges, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn Quorn Sausage in a Roll  Chocolate Chip Muffins	Meatballs and Spaghetti with Garlic Bread Peas, Sweetcorn  ice cream & Toffee sauce	Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Cheese & Ham Pizza curly Fries, Baked Beans, sweetcorn.  Vanilla Muffins
F R I D A Y	Breaded Fish Chips, baked beans, peas Cheese and tomato pizza  Strawberry Mousse	Fish Fingers Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn Pasta Bake  Chocolate Chip Cookies	Chicken Goujons & Chips Quorn Sausage & Chips Baked beans, peas.  Homemade Chocolate Brownie



# School Calendar 2024/2025

Cornwall Council

2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



September 2024						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
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	

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

November 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	

## School holidays

## Bank holidays

Christmas Day	25 December 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2024
New Years Day	01 January 2025
Good Friday	18 April 2025
Easter Monday	21 April 2025
May Bank Holiday	05 May 2025
Spring Bank Holiday	26 May 2025
Summer Bank Holiday	25 August 2025

December 2024						
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	

January 2025						
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		

February 2025						
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		8	15	22	29	
Sun		9	16	23		

## AUTUMN TERM (74 days)

3 September - 20 December 2024  
(HALF TERM 28 October - 1 November 2024)

## SPRING TERM (60 days)

6 January - 4 April 2025  
(HALF TERM 17-21 February 2025)

## SUMMER TERM (61 days)

22 April - 23 July 2025  
(HALF TERM 26-30 May 2025)

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.

March 2025						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
Tue		4	11	18	25	
Wed		5	12	19	26	
Thurs		6	13	20	27	
Fri		7	14	21	28	
Sat		8	15	22	29	
Sun		9	16	23	30	

April 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24		
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

May 2025						
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	30	
Sat	3	10	17	24	31	
Sun	4	11	18	25		

June 2025						
Mon		2	9	16	23	30
Tue		3	10	17	24	
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	

July 2025						
Mon		7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29	
Wed	2	9	16	23	30	
Thurs	3	10	17	24	31	
Fri	4	11	18	25		
Sat	5	12	19	26		
Sun	6	13	20	27		

August 2025						
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		