

**Boyton Primary School**



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Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, 2025**



EY & Y1

**Acorn**



Y2, Y3 and Y4

**Birch**



Y5 & Y6

**Chestnut**

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Dear Parents,

We have had a great full week in school and it's been super seeing all settling back into routine. We are really excited about the developments of the Nursery and looking forward to welcoming some new families, when we open on a Thursday and Friday after Spring half term. If you should know anyone with young children who may be interested do encourage them to get in touch.

We still have a piano that is free for collection – if anyone is interested!

The Year 5s/6s had a really interesting morning today, with a visit from Barnado's who delivered a workshop on 'healthy relationships.' All were really impressed with the level of engagement and maturity in exploring this.

### Enriching Lunch times

Our Year 6s are being very proactive in enriching our lunchtimes. In pairs, they have decided they would like to run an activity for peers to join in, if they wish. Linked to this, we have decided to have a **'Welly Wednesday!'** All the children miss the opportunity of using the field during the winter and so we have decided, that if they wear wellies, it doesn't need to stop in the wetter months!

Please can your **child/ren bring in a labelled pair of wellies on a Wednesday.** If they have a spare pair, they can remain in school if that's easier? Thank you!

### Go Green Friday! (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January)

Next Friday, Chestnuts have another visit from Hayley – from Cornwall Climate Care. This is a Cornish charity who are delivering free workshops in schools to raise awareness of climate change and our role in this. In order to support the charity, we would like children (whole school if you wish!) to **wear green that day – or a green item of clothing for a donation of £1.** These contributions will go towards the charity's work.

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

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

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## Dates for Your Diary

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> January – Barnardos visit Y5/6 – Healthy Relationships  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Cornwall Climate Care workshop in school (Chestnuts)  
Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – PTA AGM after school – all welcome! Childcare provided  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – NSPCC Number day (wear number themed costumes / football shirts etc etc!)

**Half term** – 17<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> February  
31<sup>st</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April - Whole School swimming!

## Forthcoming events

**Friday 24th January** – Workshop for Chestnuts delivered by Cornwall Climate Care

Whole School – ‘Go Green Day’ for a donation of £1

Welly Wednesdays – every Wednesday bring wellies to school!! (Starting from 22<sup>nd</sup> January)

PTA AGM – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January – straight after school (Childcare provided)

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



**Acorn / Birch-** Libby, Rosie and Keaton



**Chestnuts** – Ryan, Logan and Riley

Whole School to Date	96.8%
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	97.22%
Chestnut This Week	92.78%

## 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.

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### After School Clubs Spring Term 2025

**Monday** – General sports club (Reception – Year 6)

**Tuesday** - Film club - Miss Kinver (Reception to Year 6)

**Thursday** – Running club– Mrs Davies (Year 1 to Year 6)

Resilient  
Rhino



Reflective  
Robin



Ambitious  
Albatross



Curious Cat



Resourceful  
Red Squirrel



**Our Learning  
Powers**

# Acorn/Birch Class Update

Acorns and Birch have had a great week of learning this week! In maths, Acorns have been learning about how wholes are made up from different parts and Birch have been adding and subtracting to the next or previous multiple of 10. Acorns have been reading *One Snowy Night* in Drawing Club and have then created their own stories. Birch have been using imperative verbs to write command sentences after reading our new book, *The Comet*.

We have continued learning about famous explorers in history, this week focusing on Amy Johnson and her flying achievements in the 1930s!

We have been listening to Vivaldi's *Winter* Remix in PE and have been pretending to be penguins to put movement to the music. Please have a look at some of our dancing on our Facebook page! Everyone has loved using our new digger in the sandpit – definitely a favourite activity! Children who are following the EYFS curriculum have recently been invited to join Tapestry, an online learning journey, so please check your junk emails for the link to look at those.

Please let me know if you have any questions about anything.  
Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gilman





# Chestnut Class Update

In English this week, the children have started to look at a new text – 'The Whale', which is an interesting text as it is a picture book. The children have made inferences from the front cover, asked questions about a newspaper article based on the story and wrote sentences using the powerful pictures as inspiration.

In Maths, the Yr 3/4 have continued to develop their knowledge using multiplication, where they have used efficient methods and have started to learn how to multiply 3 - digit numbers by 1- digit. Whereas the Yr 5/6 children have continued learning about dividing and multiplying fractions with different integers.

In Science this week the Yr 3/4 children have continued to develop understanding regarding the different states of matters. They have also made predictions about raisins and lemonade to test next week! Whereas the Yr 5/6 children have learnt who Charles Darwin was and asked questions about his area of Science.

In PSHE, the children have discussed what it is meant by the word dare and how children can so no if they don't feel happy in certain situations.









Apps are designed to run on certain devices and are written for a specific operating system, such as Apple iOS, Windows, or Android. The official store for the Apple iOS operating system is known as the App Store and it's where you can browse and download more than 2 million apps and games to use on the iPad, iPhone, iPod Touch and other Apple devices. When your children are using the app store, you need to be aware of the risks...






## What parents need to know about The App Store

### IS YOUR CHILD 13+?

To download and use apps from the App Store your child will need an Apple ID. If they have used other Apple services such as iCloud, they may have an Apple ID already. If not, the same Apple ID that you use for your own Apple services can be used for your child. If you are not sure, you can check the age of your child's Apple ID in the Settings app.

### IN-APP PURCHASES

Apps are often free, but they can contain in-app purchases. These are additional items that can be bought within the app. Some apps will ask you to make a purchase to unlock extra features or to remove ads. If you are not sure, you can check the app's description for more information.

### LOOKALIKE APPS

Some apps look like popular ones but are not. These are often called 'lookalike' apps. They may have a similar name or icon to a popular app, but they are not the same. They may be designed to look like a popular app to trick you into downloading them. They may also be designed to look like a popular app to trick you into giving them a bad review.

### INAPPROPRIATE APPS

Some apps contain content that is inappropriate for children. This can include violence, sexual content, or language that is not suitable for children. You can check the app's description for more information.

### THIRD-PARTY APP STORES

There are many third-party app stores that offer apps for download. These are not the same as the App Store. They may offer apps that are not available on the App Store. They may also offer apps that are not safe for children.

## Top Tips for Parents

### CREATE YOUR CHILD'S ACCOUNT

If you have a child under 13, you should create a child account for them. This will allow you to control what apps they can download and what they can do within the app. You can also set up parental controls to limit their screen time and what they can do online.

### RESTRICT IN-APP PURCHASES

You can restrict in-app purchases on your child's device. This will prevent them from buying any extra features or items within the app. You can also restrict the amount of money they can spend on the app.

### HOW TO KNOW AN APP IS SAFE TO INSTALL

Before you download an app, you should check the app's description for more information. You should also check the app's rating and reviews. You should also check the app's developer and see if they have other apps on the App Store.

### SWITCH ON 'ASK TO BUY'

If you have a child under 13, you should switch on 'Ask to Buy' in the Settings app. This will allow you to approve or deny any app purchases that your child wants to make. You can also set up a passcode to protect your child's account.

### AVOID OTHER APP STORES

You should avoid downloading apps from other app stores. These are not the same as the App Store and they may offer apps that are not safe for children. You should also avoid downloading apps from websites that are not reputable.

### SPOT FAKE REVIEWS

Some apps have fake reviews that are designed to make them look like they are popular. You should check the app's description for more information and see if the reviews are genuine. You should also check the app's developer and see if they have other apps on the App Store.




**National Online Safety**

A whole school community approach to online safety  
[www.nationalonlinesafety.com](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com)  
Email us at [help@nationalonlinesafety.com](mailto:help@nationalonlinesafety.com) or call us on 0800 330 001





In partnership with Knowsley CLCs, all parent/carers are invited to an:

# Online Safety Information Session

This session is delivered virtually so can be watched from anywhere!  
We will share the link with you privately.

**Current trends –**  
what children are doing online and what apps/games are popular amongst children.

**Understanding the Risks –** a look at the risks associated with using technology, in particular when using social media, online gaming & live streaming.

**What can you do? –**  
suggestions on how you can support your child with their online lives and what parental controls are available to help you.

**Further Support –**  
signposting to services that are available to help you.

**WEDNESDAY  
29TH  
JANUARY 2025  
9.30AM – 10.15AM**



# 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		
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		