

**Boyton Primary School**



# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2025**



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Dear Parents,

What a super week! The children looked great in their red today and we made £30 for Comic Relief! We started with a 'Health and Well-being' day on Monday – the children learnt about the importance of looking after their mind and body. We undertook various activities including fencing, mindfulness nature art, circuit training etc! Acorns and Birch also had another super 'Wild Tribe' session with Belinda. This week, they made parachutes and aeroplanes!

On Tuesday, Chestnuts had a great visit from The Cornwall Museum. It really reinforced previous learning on the Romans and Kate, who led the session, was very impressed with what the children already knew. We had the opportunity to handle genuine Roman pottery, learnt about how the Romans even made it to Cornwall and find out about the importance of museums – we've definitely got some budding archaeologists!

The transition process to Launceston college has also started. This week, we had two members of staff who came in to meet our Year 6s and myself. It was a really good opportunity for the children to start finding out about what to expect and ask questions. I know a similar process will be in place for those going to Budehaven.

I can't believe how quickly the end of term is approaching. Next week will be the last week of clubs and we look forward to discussing your child's progress in our parent meetings on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April. If that date is not convenient for you, please don't hesitate to get in touch and we can organize a different slot.

We're also looking forward to taking the whole school swimming before the holidays. Catkin children will remain at school with Mrs Lawton and Mrs Billing. We have had some offers to assist in transporting the children at the beginning of the week – but we could still do with more so that one parent doesn't have to do every day. Thank you.

Don't forget,, next week we are participating in the Sustran's Big Walk and Wheel week. We appreciate, many live outside of the village and so it's not easy – but this year we will be logging how the children travel to school and intend to enter the Sustran competition! It's worth a go!

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

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

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

## Dates for Your Diary

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – Comic Relief – where something red!

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Sustran's Big walk and wheel week

**31<sup>st</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April** - Whole School swimming!

**1<sup>st</sup> April** – SongFest

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April** – Parent meetings (after school) Booking slots on Arbor

**30<sup>th</sup> June – 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 5/6 Residential

## Forthcoming events

Welly Wednesdays – every Wednesday bring wellies to school!

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** – Sustran's Big walk and wheel week

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's stars



**Acorn / Birch-** Sofia Hugo Charlotte



**Chestnuts –** Owen Ella Ryan

|                      |        |
|----------------------|--------|
| Whole School to Date | 95.93% |
| Acorns This Week     | 100%   |
| Birch This Week      | 96.88% |
| Chestnut This Week   | 87.78% |

## 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<br>(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)

## This week's focus

This week, our focus across both classes has been to be resourceful!

What is a resourceful learner?

A resourceful learner uses displays, resources, previous learning to help them undertake a task.

'I have been resourceful by using the times table charts on the wall ' Lexi

'I looked at displays on our washing line to help me use a semi-colon in English' Callum



Resourceful  
Red Squirrel

# Visible Learning - Our Learning Powers

# Catkins Update

Hello everyone!

What a lovely, sunny Thursday it was, Catkins/Acorns class had lots of practice today of using their fingers and hands: writing, tracing, pouring and squeezing! Lots of opportunities to make our little fingers stronger. We also spent lots of time outside in our amazing garden, balancing, throwing and catching, painting and building. As well as making homes in cardboard boxes – it's always the simplest things that make the best toys!

On Friday, we took advantage of the rainy weather to hunt for invertebrates during our Forest School Friday afternoon. Insects and worms love damp weather, so why waste an opportunity to teach the children about more amazing animals. We put on our wet weather gear and had lots of soggy fun!

Well done Catkins and Acorns. Another lovely week!





# Acorn/Birch Class Update

We have had another great week of learning in Acorns and Birch class this week! Everyone enjoyed our Health and Wellbeing day on Monday, taking part in a variety of new sports like fencing and yoga! During our Wild Tribe afternoon, we made aeroplanes out of sticks and parachutes using plastic bags and sticks.

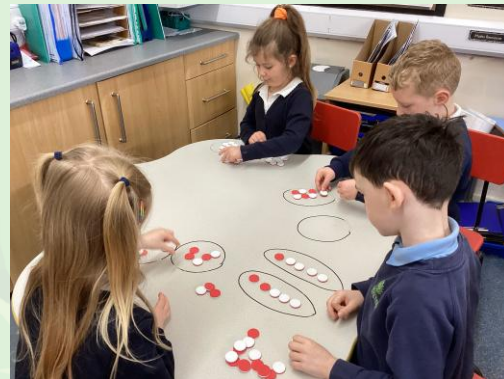
Acorns have been reading 'Dear Zoo' in Drawing Club and have been linking this into their learning about wild animals that we can find at the zoo. The children drew their own animal and used their phonics knowledge to write labels for their drawings. Birch have published their stories that they have been writing about their own alien and they are amazing! In maths, Acorns have been counting up in ones, noticing the order of each number as we count. Birch have been multiplying and dividing by 2 and 10, then using this knowledge to solve word problems.

This week's science has continued looking at the properties of materials, and testing which material would make the best umbrella. The children made predictions and then tested their materials to see if they were correct.

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 used the 'The Lost Thing' book and video to help inspire their own writing. They have used different writing techniques such as prepositional phrases and relative clauses to add detail to their writing.

In Maths this week, the Yr 3/4 children have learnt to convert improper fractions to mixed numbers. They have also developed their knowledge on fraction families by looking at the denominator and numerators. While the Yr 5/6 children have learnt how to multiply and divide decimals with the correct layout and method. The children have worked this week on their problem-solving skills using decimals and how to prove their answer.

During the Science learning this week, we took their learning outside to seek for mini bugs or snails. The Yr 5/6 children learnt about the different colours and branding that you can find on snails. The children were looking to see what animals live in the school environment and how you could classify them. The Health and Well-being day was a great success, with the children showing great enthusiasm and enjoyment was had by all. They participated in Zumba, Dodgeball, Fencing and a scavenger fitness hunt.

It was amazing having Truro Museum visit us on Tuesday afternoon, where they brought Roman artefacts and interesting pieces related to the Romans.

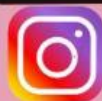




# Social Media Settings



Most social media apps are 13+ (WhatsApp is 16+) but - as we are aware some children are using them regularly - we wanted to share some important settings to keep children safe online.



## Instagram

Settings → Privacy



**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and stories and you have to approve followers  
(recommended: on)

**COMMENTS, TAGS, MENTIONS, STORY:** allows you to control who can tag you, comment on your posts, mention you in their story and control your story audience

You can also restrict, block or report a user by clicking on their profile and selecting the three dots in the top right.

You can also remove a follower using this method.



## TikTok

Profile → Settings → Privacy



**PRIVATE ACCOUNT:** when this is on, only followers can see your posts and you have to approve followers  
(recommended: on)

**SAFETY:** TikTok has lots of options to restrict contact and interaction with video posts  
(recommended: friends)

**COMMENT FILTERS:** you can automatically hide comments that may have offensive words in  
(recommended: on)

You can also block, report or remove a follower by clicking on their profile and clicking the three dots in the top right hand corner.



## WhatsApp

Settings → Account → Privacy



**PROFILE PHOTO AND STATUS:** You can change who can see a profile photo and status  
(recommended: my contacts)

**GROUPS:** allows you to stop a contact being able to add you to groups  
(recommended for when a friend adds you without permission)

**BLOCKED:** can add a contact to a blocked list so they can't message you.

You can also block or report a contact/number by clicking on the chat with them, clicking on their number/name at the top then scrolling down!



## Snapchat



**CONTACT:** decide who can message you and send you snaps  
(recommended: my friends)

**VIEW MY STORY:** restrict who can see your story  
(recommended: friends)

**GHOST MODE:** if this isn't on, contacts can see your location on a map  
(recommended: on)

You can also block or report a user by locating their contact, tapping and holding their name and clicking more



**We're taking part  
in the Sustrans  
Big Walk and Wheel  
2025 challenge.**

**Join in by walking, wheeling,  
scooting or cycling to school  
between 24 March-4 April.**

- ☒ **Be active and feel more energised**
- ☒ **Help the environment by replacing a car journey**
- ☒ **Help us win some fantastic prizes**

**[www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk](http://www.BigWalkAndWheel.org.uk)**

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# 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 |   |    |    |    |    |  |
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| 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 |   |    |    |    |  |  |
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| 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 |   |    |    |    |    |  |
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| 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 |   |    |    |    |    |  |
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| 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 |   |    |    |    |    |  |
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| 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 |    |  |