

**Boyton Primary School**



**An Daras Trust**  
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024**



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Dear Parents,

Firstly, the snow was a great surprise for all! I hope the children were able to enjoy this unexpected mid-week treat.

Many thanks to those who were able to join us for 'Stay and Play' this week! It was lovely to meet Henry and Josie! 'Stay and Play' will be taking place every Wednesday afternoon - please do let friends and family know!

On Wednesday morning, we welcomed five AnDaras SCITT students to Boyton. These are student teachers who are undertaking their teacher training through AnDaras. It was great for our school to be part of their journey.

We also had a visit from Charlie Woolfenden from the Maths Hub. Charlie came in to see what our Maths provision is like at Boyton. She was very complimentary and we're excited about our next steps!

Next week, we have our parent meetings. If the times/ dates aren't convenient, please don't hesitate to organise an alternative time with your child's class teacher.

### **Christmas Tree decoration competition**

We love homemade Christmas Tree decorations. For our school tree, we would love the children to make a decoration! Please can they be brought into school for **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Thank you!

### **Launceston Lights Switch on!**

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November, all Boyton children have the opportunity to sing on the stage in the Town Square with children from Werrington and North Petherwin as part of the Launceston Lights Switch on. We will be performing from 4.40pm and I will confirm details as I get them! (Please see the information about this event attached)

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

Stay and Play every Wednesday - 1.30pm – 2.30pm  
Launceston Lights Switch on – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December / Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Acorns and Birch visit to the Woodland Skill Centre  
Parent meetings – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, (more information to follow)  
Year 1 Hearing Screening at school – Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November  
PTA Bingo! Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec – Boyton Parish hall  
Christmas Carol Concert – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December  
Family Christmas lunch – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December (More details to follow!)  
School breaks up for Christmas! – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

## Forthcoming events

**Stay and Play** – Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 1.30pm (all are welcome with any children below school age!)

**Launceston Lights Switch on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – We will be singing on the stage in Town Square from 4.40pm with children from Werrington and North Petherwin

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



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



**Chestnuts** – Sybil, Inula and Riley

Whole School to Date	97.03%
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	96.43%
Chestnut This Week	90.71%

## 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.

[secretary@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@boyton.cornwall.sch.uk)

### After School Clubs Autumn Term 2024:

#### Monday

Mountain Biking Club - Caja

#### Tuesday

Film club - Miss Kinver

#### Thursday

Board game club – Mrs Davies

# Acorn/Birch Class Update

Acorns and Birch have had another great week of learning! Acorns have been reading "Lost and Found" and have been retelling the story using props. Birch have written their own versions of "The Sea Saw" and have started to publish these as their own booklet! They have been using words pre-fixed with *un* and adding adjectives to describe nouns.

In maths, Acorns have been finding one more and one less than numbers up to 5 and Birch have been ordering objects and numbers according to their size.

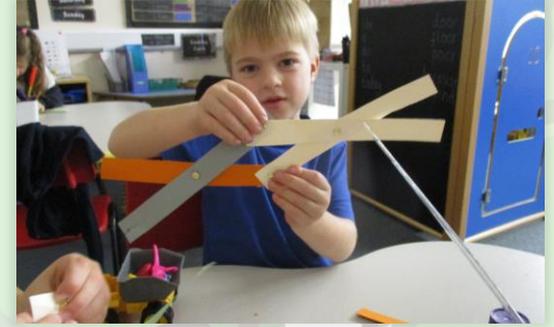
We have been finding out about how penguins are adapted to living in Antarctica and comparing that with the Sahara Desert. Acorns investigated how to make Pip the Penguin waterproof again (after I put him in the washing machine!) They used different types of materials to see which one would keep him dry!

In DT, we made levers and linkages with card and split pins in preparation for our moving monsters!. We have been learning how to take great photos in Computing, deciding whether to choose a portrait or landscape view.

Please remember to choose a reading book to share with your child as often as you like and thank you for listening to your children read at home.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gilman



# Chestnut Class Update

In English this week, the children have been writing their own legend story. They have invented a semi-aquatic creature to be the main character, who runs away with one of the locals and is set by a beach in Cornwall. The children have used techniques such as fronted adverbials to extend their writing and have used a range of punctuation such as commas and dashes.

In Maths this week, the Yr 3/4 children have had a focus on the times table – Thank you to the families that are helping support the children with this focus. On the other hand, Yr 5/6 children have been continuing to develop knowledge around subtracting fractions. They have converted denominators in order to subtract fractions and have also taken fractions away from the whole.

In Science this week, the Yr 3/4 children have been exploring how the digestive system works and learning the job of each part of the digestive system – our favourite word was oesophagus! Whereas, the Yr 5/6 have investigated the loudness of a buzzer by using a decibel meter and the impact of adding more batteries.

In Music, the Yr 5/6 performed to the rest of the class and Miss Kinver, where they all had different parts and instruments, while singing to the drunken sailor.



# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

**bbfo** **PEGI**

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the things they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways there are access to a particular title to establish if your child can watch the film, or play the game. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

### RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1971, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has regulated all aspects of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos – providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVD and streaming video services too (as detailed).

#### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- U** (Universal): Suitable for all ages.
- PG** (Parental Guidance): Suggested for children aged 7 and over.
- 12** (12): Suitable for persons aged 12 and over.
- 15** (15): Suitable for persons aged 15 and over.
- 18** (18): Suitable for persons aged 18 and over.
- R18** (Restricted to 18): Suitable only to persons aged 18 and over.

#### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an Advisory warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the warning is also used to denote levels of frequent, mild or strong.

#### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Also as this, we advise that you check the rating on the website for the content you wish to watch. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

### RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a common rating system that provides children and parents with a clear and consistent age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the titles of content (violence, sex, drugs, gambling, language, etc.) and elements, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

#### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restrictions and content descriptors. Individual content descriptors help parents and children to understand why a game is not suitable for particular ages, including sex, violence, gambling, language, etc. Some different categories of parents depending on the suitability for their child.

PEGI age ratings are listed according to the category:

- 3** (All ages)
- 7** (7 years and over)
- 12** (12 years and over)
- 16** (16 years and over)
- 18** (18 years and over)

PEGI content descriptors are listed below:

- Violence
- Bad Language
- Discrimination
- Drugs
- Gambling
- Sex
- Violence

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#### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to set parental controls on all devices that your child uses to play games. This includes consoles and computers. The Age Rating also on the PEGI website shows and discusses how to set these up.



## Christmas Decoration competition!

Make a decoration at home and bring it into school on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December for our tree!





## Christmas School Lunch

Please can you let Mrs. Basford know if you would like to join us for Christmas lunch on the 18<sup>th</sup> December, (£6.50 per head) As we need to let Tracy know numbers by next Wednesday at the latest.

Thank you



# Programme



Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

## Town Square Christmas Stage

4.00pm onwards Entertainment from Local Schools

5.30pm Bowden Derra Park Sing & Sign Choir

6.25pm Father Christmas Arrives

6.30pm CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

6.45pm Popchoir

7.30pm Charlie C's Dance

## Around the Town

4pm - 8pm (ish) Christmas Market in the Town Square  
Street Entertainers, Launceston Town Band &  
Access Theatre

Pop up Museum open with Christmas display

6pm Free Family Fun at Central Methodist Church

7pm St Mary's Christmas Tree Festival Opens followed  
by the Choir singing amongst the trees



Late Night Shopping until 8pm



## **Would you like to be a school governor?**

**Do you have a little spare time to volunteer?**

**Would you like to do something worthwhile that represents your community?**

**Are you keen to do something rewarding that will help benefit the next generation?**

**Do you have a desire to contribute to our children's education and ensure they get a good start in life? Are you over the age of 18 years and would you like to be part of a team that supports a school to achieve this?**

**Do you have a wider interest in education or a specific role that would benefit from your experience as a governor?**

**We are looking for people who are self-motivated, enthusiastic and objective with an enquiring mind. You may bring life skills or skills you have gained through work, and we are also looking for governors of all ages. You do not need to be an expert in education but will be willing to learn as training and induction is provided, and you may learn new skills that will help you in your work life. You will also be willing to listen and work as a team.**

**An Daras Trust is comprised of 11 primary schools based around Boyton, North Petherwin, Werrington, St Stephens by Launceston, 2 in Launceston town, Coads Green, Lew Trenchard and Princetown. We are looking for people of all ages, including young people, in these communities to consider being a governor.**

**If you are interested to learn more about being a governor at Boyton, North Petherwin & Werrington schools, please contact Toni Martin on [governance@andaras.org](mailto:governance@andaras.org) or the Chair of Governors, Bill Willis on [govbw@andaras.org](mailto:govbw@andaras.org) who will provide you with more information and arrange to meet.**

**Thank you.**

# 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)

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		

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.