

Boyton Primary School



An Daras Trust
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th January, 2025



Email: boyton@andaras.org

| Tel: 01566 772484

Dear Parents,

Firstly, Happy New Year! I hope you've had a lovely Christmas break?! Also, many thanks for your patience this week with delayed start times etc! Although beautiful, the heavy snow and icy conditions certainly added an extra challenge this week!

You may have noticed some new faces about school? We are very pleased to welcome three new members of staff. Mrs Gubbin has joined Acorn/ Birch class as an SEN teaching assistant, Mrs Lawton has joined Chestnuts as a class TA and finally, Mrs Holmes is our new cleaner. We are really pleased to welcome them all!

This week, we have really thinking about our '**Visible learning**' focus – in particular, our 'learning powers'. Last term, the children worked together to whittle down a list of characteristics of a good learner to just five. They also chose the animals/birds to go with them. Teachers have been basing their Friday certificates on these learning powers, but we would like to continue to raise their profile. Next week, we are hoping to introduce stickers to reinforce this further. Please encourage your child to chat about why they have received a certain sticker!

Clubs will resume from next week.

Monday – will be led by our Arena Sports provider. It will be a general 'sports club' – with different foci each week – either inside or out, depending on the weather. It will be for Reception – Year 6 children.

Tuesday – film club - led my Miss Kinver for Reception – Year 6

Thursday – Running club – led by Mrs Davies (We will do circuits in the hall if the weather isn't god)
Y1 – Y6

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

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 17th and 31st January – Barnardos visit Y5/6 – Healthy Relationships
Friday 24th January – Cornwall Climate Care workshop in school (Chestnuts)
Tuesday 28th January – PTA AGM after school – all welcome! Childcare provided
Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number day (wear number themed costumes / football shirts etc etc!)
Half term – 17th – 21st February
31st March – 4th April - Whole School swimming!

Forthcoming events

Friday 17th and 31st January – Barnardos visit Y5/6 – Healthy Relationships

Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



Acorn / Birch- Hugo, Oscar, Charlotte



Chestnuts – Edith, Zara, Lizzie

Whole School to Date	97.02%
Acorns This Week	85.15%
Birch This Week	98.61%
Chestnut This Week	96.25%

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

After School Clubs Spring Term 2025

Monday – General sports club (Reception – Year 6)

Tuesday - Film club - Miss Kinver

Thursday – Running club– Mrs Davies

Resilient
Rhino



Reflective
Robin



Ambitious
Albatross



Curious Cat



Resourceful
Red Squirrel



**Our Learning
Powers**

Acorn/Birch Class Update

What a great first week back to the spring term! We have welcomed two new people to Acorns and Birch class – Oscar has joined year 1 and Mrs Gubbin is our new TA. They have both settled in well!

We had a great music lesson with Mr Harrison on Tuesday – we are learning all about football and using syllables to count rhythmic football chants!

Acorns have enjoyed reading *We're Going on a Bear Hunt* and have been busy building caves for the bear to live in! In English, Birch have been using question marks to write questions and practising spelling words with split digraphs.

In Art, we have been using different objects to make repeated print patterns with paint. We have been looking at different materials in Science, thinking about how materials can be used in a variety of ways for different things. We are learning about what it takes to be a great explorer in History, focusing on Ranulph Fiennes this week. Our learning about the Antarctic and Arctic from last term has been very useful!

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 been writing their own story based on 'The Selfish Giant'. They have used the writing techniques learnt such as fronted adverbials, conjunctions and creating images with the vocabulary choices. The children have worked incredibly hard at publishing their work to be displayed on the wall and should feel very proud.

In Maths this week, the year 3/4 pupils have been learning how to multiply and divide by 10 and 100, show factor pairs and showing how to efficiently multiply. Whereas the Year 5/6 children have learnt how to multiply and divide fractions with integers.

During their Science learning, the Year 3/4 children have learnt the difference between solid, liquid and gas states of matter. They had to identify the category then describe what the particles look like in each state. The Year 5/6 children have started their new topic of Darwin's footsteps and had to describe and explain how fossils are formed.

The focus of the PSHE this half term is looking at keeping safe and what could make you at risk in certain situations. They children had to decide the severity of the risk and decide how they would rate it, giving reasons why.



At the end of the activity, we will be in programming mode. Screens and social media will be switched on for the duration of the lesson to have an informed conversation about online safety. Should they feel it is needed, they will be able to see on one of many devices which we have brought into the room. These will be used to demonstrate safety, more for further guidance, than used for activities.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about GROUP CHATS

Occurring through messaging apps, on social media and in online games, group chats are among the most popular ways that young people engage with their peers online. Involving up to a dozen, three or more individuals, these groups allow users to send messages, images and videos to everyone in one place. While they are useful for helping friends, people with shared interests or members of a club to communicate and coordinate activities, they can also leave young people feeling excluded and bullied – as well as providing opportunities for inappropriate content to be shared and viewed.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

BULLYING
Unkind comments or images which are purposely aimed at an individual can be shared freely in a group chat – allowing and often encouraging others to join in the bullying behaviour. If this content is shared in a group of their peers (especially a larger group), it serves to amplify the hurt, embarrassment, anxiety and isolation that the victim feels.

SHARING GROUP CONTENT
It's important to remember that – while the content of the chat is private between those in the group – individual users can easily share a message, photo or video with others outside of the group or screenshot what's been posted. The risk of something your child intended as private becoming public (and potentially going viral) is higher if there are people they don't know well in the group.

EXCLUSION AND ISOLATION
This is a common issue with group chats. It can happen in several ways: starting a new group, for instance, but deliberately excluding a certain child. Likewise, the chat may take place on an app which one child doesn't have access to, meaning they can't be involved. A child can also feel isolated when a group chat is used to discuss or share images from an event that everyone else but them attended.

UNKNOWN MEMBERS
With larger group chats, it's more likely your child will be communicating with people they don't really know. These strangers may be friends of the host, but not necessarily friendly towards your child. It's wise for young people not to share personal details and stay aware that they have no control over the messages and images they share when they've put them online.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT
Some discussions in group chats may include inappropriate words, swearing and unwholesome images or videos. These could be viewed by your child if they are part of that image, whether they actively engage in it or not. Some chat apps have a disappearing message function, so your child may be unable to report something they've seen because it can only be viewed once or for a short time.

NOTIFICATIONS AND FOMO
A drawback of large group chats is the sheer number of notifications. Every time someone in the group messages, your child's device will be 'pinged' with an alert; potentially, this could mean hundreds of notifications a day. Not only is this highly distracting, but young people's fear of missing out on the latest conversation results in increased screen time as they try to keep up with the chat.

PTA Update

Round -up

Happy New Year to you all!

We hope the children enjoyed the theatre trip to the Pantomime before Christmas.

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

boytonpta@gmail.com Phone: 07968696132

Future Events

AGM

28th January, 3.15 p.m. Boyton School

Childcare will be provided.

Everyone welcome.

Please come along and help plan out the 2025 PTA fundraising diary. We welcome new faces and ideas.

Also, the election of officers will take place. Please get in touch if you are interested in taking on a role.

Dog/Cat Owners

If you are having a 'clear out' of pet items in reasonable condition Then please consider donating them to the Cornwall Street Vet. There is a collection point at Freckles Pet Shop in Launceston

Recycle & Raise



Volunteers Needed?

Could you spare a couple of hours to help with the smooth running of the café?



The café, which meet on alternate Saturday afternoons from 2pm until 4pm, welcomes anyone living with memory problems and their carers.

For further information please phone
Cym Downing 07970 045310 or
Mary Williamson 01566 779879

Recycling for charity

are collecting TAKEAWAY tubs, Old Tupperware style food containers, ice cream tubs, reusable drinks bottles, inc. plastic coffee mugs and baby bottles, sweet tubs, all lids... in ANY condition.. Please drop off by 10th February to Freckles Pet shop or Maunders

Recycling for Charity

WANTED! PLASTIC Contest
Reusable bottles including Baby Bottles, sippy cups & Tupperware and all storage and take-away containers. Old lids and bases, all sizes broken or not



Boyton Village Diary



JANUARY 2025

Due to ongoing repair work in the Methodist Church, coffee mornings will be held in Boyton Parish Church Hall from 10am every week in January

- 2nd **Coffee Morning**
At The Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 8th **Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)**
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm *Everyone welcome*
- 9th **Coffee Morning**
At The Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 9th **Ladies Skittles**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm
- 9th **Mobile Library**
Opposite the Methodist Church 11.45am - 12.10pm
- 13th **Boyton Parish Council Meeting**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm *Everyone welcome*
- 16th **Coffee Morning**
At The Methodist Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 22nd **Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)**
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm *Everyone welcome*
- 23rd **Ladies Skittles**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm
- 23rd **Coffee Morning**
At The Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 24th **Pop Up Pub Fish & Chip Friday**
At The Church Hall 7.00pm *Everyone welcome*
(See posters for details)
- 30th **Coffee Morning**
At The Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 30th **Ladies Skittles**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm

Boyton Primary School 'Christmas Bingo'



The Bingo evening was a great success and we want to thank everyone who supported the evening considering the weather was so awful.

A total sum of £400

was raised, which will go to purchase items for school.



Groups/Churches

- Spice of Life
Bev Hunt
- Boyton Countrysiders
Shirley Bell
- Werrington Ladies Circle
Susan Desmond
- Table Tennis Club
Gerd Willetts
- Boyton Walking Group
Sue Martyn
- Boyton Parish Church Hall hire
Gerd Willetts
- Boyton Church Warden
Tim Smith
- Boyton Methodist Church
Lorraine Slugett
- Ladycross Craft Group
Cyndi Hall
- Sewladycross@btinternet.com

If you would like to receive the Boyton Village Diary electronically, please just drop me an email and I will include you on the mailing list
janetroffe@gmail.com

BOYTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

- Cllr. Martin Stanbury *Chairman*
- Cllr. Mrs Jenny Smith *Vice Chairperson*
- Cllr Jon Bennett
- Cllr John Sanders
- Cllr Mike Wood
- Cllr Gerd Willetts
- Cllr Mervyn Law
- Cllr Stephen Davy

Suzanne Cleave *Parish Clerk*

LOCAL EVENTS

Launceston COMMUNITY MARKET

At Launceston Methodist Church Hall

Friday morning 10th January 25
9.30am-1.00pm

Local handmade crafts, Local meat supplier, vegetables, Cornish honey, jams, cards, wood turning, handmade children's clothing

Support local business

Launceston Repair Cafe

2nd Saturday of the month
Saturday 11th January 2025
9.30am - 12.30pm

Launceston Kenilworth Hall, Westgate Street, Launceston

- Bring your broken item to show our volunteer repair team and see if it can be repaired
- Free event - donations welcome
- Enjoy cake and company while you wait!

Contacts: angie@triv@gmail.com pat@triv@cloud.com

charity BINGO

Friday 31st Jan

6.30pm for 7pm

Bude Rugby Club

We are looking for volunteers in the Launceston area

Keep up to date by following the Boyton Support Group on Facebook



New school menu starting Tuesday 7th 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	<p>Panini Pizza Slices, Cheese & Tomato Diced Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans</p> <p>Homemade Chocolate Brownie</p>	<p>Chicken Wraps Potato Wedges, Baked beans, Sweetcorn. Quorn Chicken Wrap</p> <p>Chocolate Crispie</p>	<p>Southern fried Chicken Goujons Diced Herby Potatoes, peas, Baked beans Cheese & Tomato Pizza</p> <p>Choc Chip Cookies</p>
T U E S D A Y	<p>Homemade Lasagne, Garlic Bread Peas & Sweetcorn Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake</p> <p>Choc Chip Cookies</p>	<p>Burger in a Bun, Diced Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans Veggie Burger in a Bun</p> <p>Vanilla Muffins</p>	<p>Sausage & Mash Green Beans, Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage.</p> <p>Chocolate Crispie</p>
W E D N E S D A Y	<p>Roast Gammon, Stuffing Balls Roast potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage.</p> <p>Ice Cream and Sauce</p>	<p>Roast Chicken, Stuffing Balls Roast potatoes, seasonal Veg Quorn Chicken Pieces</p> <p>Chocolate Mousse</p>	<p>Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal veg Quorn Sausage Toad in the hole</p> <p>Ice Cream & Strawberry sauce</p>
T H U R S D A Y	<p>Hot Dog in a Roll Wedges, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn Quorn Sausage in a Roll</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Muffins</p>	<p>Meatballs and Spaghetti with Garlic Bread Peas, Sweetcorn</p> <p>ice cream & Toffee sauce</p>	<p>Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Cheese & Ham Pizza curly Fries, Baked Beans, sweetcorn.</p> <p>Vanilla Muffins</p>
F R I D A Y	<p>Breaded Fish Chips, baked beans, peas Cheese and tomato pizza</p> <p>Strawberry Mousse</p>	<p>Fish Fingers Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn Pasta Bake</p> <p>Chocolate Chip Cookies</p>	<p>Chicken Goujons & Chips Quorn Sausage & Chips Baked beans, peas.</p> <p>Homemade Chocolate Brownie</p>

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	31

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	30		

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	31