

Boyton Primary School



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Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 31st January, 2025



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Dear Parents,

We have had another super week. Firstly, huge congratulations to Sybil, Logan and Caiden for representing the school in the Duchy College Cross Country event again on Thursday. We are very proud of you and impressed with your incredible efforts!! I know several personal bests have been beaten!

As many of you are aware, we have certainly been struck by a nasty bug this week. We really hope those who have been too poorly to be in school are making a speedy recovery – we have missed you!

The Year 5s and 6s had another session today with Kim from the charity Barnardo's – on the theme of 'Healthy Relationships'. Again she was really impressed with the children's maturity, thoughtful contributions and eagerness to engage with the activities and discussions.

Huge thanks

We are immensely thankful to Lesley and Justine who have led the PTA over the last few years in their roles as Chair, Secretary/Treasurer. During this time, the PTA (including all involved) have had a significant impact on the lives of the children in our school – raising approximately £5000. As you frequently hear in the news, school budgets are incredibly tight – this is particularly so for small schools.

The PTA money has funded brand new reading books across the school, specific texts needed to teach the Writing/ Reading curriculum, curriculum resources, numerous Year 6 hoodies, a whole school trip to the theatre before Christmas, Father Christmas gifts, etc etc.... we are so grateful.

Regretfully, it has been agreed that the PTA will have a period of dormancy. If you are interested in taking on the role of Chair/ Secretary/ Treasurer and re-kindling the PTA, I know Lesley and Justine wouldn't hesitate in offering any assistance as you become familiar with the roles. Please just get in touch – thanks.

Nursery update!

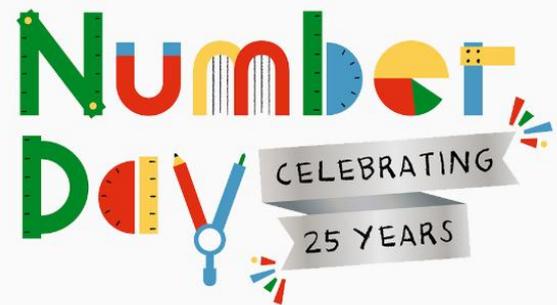
Lots of work has been going on behind the scenes! The classroom is beginning to look more Early Years friendly and lots of time and thought has gone into the writing of the curriculum. There's been lots of changes to the outdoor environment too!! We have an induction session on Wednesday 26th February for our new children. Please ask if you would like to find out more.

Don't forget NSPCC Number day – next Friday! Children can wear anything number themed!

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



Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 4th Feb – Y3/4 Online Safety Workshop at school

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

5th March – St Pirans Day (Y5/6 will be participating in the parade – please can children meet us in Launceston. More details to follow! We have been able to organize a lift back to school after))

31st March – 4th April - Whole School swimming!

Forthcoming events

Tuesday 4th Feb – Y3/4 Online Safety Workshop at school

Friday 7th February – NSPCC Number day (wear number themed costumes / football shirts etc etc!)

Welly Wednesdays – every Wednesday bring wellies to school!

Brilliance at Boyton: This week's Stars



Acorn / Birch – Keaton, Libby, Fernley



Chestnuts – Halle, Lexi, Christine

Whole School to Date	96.02%
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	93.06%
Chestnut This Week	85.0%

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 (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 enjoyed learning about the Lunar New Year this week! They have been scribing Chinese number symbols and decorating snakes, this year's Chinese zodiac animal. The children tested their skill at using chopsticks to eat noodles – there were lots of resilient rhinos refusing to give up that task!

Acorns have been reading George and the Dragon in Drawing Club this week and have created some amazing stories of their own. Birch have started to write their own versions of a narrative, using verbs and adjectives in their writing.

In maths, Acorns have been looking closely at what 3, 4 and 5 are made up of, finding parts of the whole number. Birch have been resourceful red squirrels and used manipulatives such as base 10 and counters to help them to add and subtract 2-digit numbers.

Ask Birch children about what they have learnt about Neil Armstrong and what his famous words were when he stepped onto the moon in 1969!

In science, we have made our own parachutes, thinking carefully about what materials to use. Thank you for listening to your children read every day at home – please remember to choose a book with your child to share together at home from our basket or bookshelves.

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

Mrs. Gilman



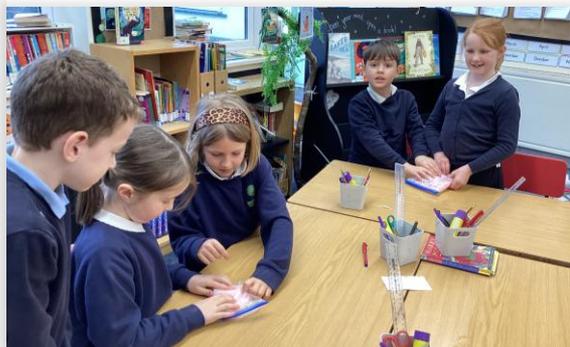
Chestnut Class Update

In English this week, the children have been using the picture book 'The Whale' to write a film pitch. They have taken different writing techniques learnt such as conjunctions, building tension and using emotions as fronted adverbials. The children have worked hard at choosing a range of devices to make their writing detailed and interesting.

In Maths this week, the Yr 3/4 children have come to the end of the division and multiplying unit. They have divided three - digit numbers with exchange and remainders. They have answered true and false questions to help with reasoning and explaining answers. Whereas the Yr 5/6 children have learnt how to order decimals and round the decimals to a range of places.

In Science this week, the Yr 3/4 children had a go at making ice-cream with strawberry milkshake and ice. The children have developed their understanding of how liquid changes into a solid and the process it goes through. Whereas the Yr 5/6 children have been learning about adaptations in plants, which allows them to survive in different environments. The children explored how cactuses survive in the hot, dry desert.

In PSHE this week, the children have learnt about habits and what photos can be shared online.



TOP TIPS

For Internet Safety

Stay anonymous!

- Use another name or a nickname
- Keep your address a secret
- Don't say where you go to school
- Only give your phone numbers to people you actually know
- Make sure you don't give ANY clues about yourself

Privacy!

- Always make sure your settings really ARE private so YOU choose who can see your account
- Don't give out any personal details
- Don't discuss your problems online
- If you think your account's been hacked, report it and change it

Think before you post

Don't post before thinking CAREFULLY and ask:

- Is it offensive?
- Could it affect your future employment?
- Would you be happy for your parents or family to see it?

Passwords

- Keep your password secure and change it regularly
- Don't use your name or anything easy to guess
- Don't share it with ANYONE, even your friends
- Use a mixture of capitals, numbers and special characters
- If in doubt CHANGE IT!

Remember...

- NOTHING is private
- Don't say anything you wouldn't say in real life
- Don't post other people's photos
- NEVER post invitations unless you are absolutely sure they will only be seen by a closed group

Are they real?

- Do you know this 'friend' in real life?
- Are you REALLY sure it's their account, not someone pretending to be them?
- Remember: some people are VERY clever at pretending to be someone they're not!

Feeling uncomfortable

- DON'T reply to trolls or people making unkind comments
- Don't be afraid to 'unfriend' or block people who upset you
- Do REPORT people if necessary

Believe NOT!

- Don't fall for it - things aren't ALWAYS what they seem!
- Everyone exaggerates - you probably do it as well!
- Remember: most people only tell you the good bits!
- Don't be fooled by 'free' offers!

Be Safe! Be Sure! Be Smart!



We are looking to fill 150+ School Support vacancies in local schools (e.g. Teaching Assistants, SEN Support, Behaviour Mentors, 1-1 Classroom Support, Cover Supervisors etc). These roles are available in both full time and part time positions.

We have online Fully Funded, School Support Courses starting soon. With online guided learning webinars, with our friendly tutors.

Full Time - 6 Weeks - Intensive Course

Fully Funded (FREE) NCFE | CACHE Courses available in levels 1 & 2 with fully funded progressions available for 3 level - starting on 24th February 2025.

The deadline to enrol is Tuesday 18th February!

Aspire Education Academy's courses run ONLY in term time and not during half term/ end of term periods.

This is a six-week intensive course, with online live webinars with Aspire Education's friendly tutors, starting at 9:30am and finishing at 2pm (with lunch break) from Monday to Friday.

All you need is access to the internet and a computer, laptop or tablet.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per year or claiming benefits (including Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits, carers allowance or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit) you will be eligible to apply for a fully funded (free) place on our course.

Take advantage of this opportunity while it's still available. Please go to: www.studysmartuk.online for more information.

Fully Funded School Support Course

Available in Levels 1, 2 & 3

***Please go to our website
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These are 6 week courses, full time, intensive courses, with online guided learning sessions within school hours.

If you are earning less than £23,500 per annum or are in receipt of any benefits, you will be eligible for a fully funded place with us.



**6 Week
Course
Mon - Fri**

Daily sessions

1st session 9:30 - 11:30am

2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

Groups for families with a neurodivergent child or young person



Home-Start Kernow are a charity supporting families in Cornwall. We are holding a group for families with neurodiverse children at Launceston Family Hub on Tuesday 11th February from 1pm to 2.30pm. Families are welcome to attend with or without children for part of the session or for the whole session.

Launceston Family Hub

Tuesday 11th February

1-2:30pm

**Book your free spot:
info@homestartkernow.org.uk**

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



DEVON DOGS
OPEN DAY and
CHARITY EVENT
Sunday 16th February 2025
1pm-5pm
All Donations Go To Hospice Care
BEST hot chocolate in Devon!
Easy Valentine's cookie recipe for your dog
Free dog training advice
Devon Dogs
East Bowerland Farm
Okehampton
Devon EX20 4LZ
www.devondogs.co.uk



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Secure dog field for exclusive use.
7 days a week. £10- 60 mins.
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Recycle your plastic containers & Raise money for charity
SWEET SHOP FAVORITES
HERO
Quality Street
ROSES



Proudly supporting
RECYCLING COMMUNITY
DMS Dartmoor Ecological Society
& Life Chance TRUST
Visit dowpolymer.co.uk for more information

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 in Launceston



Book before you visit
Household Waste and Recycling Centre
CORNWALL COUNCIL
Cornwall recycles
Kernow a zero waster

Monday 3rd Feb - Friday 7th Feb



ROAD CLOSED
while the Council install
a hardstanding for the Bus stop
at Beacon Park

Boyton Village Diary



FEBRUARY 2025

Just to make you aware that there is a planned road closure from Monday 3rd Feb to Friday 7th Feb while the Council install a hardstanding for the Bus stop at Beacon Park

The Ladies from the Methodist Chapel will still be holding coffee mornings at the Parish Church Hall for February.

- 5th **Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)**
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm *Everyone welcome*
- 6th **Coffee Morning**
At The Parish Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 6th **Mobile Library**
Opposite the Methodist Church 11.45am -12.10pm
- 10th **Boyton Parish Council Meeting**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm *Everyone welcome*
- 13th **Coffee Morning**
At Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 13th **Ladies Skittles**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm
- 19th **Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)**
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm *Everyone welcome*
- 19th **Boyton Countrysider's Lunch** at Boscastle Farm Shop
Further details available from: shirleybell789@gmail.com
- 20th **Coffee Morning**
At The Parish Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 27th **Coffee Morning**
At The Church Hall 10am *Everyone welcome*
- 27th **Ladies Skittles**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm

An invitation from The Werrington Ladies Circle

We're a happy group of ladies from all walks of life, we hold 10 meetings a year at Ladycross Community Hall, on the last Tuesday of the month, winter meetings are held in the afternoon at 2.30pm summer evenings at 7.30pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday 25th February 2.30pm

There will be a talk on Butterflies by Steve Batt

We cover a wide range of interests from crafting sessions to talks, demos and trips.

For more information please contact Susan email address: susandesmond3@jcloud.com

BOYTON COUNTRYSIDERS

A group of like minded people from Boyton & surrounding areas who regularly organise day trips, mystery tours & social events.

For further details email: shirleybell789@gmail.com

New members always welcome

TABLE TENNIS EVENINGS

Just for Fun !

Boyton Church Hall have 2 tables, why not pop along and have a game and meet new friends & neighbours.
Alternate Wednesdays.



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 janetrolfe@ymail.com

BOYTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

<i>Cllr. Martin Stanbury</i>	<i>Chairman</i>
<i>Cllr. Mrs Jenny Smith</i>	<i>Vice Chairperson</i>
<i>Cllr Jon Bennett</i>	<i>Cllr John Sanders</i>
<i>Cllr Mike Wood</i>	<i>Cllr Gerd Willetts</i>
<i>Cllr Mervyn Law</i>	<i>Cllr Stephen Davy</i>

Suzanne Cleave Parish Clerk

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 Slugget

Ladycross Craft Group
Cyndi Hall
Sewladycross@btinternet.com

In case of an emergency
We are very fortunate to have located in the village a **defibrillator** Which is based on the **Methodist Church wall**
PL15 9RF

LOCAL EVENTS

The Eden Project

Save up to 45% with a Locals' Pass.

If you are a resident of Cornwall or Devon, get unlimited days out to the Eden Project for one year with a Locals' Pass, which is now available to purchase all year round.

Unlimited entry to our Biomes, Gardens, seasonal events, art exhibits and free daily tours for one year



For further details visit: [Eden Project Locals' Pass](#) | [Eden Project](#)

WINE & CHEESE TASTING EVENING LAUNCESTON RUGBY CLUB

**Friday
14th February**



Join us for a relaxed evening of wine tasting and cheese
Our knowledgeable Sommelier will brief you on each wine before you taste it.

Cheese will be provided by The Cornish Cheese Company will be on every table

For further details contact launcestonrugbycluboffice@gmail.com

PENPONT PLAYERS

present an original pantomime
by Alex Bailey & Ruth Simpson

**DICK
WHITTINGTON**

February 20th - 22nd February
7:30pm, Altarnun Village Hall
Adults £6 Under 16s £3:50



Book your tickets

www.ticketsource.co.uk/penpont-players

Buy at Altarnun Village Shop

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

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.