

Boyton Primary School



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Boyton Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Wow – what a special week! Firstly, thank you so much for joining us on Wednesday for our opening of the nursery! This really is significant in terms of the future of the school – many thanks to all for making it such a special event.

Also, welcome to Livi, Josie, Luca, Ace and Leo - our new Nursery children! I know Mrs Lawton and Mrs Billings have had a very lovely enjoyable couple of days and have lots of exciting things planned! Please continue to spread the word / share the facebook posts etc!

The children (and staff!) also looked super on Thursday, for World Book Day! To mark the event, we undertook various activities including sharing our favourite books, a book chat and buddy read across the school.

Chestnuts also had a wonderful time in Launceston for the St Piran's Celebrations on Wednesday. They have already been complimented on their singing and loved performing the songs and dances with all the other local schools! We returned to a delicious smell of pasties – Acorns/ Birch had also had a busy morning!!

The Year 5s/6s also had a super computing session with Matt Hewett from Charity Digital – he taught them how to code a 'Bit' to make it respond to shaking etc etc! The children did really well! We've certainly got some budding electronic engineers!



In the next few days, we will be introducing Class Dojo. This is a platform that can provide easy communication between school and home. Initially, we will use it to share reminders / photos and pass on information. Parents/ carers can also send messages to the class teacher through it. However, it has lots more to offer! We will keep you posted!

Whole school swimming – in a few weeks, we will be taking the whole school swimming! (Week beginning: 31st March.) We have two minibuses booked for this which can take 28 children. However, we would be grateful of a driver or a couple for the remaining children. If anyone could possibly assist, please let me know – thank you.

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

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day (dress up as your favourite book character!)

Friday 21st March – Comic Relief – where something red!

Monday 24th-4th April- Sustrans Big walk and Wheel Challenge

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

1st April – SongFest

Wednesday 2nd April – Parent meetings (after school) **New date!**

30th June – 2nd July – Year 5/6 Residential

Forthcoming events

Welly Wednesdays – every Wednesday bring wellies to school!

Comic Relief – Friday 21st March

Brilliance at Boyton: This week's stars



Acorn / Birch- Keaton Rosie Emilia



Chestnuts – Zara Logan Lauren

Whole School to Date	97.0%
Acorns This Week	95.83%
Birch This Week	96.88%
Chestnut This Week	100%

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)

This week's focus

This week, our focus across both classes has been to be an ambitious learner.

What is an ambitious learner?

An "ambitious learner" is a child who seeks out challenges, sets high standards for themselves, and strives to achieve their best by consistently pushing their learning boundaries. Even when it's tough, they are motivated to persevere and aim high!

'I have been ambitious by trying to use parenthesis in my writing' Zara

'I have been ambitious in my writing by choosing ambitious vocabulary' Inula



Visible Learning - Our Learning Powers

Catkins Update

Hello and welcome to the Catkins newsletter page!

This week we have celebrated our love of reading with World Book Day. We dressed up as our favourite story book characters and listened to much-loved tales.

The Catkins and Acorns have also enjoyed lots of constructive play in our wonderful outdoor area. We have measured, weighed, performed and explored, all within our amazing new Early Years garden, with its fantastic new equipment, On Friday, we had a great time producing natural dyes to paint pictures of flowers and trees in our first Forest School Friday!

Well done Catkins and Acorns, a fabulous first week!



Acorn/Birch Class Update

We have had another amazing week of learning in Acorns and Birch Class! We celebrated St. Piran's Day on Wednesday by making Cornish pasties – I hope you all enjoyed eating them! On Thursday, the children all looked fantastic dressed up as their favourite book characters to acknowledge World Book Day. They all enjoyed sharing their favourite books with the older children from Chestnuts Class.

Acorns spent their first two days in our brand new EYFS/Nursery building, where they enjoyed some great outdoor learning experiences!

Birch have been creating their own alien character this week in English and have started writing character descriptions, using adjectives and noun phrases. Acorns have been reading The Little Red Hen and have been ambitious albatrosses when writing their own passcodes and sentences. We have seen great progress with their independent writing, which is fantastic!

Please keep letting us know that your child is reading at home by signing their reading records – this really makes a difference, so thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home! Please let me know if you have any questions about anything. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gilman



St. Piran's Day!



Chestnut Class Update

In English this week, the children have started looking at a new text – 'The Lost thing'. The children have listened to the soundtrack and made predictions on what they think the story is about. The children have looked at pictures and used different writing techniques to include their own writing.

In Maths this week the children have had a new focus, the Yr 3/4 children have started looking at fractions, where they have learnt about whole numbers, numerators and denominators. Whereas the Yr 5/6 children have learnt about decimals and how to use the four operations. The children have worked hard at making sure their layout is correct, and they are being accurate in their calculations.

In Computing this week, the children have started a new unit. The Yr 3/4 have looked at different tables and data logging. Whereas the Yr 5/6 have explored different variables in scratch games. The children have developed their accuracy skills, with throwing and catching in handball and how to communicate with each other in a positive way.

The Yr 5/6 had a fantastic workshop using Mirco-bits and coding, where they learnt how to make sensors and alarms go off with different inputs.

It was a pleasure taking the children to the St. Piran's day celebrations, where we sang and danced around Launceston square.



Keeping your Child Safe Online

Tips for Parents

Talk to your child about which sites they like, and visit them together. Talk about which sites are appropriate for their age group.



Does your child know how to report online if they see something upsetting? Would they know what to do if they were contacted by a stranger?

Ensure your child knows about privacy settings and what information they should never share online. Parents should have access to their child's social media accounts.



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[Support & advice for parents | NSPCC](#)

Clothes swap shop!

We have recently had some great new additions to our 'preloved' clothing rail. Please pop in and help yourselves, if any of the following could be useful!



How is a Penalty Notice paid?

Penalty notices can be paid by card by calling the office on 01872 324201. Alternatively, payment can be made by cash or cheque at any Cornwall Council Information Service. If the 21st/ 28th day for payment falls on a weekend or bank holiday, payment will be accepted at the same rate on the following working day.

What happens if a Penalty Notice is not paid?

If a Penalty Notice is not paid within the 28 days of issue (as per the dates listed on the Penalty Notice), Cornwall Council will progress the matter to the Magistrates' Court, for the offence of failing to ensure regular attendance, NOT for failure to pay the fine. If found guilty:

- under section 444(1), it can result in the parent being fined up to £1000
- under section 444(1A), it can result in the parent being fined up to £2,500 and/ or receiving a custodial sentence of up to 3 months

Cornwall Council may also apply for costs incurred in taking the matter to court.

Contact us

Education Welfare Service, New County Hall, Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

educationwelfare@cornwall.gov.uk
01872 324298

If you would like this information in another format or language please contact:

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Treyew Road, Truro, TR1 3AY

e: customerservices@cornwall.gov.uk
t: 0300 1234 100



Together 
for Families

Penalty Notices

A guide to Education Welfare Services for parents and carers



Just to remind you that from August 2024, the government introduced penalty notices which we as a school have to act upon. Please see the attached leaflet with information about them.



School Calendar 2024/2025

Cornwall Council

2024/2025 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools



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	

Mon	7	14	21	28	
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
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Thurs	3	10	17	24	31
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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

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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)

Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	4	11	18	25	
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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.