

**Boyton Primary School**



**An Daras Trust**  
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**



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Dear Parents,

We have had another busy week. Many, many thanks for supporting your child in coming to school 'actively' as part of the Sustran's 'Big Walk and Wheel' week. We have been logging the information and will keep you posted!

Our Year 5s and 6s had a super 'adventure' day at Launceston College. They really enjoyed having the opportunity to meet children from other schools and have a taster of a secondary school environment.

We are really proud of our Year 6s, who are working really hard in preparation for their Year 6 SATs starting on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May. We have been really impressed with their commitment to the morning Year 6 Breakfast club. This has been designed to be really targeted and it's certainly boosting their confidence. Please can we ensure they are all children are in school for SATS week. Thank you.

Another huge well done to the children who will be representing our school for Songfest this year. The songs aren't easy and they're doing a good job in learning the words and tunes! Thank you so much for your help at home with this! We're looking forward to their performance next week!

**Swimming** – all children except for catkins, will be swimming next week. Please can they bring their swimming costume, towel (and goggles if they have them) in a named bag. Thank you.

### **Easter Bonnet Parade**

Next week, on Friday we will be having an Easter Bonnet Parade. Please can the children bring in bonnets that they have decorated for this. Thank you. (There will be prizes!)



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 – 4<sup>th</sup> April** – 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)

**4<sup>th</sup> April**- Last day of Term ( Return on the **22<sup>nd</sup> April**)

**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 – 4<sup>th</sup> April** – Sustran’s Big walk and wheel week

**4<sup>th</sup> April**- Easter Bonnet Parade

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week’s stars



**Acorn / Birch-** Libby George Emilia



**Chestnuts** – Lexi Christine Inula

Whole School to Date	95.97%
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	91.67%
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.

[boyton@andaras.org](mailto: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)

## 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!

Top secret activities in Catkins today! Lots of lovely, colourful, hand-printing and great message writing skills ready for Sunday's very special occasion! Following our Phonics Rhyme-time activities, we carried on with busy learning in the garden. Here, Arthur created a magnificent Lord of the Rings style map on our huge chalk-board inside the Ark. We had a huge collaborative effort to build towers and buses with the large colourful 3-D soft shapes, and lots of exciting water play made our plants very happy indeed!

On Friday, we started learning about how birds take care of their young in the Springtime, by building our own nests from wool and lots of incredible gluing skills. The results will be revealed next week, when we will hopefully be sending them home with an Easter treat inside!

Well done Catkins and Acorns. Another lovely week!



# Acorn/Birch Class Update

Acorns and Birch have had a great week of learning! They decorated pebbles in their Wild Tribe session with Belinda and made chalk drawings of themselves on the playground. During maths, Acorns have been exploring how 8 is made and have been counting objects wherever they go! Birch have started to learn about measurement, using objects such as their hands and cubes to measure things around the classroom, then moving on to using centimetres and metres to make accurate measurements.

Acorns have been reading *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* in Drawing Club and have been writing their own sentences to explain what's happening in their drawings. Birch children have finished making their pouches in DT this week – they are fantastic!

We are looking forward to our swimming lessons every morning next week! If you have any questions about anything, please let me know. Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs. Gilman



Making pouches in DT!



# Chestnut Class Update

In English this week, the children have used the 'The Lost Thing' book and video to help inspire their own story. They have created their own 'Lost Thing' story, based in a different setting and have used writing techniques they have learnt such as fronted adverbials, dashes and expanded noun phrases. The children have worked incredibly hard at editing and publishing their stories to be the best they can.

In Maths this week, the children have shown great resilience at tackling end of term assessment paper, where the children have tackled arithmetic and reasoning and problem-solving questions with great accuracy.

During the Science learning this week, the Yr 3/4 children have explored how food chains work and the difference between producers, prey and predators. Whereas the Yr 5/6 children have researched and planned out information on evolution – ready to write an explanation text next week.

The Yr 5/6 children had a brilliant opportunity to visit Launceston College on Wednesday, where they took part in team building, P.E activities and adventure activities. It was great seeing the children work together and thinking about how they worked in groups, which links to our capability curriculum. Have a lovely weekend!



# Online Safety & Gaming



Gaming refers to playing electronic games, whether through consoles, computers, tablets, smartphones or other devices. Gaming remains one of the most popular forms of entertainment, attracting a wide range of age groups from all across the world. Gaming is always looking to develop, often improving on graphical features, accessibility and user engagement as years go by.



Unlike many other forms of media, gaming brings a sense of challenge to the player. Usually there is a degree of skill involved that players need to develop in order to progress. Depending on the type of game, it can also offer players a platform where they can be imaginative and explore their own creativity.

Some games have rich storylines and characters that are engaging and memorable. Many players also use it as an opportunity to compete and socialise with other users whether it be in person or online. More often than not though, people game, because it is fun!



## Benefits of Gaming

- 1 Can develop critical and creative skills
- 2 Can bring educational benefit and awareness
- 3 Is available to most audiences and family members
- 4 Is an easy and accessible way to socialise with others

## Considerations for Gaming

- 1 Have awareness of appropriate age restrictions
- 2 Parental awareness around purchasing
- 3 Active discussions around socialising safely
- 4 Reporting harmful or offensive content online

## Socialising Online

A staple of gaming is the community that surrounds it. Groups and audiences can gather around a specific game, character or theme to build specific fan bases that can interact with each other. Young people may like to socialise online because:

- 1 It gives them a platform to be with friends outside of school
- 2 There is usually a competitive element at play, which can feel rewarding
- 3 It can build confidence and social skills which may not be attainable physically
- 4 It gives opportunity to young people who have difficulty socialising with friends and others



## Reporting and Blocking

Gaming communities can range from supportive and educational, to toxic and harmful. In some instances, it can even lead towards more radical content being promoted. When faced with something or someone being harmful online, make sure young people know how to:

- 1 Report the player or piece of content
- 2 Mute or block the player
- 3 Manage their privacy settings or communication options
- 4 Speak with a trusted adult for support



To find out more about Gaming visit the SWGfL hub:  
[swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/](http://swgfl.org.uk/topics/gaming/)

or scan the QR code



## Further Support

**Professionals Online Safety Helpline:** [saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline](http://saferinternet.org.uk/professionals-online-safety-helpline)

**Harmful Sexual Behaviour Support Service:** [swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/](http://swgfl.org.uk/harmful-sexual-behaviour-support-service/)

**Report Harmful Content:**  
[reportharmfulcontent.com](http://reportharmfulcontent.com)



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# EASTER HOLIDAY ROADSHOWS

EAST CORNWALL/NORTH DEVON APR 2025 | 9.30AM-3.30PM | BOYS & GIRLS ALL ABILITIES AGED 5-15

## Monday, 7 April

St Joseph School, Launceston  
Football Roadshow  
Lanivet Community Hub  
Football Roadshow  
Chulmleigh Primary School  
Football Roadshow

## Tuesday, 8 April

Dobwalls Football Club  
Football Roadshow  
St Teath Football Club  
Football Roadshow

## Wednesday, 9 April

Holsworthy Youth Football Club  
Football Roadshow

## Thursday, 10 April

Saltmill 3G, Saltash  
Football Roadshow  
Tregadillett Primary School  
Football/Multi Skills Roadshow

## Friday, 11 April

Polperro Football Club  
Football Roadshow  
Bude Football Club  
Football Roadshow

Callington Community Sports  
Centre 3G  
Football Roadshow

## Monday, 14 April

St Joseph School, Launceston  
Football Roadshow  
Lanivet Community Hub  
Football Roadshow

## Tuesday, 15 April

Dobwalls Football Club  
Football Roadshow  
Callington Community Sports  
Centre 3G  
Football Roadshow

## Wednesday, 16 April

Holsworthy Youth Football  
Club  
Football Roadshow

## Thursday, 17 April

Saltmill 3G, Saltash  
Football Roadshow  
Bude Football Club  
Football Roadshow

Only  
£22  
for the  
day!!!



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**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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**Well Done Everyone!!!**

**Here are our results so far!! Keep up the good work!!**

**23 Total journeys**

The total number of journeys recorded in Sustrans Big Walk and Wheel 2025.

**24.73%**

**Daily average score**

This is your current average daily score based on a percentage of your school roll. If you take part in more than five days, this will be based on your best five days.

**66 / 124**

**Very small primary schools**

**Overall position in challenge**

Based on your daily average score.

# New Menu Starting After Half Term!

## WEEK 1

22/04/2025 12/05/2025

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Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Cheese & Ham Pizza  
Diced Herby Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans

Chocolate Chip Cookies

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chicken Wraps, Wedges, Peas, Sweetcorn  
Cheese or Tuna Wrap

Chocolate Brownie

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Roast Gammon, Stuffing Balls  
Roast potatoes, Cabbage, Carrots, Gravy  
Quorn Sausage.

Ice Cream & Sauce

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Homemade Sausage Rolls  
New Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans  
Quorn Sausage Roll

Jelly & Cream

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Breaded Fish  
Chips, baked beans, peas  
Cheese and tomato pizza

Chocolate Crrispie

## WEEK 2

28/04/2025 19/05/2025

Panini with choice of filling Cheese, Tuna or Ham  
Diced Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn

Strawberry Mousse

Meatballs in rich tomato sauce with spahetti  
Peas & Sweetcorn.  
Quorn mince in rich tomato sauce with spaghetti

Homemade Chocolate Brownie

Roast Chicken, Stuffing Balls  
Roast potatoes, seasonal Veg  
Quorn Chicken Pieces.

Ice Cream & Sauce

Panini Pizza Slices, Cheese & Tomato or Cheese & Ham  
Wedges, Baked Beans, Peas

Choc chip Muffins

Fish Fingers  
Chips, Peas, Baked beans  
Pasta Bake

Choc chip cookies

## WEEK 3

06/05/2025

Southern fried Chicken Goujons  
Diced Herby Potatoes, peas, Baked beans  
Cheese & Tomato Pizza

Choc Chip Cookies

Hot Dog in a roll  
Wedges, baked beans, Sweetcorn  
Quorn Sausage in a roll

Chocolate Mousse

Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding,  
Roast Potatoes, Seasonal veg  
Quorn Sausage Toad in the hole

Ice Cream & sauce

Lasagne, Garlic Bread, Peas, Sweetcorn  
Pasta Bake

Vanilla Muffins

Fishcake  
Chips, Baked beans, peas.  
Quorn Sausage

Homemade Chocolate Brownie

# Vacancies at An Daras Trust.

Find out more information about our Trust vacancies at

<https://www.andaras.org/web/vacancies>



**Cleaners at Various Sites**

<b>Job Title:</b> Cleaner	<b>FTE salary:</b> £23,555 <b>Actual annual salary (approx. gross):</b> £5,787
<b>School Base:</b> Launceston Pre School & An Daras Central Offices	<b>Contract Type:</b> Permanent / Variable
<b>Start Date:</b> 06 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	<b>Hours (weekly):</b> 10 hours (5 hours at each site)
<b>Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY:</b> 41.4 weeks	
<b>Interview Date:</b> w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<b>Closing Date:</b> Midnight on 21 <sup>st</sup> April 2025

**Please return completed applications and equal opportunities forms to [recruitment@andaras.org](mailto:recruitment@andaras.org)**

An Daras Trust is an equal opportunities employer and is also fully committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. All employees and volunteers must share this commitment. As part of safeguarding requirements we conduct an online search of all shortlisted candidates. All offers of employment are subject to the satisfactory completion of safer recruitment checks and references including an enhanced DBS check. Right to Work in the UK and qualifications will also be checked. We welcome applicants from global majority heritage.

This post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974 (Exceptions) Order 1975 (as amended in 2013 and 2020). This means that certain convictions and cautions are considered 'protected' and do not need to be disclosed to employers and, if they are disclosed, employers cannot take them into account. Guidance about whether a conviction or caution should be disclosed can be found on the Ministry of Justice website: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/new-guidance-on-the-rehabilitation-of-offenders-act-1974>

An employee of An Daras Trust knows that by using their own knowledge and experience, it can **Ignite Curiosity and Grow Capabilities** in young individuals, which will impact lives and help create a positive future. Does this sound like you?

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**Information about the vacancy**

An Daras Trust are looking for a cleaner to work for a total 10 hours per week, 5 hours will be at Launceston Pre School and 5 hours will be at our Central Offices.

The hours will largely need to be completed before 8:30am & after 3:30pm.

Would you like to make a real difference in the lives of young learners? Join our vibrant team as a Trust Cleaner.

A Trust Cleaner is a vital part of the school family.




**Teaching Assistant at Windmill Hill Academy Primary School**

<b>Job Title:</b> Teaching Assistant	<b>FTE salary:</b> £23,555 <b>Actual annual salary (approx. gross):</b> £6,388
<b>School Base:</b> Windmill Hill Academy Primary, Launceston	<b>Contract Type:</b> Permanent / Variable
<b>Start Date:</b> 06 <sup>th</sup> May 2025	<b>Hours (weekly):</b> 12 hours
<b>Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY:</b> 38 weeks	
<b>Interview Date:</b> w/c 28 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	<b>Closing Date:</b> Midnight on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025

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**Information about the vacancy**

The governors, staff and pupils of Windmill Hill Academy and members of AN DARAS Trust, are seeking to appoint an experienced and enthusiastic Teaching Assistant.

This is an exciting opportunity for a skilled practitioner to join our diverse and dedicated team.

# 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)

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	

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.