Boyton Primary School

Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 23rd October 2025

EY & Y1 Acorn

Y2, Y3 and Y4 Birch

Y5 & Y6 Chestnut

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Dear parents,

What a busy half term we've had! On Wednesday, we were very impressed with our Boyton team who completed the **Three Tors Challenge** with grit and determination!! All had a super day out on the moor and felt a great sense of achievement reaching the highest point in Cornwall with many other children from the AnDaras Trust.

A huge thanks also to our fantastic PTA for holding a very successful Halloween Disco after school on Thursday. The children certainly enjoyed it and we had some great costumes!

AI – this week, we 've had some really interesting pupil conferencing around the theme of AI. Children certainly have an awareness of it, and for some, a lot of understanding. We will be exploring it more with the children after Christmas around Safer Internet Day.

Chestnuts Class have had a super half term of Wild Tribe with Ria. She has been really impressed with the level of their engagement and has really challenged them with some super activities and the learning of new skills.

After half term, we have **parent/carer meetings**. If you haven't had chance to book one yet, please do. It's a really good opportunity to discuss your child's progress and possible next steps. If none of the times are convenient, please have a chat with your child's class teacher to arrange an alternative.

Exciting news! We have recently been given a grant to support our outdoor learning provision! We intend to use it to develop our fire-pit area and make it more established and easier to maintain.

Finally, as you are aware, there is no school on Friday as staff have INSET. We look forward to seeing children back to school on Monday 3rd November.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries or concerns.
Mrs Davies kdavies@andaras.org

Dates for Your Diary

INSET – Friday 24th October (and Half term 27th – 31st Oct)
Parent meetings – after school on Wednesday 5th November
Earth Tribe Day – Chestnuts Class Thursday 6th November
Individual/ family photos – Tuesday 18th November (afternoon)
Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 11th December
Christmas performance in the chapel 6pm – Monday 15th December
Christmas EYFS Nativity – Thursday 18th December 2pm
Pantomime! Tuesday 16th December 'Gimme, Gimme, Gimme!'

Forthcoming events

Welly Wednesdays – every Wednesday bring wellies to school!

Parent/ Carer Meetings Wed 5th November

Earth Tribe (Arena)– Chestnut Class – Thursday 6th November

Brilliance at Boyton: This week's stars

Acorn / Birch- Keaton, Libby, Charlotte

Chestnuts – Ella, Robin, Christine

Whole School to Date	**94.65%**
Acorns This Week	64.29%
Birch This Week	78.57%
Chestnut This Week	93.41%

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 Autumn Term 2025

Monday – Sports Club (Year 1 – Year 6)

Tuesday - Film club - Miss Kinver (Reception to Year 6)

Thursday – Outdoor Learning Club– Mrs Davies

Attendance / Holidays during termtime

We have been really impressed with children's efforts in being punctual and in school! However, we are obliged to remind you that, if your child is absent from school without authorisation and this includes taking holiday in term time you will be committing an offence under the Education Act 1996. We may submit a request to Cornwall Council for a Penalty Notice to be issued. Penalty Notices are issued per liable parent, per child and each carry a fine of £80. We do understand that for many families working in rural area that it is difficult to take holidays in August and there are also financial considerations, but we must follow the law as set out by the government.

Thank you

Catkins Update

Hello everyone!

A spooky day in Catkins today.
Along with the usual phonics, maths and drawing club activities, the children have had a great morning baking bats, pumpkins and scaredy cat chocolate chip cookies! Lots of reading, weighing and shaping involved.
Then before lunch, we built a 'haunted house' for the children to colour and play inside. How exciting!

Have a wonderful break everyone!

Warm wishes – Mrs Lawton and Mrs Gubbin.

Acorn/Birch Class Update

What a fantastic first half term of learning in Acorns and Birch class! Our reception children have been learning to recognise their first set of sounds and have started to orally blend words. This week's Drawing Club's book, Funnybones, has inspired some interesting conversations and outdoor learning, using fantastic vocabulary such as archaeologist and excavate! The children enjoyed finding bones in our sandpit, but we still haven't worked out whether they came from a dinosaur! We even had a visit from Keith the skeleton!

Birch have been enjoying reading 'Dragon Post' – we even had a secret message from the dragon itself!

In maths, Acorns have been exploring the number 5 and representing it in different ways. Year 1s have been learning about ordinal numbers (1st, 2nd, 3rd etc.) and the year 2s have been using part-part-whole models and bar models to partition 2-digit numbers.

If you have time, please remember to login to your child's Numbots account over the half-term holiday to practise their maths. Thank you for continuing to listen to your child read every day – it really does make a difference!

Please let me know if you have any questions about anything.

Have a lovely half-term break!

Mrs. Gilman

Chestnut Class Update

During the English learning this week, the children have continued to be inspired by the story 'The Last Bear' They have used role play to help understand the relationship between April and her Dad, where they focused on freeze frames and speech. They have also made a fact file about polar bears as April and the Bear have become firm friends.
In Maths this week, the Yr 3/4 have focused on multiples of 10 and how to add and subtract through 100. They then used this knowledge to problem solve and work in partners – highlighting key information and using practical resources to help answer the questions. While the Yr 5/6 have looked at partition numbers up to 1,000,000 and how to compare numbers.
During Science, the Yr 3/4 children walked around the school identifying different seeds in our local areas and became botanists and took time to draw their favourite plant. Whereas the Yr 5/6 children had a great time experimenting with reactions between different liquids and bicarbonate soda, where they observed closely how much foam and mess each liquid made. In P.E the children ended their football unit with a match - putting in place all the skills they have learnt, which included attack, defence and working as a team.
Congratulations to the Yr 5/6 children, that completed the 3 tors challenge – you were BRILLIANT!

Digiduck says...
LEVEL 1
COMPLETE
'Be a good friend online,'
Brilliant photo!
'Say kind things to others,'
'Can you help me?'
'and make sensible choices.'
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New School Menu Starting week of the 3rd November 2025

	WEEK 1 03/11/2025 24/11/2025 15/12/2025	WEEK 2 10/11/2025 01/12/2025	WEEK 3 17/11/2025 08/12/2025
MONDAY	Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Cheese & Ham Pizza Diced Herby Potatoes, Peas, Baked Beans Chocolate Chip Muffins	Chicken Wraps Potato Wedges, Baked beans, Sweetcorn. Quorn Chicken Wrap Strawberry Mousse	Chicken Goujons Diced Herby Potatoes, peas, Baked beans Cheese & Tomato Pizza Choc Chip Cookies
TUESDAY	Homemade Lasagne, Garlic Bread Peas & Sweetcorn Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake Choc Chip Cookies	Panini with choice of fillings Cheese, Ham or Tuna Diced Potato, Peas , Baked Beans Fruit & Meringue	Sausage & Mash Green Beans, Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage. Chocolate Crispie
WEDNESDAY	Roast Gammon, Stuffing Balls Roast potatoes, Cabbage , Carrots, Gravy Quorn Sausage. Ice Cream and Sauce	Roast Chicken, Stuffing Balls Roast potatoes,seasonal Veg Quorn Chicken Pieces. Ice Cream & Sauce	Roast Beef, Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes, Seasonal veg Quorn Sausage Toad in the hole Ice Cream & Sauce
THURSDAY	Burger in a Bun Curly Fries, Peas, Baked Beans Veggie Burger in a Bun Chocolate Mousse	Meatballs and Spaghetti with Garlic Bread Peas, Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Chocolate Brownie	Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Cheese & Ham Pizza curly Fries, Baked Beans, sweetcorn. Vanilla Muffins
FRIDAY	Breaded Fish Chips , baked beans , peas Cheese and tomato pizza Chocolate Brownies	Fish Fingers Chips, Peas , Sweetcorn Pasta Bake Choc chip Muffins	Burger & Chips Quorn Sausage & Chips Baked beans, peas. Homemade Chocolate Brownie

Cornwall Wildlife Trust

NATURAL ENGLAND

National Trust

NHS
Cornwall Partnership
NHS Foundation Trust

The Mental Health Support Team warmly invite you to attend...

Wild Wellbeing

During October half term MHST, in collaboration with Natural England, Cornwall Wildlife Trust and National Trust, would like you to join us on a FREE Halloween Wild Wellbeing session at various locations across Cornwall.

This is for parents and children aged 5-12 in Cornwall to help understand and support emotional and mental wellbeing.
Please book EACH child on to a session

Sessions available at:

Golitha Falls - Tuesday 28 October
Lanhydrock - Wednesday 29 October
Dipping Pond, Goss Moor - Thursday 30 October
Tehidy Woods - Friday 31 October

*Free parking at all sites

Activities will last approx. 2 hours
Please feel free to drop in from 10am, activities end at 1pm

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided:
https://forms.office.com/e/fwtSJ59Cuv

Follow us on Facebook for updates and upcoming events:
Cornwall Mental Health Support Team (MHST)

7 CHARITY 3 BINGO NIGHT

LAUNCESTON TOWN HALL

28 OCTOBER

DOORS OPEN 6:30PM

EYES DOWN 7PM

RAISING MONEY FOR

children's hospice SOUTH WEST AT DERRIFORD HOSPITAL

THE PRIMROSE BREAST CANCER UNIT AT DERRIFORD HOSPITAL

BRING YOUR OWN REFRESHMENTS

CONTACT OGYOGY2008@GMAIL.COM TO BOOK A TABLE

Halloween advice

The children of Boyton love to dress up and do trick or treats on Halloween night (most parents go with them)

They understand that some people do not like to be disturbed.

If so, maybe display a similar poster.

Which are available online FREE

Can you help?

The Launceston Lions are 'in need' of small wheelchairs & Crutches

If you have either of these which are no longer needed, the Lions would be delighted if you could donate them so that they can offer these to people in need for a short time

Contact Chris.perowene@btinternet.com

Pet Owners

If you are having a 'clear out' of pet items in reasonable condition

Then please consider donating them to the Cornwall Street Vet.

Caring for homeless people with their pets

There is a collection point at Freckles Pet Shop in Launceston

Boyton Village Diary

October 2025

2nd **Coffee Morning**
At The Methodist Church 10am Everyone welcome

3rd **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
Boyton Parish Church 7.00pm
Followed by refreshments in the Church Hall
Everyone welcome

3rd **Harvest Festival Supper & Celebrations**
At The Methodist Church Hall 6.00pm Everyone welcome

5th **Harvest Thanksgiving Service**
At The Methodist Church Hall 11.00am 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

15th **Boyton Countryside's visit to Topsham**
Further details please email: shirleybell789@gmil.com

16th **Coffee Morning**
At The Methodist Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome

16th **Mobile Library**
Opposite the Methodist Church 11.45am - 12.10pm

22nd **Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)**
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome

23rd **Coffee Morning**
At The Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome

25th **Shanty Shenanigans Concert**
At Launceston Methodist Church. (See Poster for details)

27th **Boyton Parish Council Meeting**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome

Launceston & District Cat Protection

Passionate about cats?

Cat Care Volunteers Needed!

Boyton Countrysiders

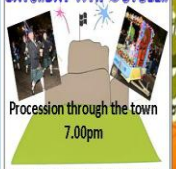
A group of like minded people from Boyton & surrounding areas who regularly go on day trips.

Wed 15th Oct Topsham
Wed 19th Nov Lunch at Pandora
Wed 17th Dec Christmas Lunch

For further details email: shirleybell789@gmail.com

New members always welcome

Saturday 11th October



Procession through the town 7.00pm

LAUNCESTON CARNIVAL

Or, perhaps, A TALK ABOUT "THE GREAT BRITISH SEWING BEE"?

How about making FELT EASTER EGGS OR enjoying a demonstration of PAINTING ON SILK?

If these things appeal to you, why not come and join us? We are a group of ladies from all walks of life and all ages. We hold eleven meetings a year. Our membership fee is modest.

We always have time for a chat, a cup of tea and, of course, a biscuit or two!

The new programme starts in September. We meet on the last Tuesday of the month at Ladycross.

Come and join us. We would love to make you welcome.

If you would like more information, PLEASE RING SUSAN DESMOND 01566 773768 WERRINGTON LADIES CIRCLE

Friday 3rd October At 7.00pm

Boyton Parish Church

Invite you to join them for a Service of Harvest Thanksgiving Followed by refreshments in the Church hall Everyone welcome

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

You are invited to an evening of

SHANTY SHENANIGANS

in LAUNCESTON

at Launceston Central Methodist Church Castle St, Launceston, Cornwall PL15 8BA

featuring

Saturday, 25th October 7.00pm

DOORS OPEN 6.30pm

and

Tickets £12* INCLUDES a pasty & hot/soft drink

HOW TO PURCHASE TICKETS

IN AID OF BOYTON CHAPEL CHILDS REPAIR FUND & RNLI

Groups/Churches

Spice of Life
Bev Hunt
Tel: 07463 903630
beaver.hunt@icloud.com

Boyton Countrysiders
Shirley Bell

Werrington Ladies Circle
Susan Desmond

Table Tennis Club
Gerd Willetts

Boyton Walking Group
Sue Martyn
Tel: 07967 512660
hornnacott@btconnect.com

Boyton Parish Church Hall hire
Gerd Willetts

Boyton Church Warden
Tim Smith

Boyton Methodist Church
Lorraine Slugget

Boyton Methodist Church

Friday 3rd October

Harvest Celebration at 6.00pm

Come and share with us for tea

Followed by

A Harvest Celebration Service at 7pm

Led by Mr David Ley

Everyone welcome

Boyton Methodist Church

Sunday 5th October

Harvest Thanksgiving Service

11.00am

Led by Rev Paul Benney

Everyone welcome

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

BOYTON PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Martin Stanbury Chairman
Cllr Jon Bennett Cllr John Sanders
Cllr Gerd Willetts Cllr Stephen Davey
Cllr Mervyn Law
Suzanne Cleave Parish Clerk

Bude Netball Club

For Years 3+ (four different age group sessions)

come along and play some netball!

Session Times:

EVERY THURSDAY

Year 3 & 4 : 5:15 - 6:00

Year 5 & 6 : 6:00 - 7:00

Year 7, 8 & 9 : 7:00 - 8:00

Year 10+ (ladies): 8:00 - 9:30

(Juniors: September - April, Ladies: August - May)

See our Facebook or Instagram (Bude netball club) for all training times, dates and updates.

You have the option to either just come along and play for some fun, or there is the option for you to get competitive and join a league team!

Contact us at:

budenetballadults@gmail.com

budenetballjuniors@gmail.com

Where is it?

Budehaven Netball and Tennis Dome

Join Now

UNLOCK YOUR CHILD'S WATER CONFIDENCE

AGES 4-16 YEARS

Join **Better Swim School** today and prepare your child with water confidence, safety and lifelong skills.

Better Swim School

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FROM BEGINNER TO SWIMMER

Better Swim School is dedicated to not only teaching vital swimming skills for life, but also creating a lifelong passion for the water. Here's how it happens:

- Accredited teaching programme tailored to children aged 4-16 years
- Interactive lessons designed to boost water confidence and skills
- Swimming teachers committed to your child's safety and development
- Ability-based lessons for children to progress at their pace
- Consistent lesson day and times for uninterrupted progress
- Free public swim access outside of lessons for extra practice and fun

Better Swim School is committed to your child's swimming success. If your child has been in lessons for at least two years and hasn't met the swimming standards by age 10, we will provide free lessons until they can. That's the Better Swim School Guarantee.

Scan the QR code or search Better Swim School to join and find out more.

To be eligible for the Better Swim School Guarantee, pupils must attend and complete a minimum of 75 programmed lessons within two years before turning ten years old. Better Swim School Guarantee full terms and conditions available at better.org.uk/offer-terms.
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School

Cornwall Council 2025/2026 School Term Dates for Community and Voluntary-Controlled Schools

September 2025						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

October 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	

November 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	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

December 2025						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	31
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

January 2026					
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	

February 2026					
Mon		2	9	16	23
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	1	8	15	22	

March 2026						
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	1	8	15	22	29	

April 2026					
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	
Sat	4	11	18	25	
Sun	5	12	19	26	

May 2026					
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

June 2026						
Mon		1	8	15	22	29
Tue		2	9	16	23	30
Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
Sat		6	13	20	27	
Sun		7	14	21	28	

July 2026					
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	

August 2026						
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	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	

CORNWALL COUNCIL one and all - onen hag oll

Together for Families

School holidays

Bank holidays	
Christmas Day	25 December 2025
Boxing Day	26 December 2025
New Years Day	01 January 2026
Good Friday	03 April 2026
Easter Monday	06 April 2026
May Bank Holiday	04 May 2026
Spring Bank Holiday	25 May 2026
Summer Bank Holiday	31 August 2026

AUTUMN TERM (73 days)
3 September - 19 December 2025
(HALF TERM 27 - 31 October 2025)

SPRING TERM (59 days)
5 January - 2 April 2026
(HALF TERM 16 - 20 February 2026)

SUMMER TERM (63 days)
20 April - 22 July 2026
(HALF TERM 25 - 29 May 2026)

Inset
September 2nd
September 3rd
October 24th
January 5th
June 1st

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.

Academy, trust and voluntary-aided schools set their own term dates and INSET days.

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