

Boyton Primary School



Boyton Primary School Newsletter

Friday 12th December 2025



Dear parents,

I can't believe we have just one week to go! What a busy and wonderful term it has been. Thank you so much to those who joined us for the Christmas craft workshop – it was lovely to see so many of you there, including several dads!

The children looked fantastic in their Christmas jumpers yesterday, and we were so proud of everyone's efforts during the dress rehearsal. Thank you for all your support with costumes and helping the children learn their lines. Please encourage them to keep practising over the weekend for our grand performance on Monday evening. Children can be dropped off at the chapel from 5:30pm to get changed, ready for the performance at 6:00pm. With the recent spike in flu cases across the UK, we're hoping everyone stays well enough to take part!

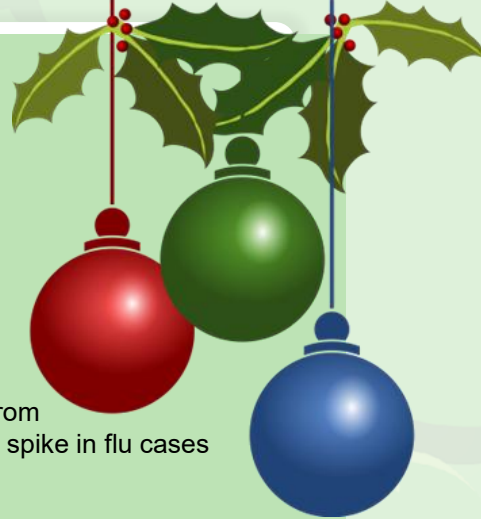
A huge thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising the Bingo and burger van this evening. The PTA plays a vital role in supporting our school, funding things like Year 6 hoodies, whole-school trips to the pantomime, and resources that benefit all children's learning. As you know, school budgets are incredibly tight, so we rely on their efforts and your support. Please do come along tonight with family and friends – it promises to be a great evening!

Next week, we're looking forward to our pantomime trip on Tuesday. We aim to return around 5:30pm and will keep you updated via Dojo. We also look forward to welcoming you back into school on Wednesday for our traditional Christmas lunch – Christmas jumpers are encouraged for this too!

School resumes for children on Tuesday 6th January.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. Wishing you all a very happy and healthy Christmas holiday!
Mrs Davies

kdavies@andaras.org



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Dates for Your Diary

Christmas performance in the chapel 6pm – Monday 15th December

Christmas EYFS Nativity – Thursday 18th December 2.30pm

Pantomime in Plymouth! Tuesday 16th December

Last Day of term – Friday 19th December

INSET – Monday 5th January (Children return to school on the Tuesday)

Children return to school - Tuesday 6th January

Online Safety Day – Tuesday 10th February

Forthcoming events

Welly Wednesdays – Following with to school!

Tonight

Bingo – Church Hall Tonight!!

Brilliance at Boyton: This week's stars



Acorn / Birch- Charlotte, Oscar and Libby



Chestnuts – Lauren, Edith and Rosie

Whole School to Date

93.35%

Acorns
This Week

100%

Birch
This Week

75.56%

Chestnut
This Week

82.91%

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

No After School Clubs – this week

Monday – Sports Club (Year 1 – Year 6)

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

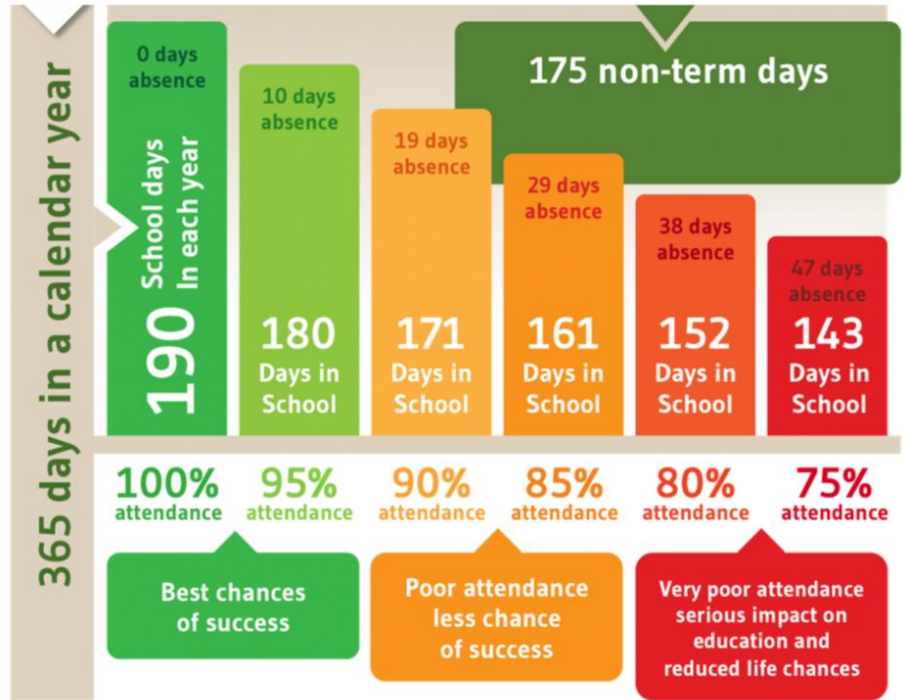
Thursday – Lego Club– Mrs Davie



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



DID YOU KNOW? A two week holiday in term time means that the highest attendance you can achieve is 94.7%

Parent Governor Vacancy Autumn 2025

We are inviting nominations for the position of Parent Governor at the Boyton, North Petherwin & Werrington Local Governing Board Hub. All 3 schools are part of the same Local Governing Body.

Parent governors play an important role as members of the governing board, which is responsible for ensuring school accountability, compliance and achievement. Governors offer support and challenge to the school's leadership team to ensure that high standards are strived for and maintained. Governors offer a variety of skills and experience, as well as time and commitment.

If you are interested, or know or someone who may enjoy the role, please do get in touch with Mrs Davies, Mr Phillpott or Shirley Si Ahmed (one of our current governors for more information.)



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Stay safe online this Christmas



The Tech:

Learn your way around

Most devices have controls to ensure that kids can't access content you don't want them to. Make sure your "in-app" purchases are disabled to avoid a nightmare surprise in the new year.

Tablets

Tablets are really popular with younger children, and the market has several which are geared towards child friendly content. When it comes to using them, start slowly; only download games and apps you have checked out carefully (sites such as www.net-aware.org.uk, or www.common sense media.org provide useful advice!) and steer them towards age targeted content such as www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/cbeebies/features/iplayer-kids or YouTube Kids.









Gaming

Finally a word about games. This year there are so many exciting games and consoles around, there is a good chance you might have one in your house. Whether a DS, Nintendo Switch or PS4, there is something for everyone, and every age.

Consider whether your child is mature enough to join an online community, and whether the games they are playing are appropriate. For more advice on this visit www.pegi.info or www.askaboutgames.com. Our blog from earlier this year, 'The real cost of online gaming' also gives an insight into the type of things to be aware of when it comes to gaming.

Finally, make sure you enjoy your tech together, it's the perfect time of year!

End of term dates – Boyton Primary School – Christmas Calendar! 2025

Monday 8 th December	Tuesday 9 th December	Wednesday 10 th December	Thursday 11 th December	Friday 12 th December
	<p>Christmas workshops in school for parents/ carers – all welcome! 2pm</p> 	<p>Dress Rehearsal at the Chapel. (Please can children be dropped at the chapel for 9am.)</p> 	<p>Christmas Jumper day!</p> 	<p>PTA Quiz – Boyton Village hall</p> 
Monday 15 th December	Tuesday 16 th December	Wednesday 17 th December	Thursday 18 th December	Friday 19 th December
<p>Christmas performance at the chapel. Performance starts at 6pm (Children to arrive from 5.30pm please)</p> 	<p>Whole school trip to the pantomime, 'Dick Whittington!' Hoping to be back at school between 5.30-6pm. (Will confirm estimated time of arrival as we travel back)</p> <p>Children in school uniform please</p>	<p>Christmas lunch – from 12noon. (Children to wear their Christmas jumpers!)</p> 	<p>EYFS Nativity at school 2pm (Nursery and Reception)</p> 	<p>Last Day of term! Children can bring board / card games to school</p> 

Catkins Update

Hello everyone!

This week, the children in Catkins have been learning about the Jewish festival of lights – Hannukah. We made dreidels and played traditional children's games. Next, the children made some beautiful Christmas cards and began to decorate their clay decorations from last week. This afternoon, we practised the Nativity that we will be sharing with you next Thursday afternoon at 2.30pm. What an exciting time of year this is!

Warm wishes – Mrs Lawton and Mrs Gubbin.



Acorns & Birch Update

This week in class we have been looking at shapes and their names. We had a hunt around school, looking for all the different kinds, we could find.

This then linked to our PE lesson, where we used our bodies to make shapes, trying hard to balance in these positions.

Drawing Club have been looking at the story of Stickman which has been getting us festive. Which leads us too our craft day which the children loved, especially when family joined the class for the crafty afternoon.

We have also been very busy practising for our performance, that we can't wait to show all of you on Monday evening!



Chestnut Class Update

inspired by the story 'The Barnabus Project' where they had to find new homes for all the imperfect pets. They did this by writing a persuasive brochure using different writing techniques that they had learnt, which included fronted adverbials, using inverted commas accurately and using persuasive language.

In Science this week, the children have learnt about how the moon travels around the earth and the reason why we have day and night and different seasons. Whereas the Yr 3/4 children had a focus on how humans have impacted the earth and the effect this has had on animals, some of the examples included plastic in the oceans, oil spills and deforestation. This has been linked to our sustainability work, which a group of children presented at the conference a couple of weeks ago.

The children have showed a great focus and determination during test week, where they have applied their knowledge and understanding.

In the last couple of weeks, the children have worked hard at learning their lines and song words for our Christmas production. After a successful rehearsal on Wednesday – we look forward to the performance on Monday.
Have a lovely weekend!



Dear Parent/Carer,

UNICEF UK's Rights Respecting School Award

We are delighted to share that Boyton Primary School is working with the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) to work towards the Rights Respecting Schools Award (RRSA). This initiative places children's rights at the very core of our school's ethos and culture, aiming to enhance wellbeing and help every child realise their full potential.

UNICEF is the world's leading organization for children, and in the UK, it supports thousands of schools to become safe, inspiring, and rights respecting learning environments.

BOYTON PTA PRESENTS

CHRISTMAS BINGO

Tonight

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025

CHURCH HALL

DOORS OPEN: 6:30PM

EYES DOWN: 7:30PM

REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE



RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON!



CASH ONLY EVENT

ENJOY A FESTIVE EVENING WHILE SUPPORTING
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Vacancies at An Daras Trust.

Find out more
information about our
Trust vacancies at
[https://www.andaras.org/
web/vacancies](https://www.andaras.org/web/vacancies)

An Daras Trust <small>Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities</small>			
SEN Teaching Assistant at Lew Trenchard School			
Job Title: SEN Teaching Assistant	FTE salary: £23,555 Actual annual salary (approx. gross): £15,305		
School Base: Lew Trenchard Church of England Primary School	Contract Type: Fixed term until 22 nd July 2026		
Start Date: ASAP	Hours (weekly): 28.75 hours		
Working weeks SUPPORT STAFF ONLY: 38 weeks			
Interview Date: w/c 19 th January 2026	Closing Date: midday on 05 th January 2026		

Please return completed applications and equal opportunities forms to 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?

Our Aim

An Daras Trust has the simple aim of ensuring our pupils receive the best educational experiences we can offer. Our intent is delivering an inclusive learning entitlement through a strong Trust wide wholistic curriculum model which focuses on enabling all pupils to achieve academic and emotional growth through the taught strategic themes of wisdom, knowledge, learning skills and personal capabilities.

Information about the vacancy

Lew Trenchard is a small church school that strives to be a community hub for its families and local area. Our vision is LEW - Love, Equality and Wisdom and this is lived out in the school by all staff.

We are always inclusive and have a good reputation for the care and aspiration for all our pupils. Our small team is the crucial ingredient in ensuring the success for our pupils.

New School Menu Starting week of the 5th January 2026

WEEK 1

05/01/2026 26/01/2026

WEEK 2

12/01/2026 02/02/2026

WEEK 3

19/01/2026 09/02/2026

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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

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Homemade Lasagne, Garlic Bread
Peas & Sweetcorn
Creamy Tomato Pasta Bake

Choc Chip Cookies

Cheese & Tomato Pastry Parcels
Diced Potato, Peas , Baked Beans

Fruit & Meringue

Hot Dog in a roll
Wedges, Baked Beans, Sweetcorn
Quorn Sausage.

Chocolate Crispie

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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

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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 Panini Pizza or Cheese & Ham Panini Pizza
curly Fries, Baked Beans, sweetcorn.

Vanilla Muffins

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

Chocolate Brownies

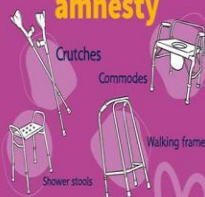
Fish Fingers
Chips, Peas, Sweetcorn
Pasta Bake

Choc chip Muffins

Fishcake & Chips
Quorn Sausage & Chips
Baked beans, peas.

Homemade Chocolate Brownie

Community loan equipment amnesty



If you've got unused items which either the NHS or Cornwall Council lent you, please return them

www.cornwall.gov.uk

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

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 janetolfe@ymail.com

Christmas collections

for recycling, rubbish, food and garden waste

If your collection is due on	We'll collect on
Monday 22 Dec	Normal collection
Tuesday 23 Dec	Normal collection
Wednesday 24 Dec	Normal collection
Thursday 25 Dec	Saturday 27 Dec
Friday 26 Dec	Monday 29 Dec
Monday 29 Dec	Tuesday 30 Dec
Tuesday 30 Dec	Wednesday 31 Dec
Wednesday 31 Dec	Thursday 1 Jan
Thursday 1 Jan	Friday 2 Jan
Friday 2 Jan	Saturday 3 Jan

All other collections will take place as normal. To download a collection calendar visit: www.cornwall.gov.uk/january or call 0300 254 144

www.cornwall.gov.uk/recycle



Boyton Village Diary DECEMBER 2025

- 3rd Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)**
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome
- 4th Coffee Morning**
At The Methodist Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome
- 7th Carol Service followed by Tea**
At The Methodist Church Hall 3.00pm Everyone welcome
- 9th Boyton Parish Council Meeting (to be confirmed)**
At The Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome
- 11th Coffee Morning**
At The Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome
- 11th Mobile Library**
Opposite the Methodist Church 11.45am -12.10pm
- 12th Boyton Primary School fundraising Bingo**
At The Church Hall 6.30 pm Everyone welcome
- 14th Morning Prayer**
at Boyton Parish Church 9.30am Everyone welcome
- 15th Boyton Primary School Christmas Production**
GIMME, GIMME, GIMME
At The Methodist Church 6.00pm Everyone welcome
- 17th Community Carol Service**
at Boyton Parish Church 7.00pm Everyone welcome
- 17th Boyton Countryside's Christmas Lunch**
Further details available from: shirleybell789@gmail.com
- 18th Coffee Morning**
At The Methodist Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome
- 24th Christmas Eve Mass**
At Boyton Parish Church 11.15pm Everyone welcome
- 28th Holy Communion**
At Boyton Parish Church 9.30am Everyone welcome

BOYTON PTA PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS FETE
SANTA, CRAFTS, BISCUIT DECORATING, GAMES, RAFFLE, REFRESHMENTS AND MORE!
3.15-4.45
Tuesday 2nd December 2026
Werrington School hall
ALL WELCOME

BOYTON PTA PRESENTS
CHRISTMAS BINGO!
FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER 2025
CHURCH HALL
DOORS OPEN: 6.30PM
EYES DOWN: 7.30PM
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE
RAFFLE PRIZES TO BE WON!
CASH ONLY EVENT
ENJOY A FESTIVE EVENING WHILE SUPPORTING OUR LOVELY VILLAGE SCHOOL!

Boyton Parish Church
Invite you to the
Community Carol Service
Wednesday 17th December
7.00pm
Everyone welcome

Boyton Primary School
Christmas Production
Gimme Gimme Gimme
Monday 15th December
Boyton Chapel
6.00pm
Everyone welcome



If anyone has any photographs of Boyton from years gone by and, would like to share them with newcomers, I would be happy to include different ones every month. Thank you Gabrielle for sharing this one.

Groups/Churches

Spice of Life
Bev Hunt Tel: 07463 903630
Boyton Countryside
Shirley Bell
Werrington Ladies Circle
Susan Desmond
Table Tennis Club
Gerd Willetts
Boyton Walking Group
Sue Martyn Tel: 07967 512660
Boyton Parish Church Hall hire
Gerd Willetts 01566 776917
Boyton Church Warden
Tim Smith
Boyton Methodist Church
Lorraine Slugett

BOOK CLUB

If you love to read and are happy to meet once a month to discuss books and suggest a good read, then Suzanne would love to hear from you
Call: Suzanne Marshall
07802 804420

Werrington Ladies Circle

Christmas Tea

Tuesday 9th December at
Ladycross Community Hall 2.30pm
New Members welcome

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

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How to apply

Visit www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training and choose An Daras Multi Academy Trust as

a provider.

We'll then contact you directly with information about the next steps in the application process.

All offers are subject to satisfactory results from necessary pre-employment checks. getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support

Find out more

An Daras Multi Academy Trust

Course Lead: Deborah Saunders

Email: dsaunders@andaras.org

Telephone: 01566 777503

Website: <https://andaras.eschools.co.uk/>

Postal address: An Daras Multi Academy Trust

Central Office: Unit 4 Tamar Business Park, Pennygillam Way, Pennygillam Industrial Estate

Launceston, Cornwall



School aged vaccinations

Did you know children will be offered these routine vaccinations at school?

- ✓ **FLU** - Reception - Year 11
- ✓ **MMR** - Catch-up
- ✓ **HPV** - Year 8 - Year 11
- ✓ **Meningitis ACWY** - Year 9 - Year 11
- ✓ **Diphtheria, Tetanus, Polio (DTP)** - Year 9 - Year 11

HPV

MMR

**MENINGITIS
ACWY**

**DIPHTHERIA
TETANUS
POLIO (DTP)**

Did you miss us?

We also have community clinics across Cornwall for:

- ✓ Home educated children
- ✓ Anxious children
- ✓ Children who missed the session at school

Call us on

01872 221105

Kernowhealthcic.schoolimmunisation@nhs.net

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SPACE

Supporting Parents And Children Emotionally

SPACE is a **free** programme for **any parent or carer** who wants to better understand and support their children's emotions, as well as their own.

This 5 week online programme will cover:

- Understanding what is meant by a Trauma Informed approach
- Understanding toxic stress and the flight/fight response
- Practical approaches to support children to regulate their emotions
- Healthy coping strategies for dealing with stress
- Managing different emotions
- Understanding behaviour
- Building resilience in ourselves and our children
- Adopting appropriate expectations of children
- Enhancing your ability to provide nurturing care

MHST has an upcoming online programme with sessions starting on:

Monday 12 January 2026 at 9.30am
Monday 12 January 2026 at 11.30am
Thursday 15 January at 9.30am
Thursday 15 January at 1.30pm



These sessions will be running for 5 weeks, please ensure you are able to attend each week for the duration of the programme

To request a place, complete the online form or scan the QR code provided: <https://forms.office.com/e/mX4A6KKfwv>



These courses are for parents/carers of children 5-11 yrs only

Spaces are limited, if you cannot attend, please notify us ASAP - 01726 873204

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CHRISTMAS 2025

Free Family Led Cycle Rides at:

- Bissoe Trail
- Seaton Country Park
- Pentewan Trail

Rides are taking place
across Cornwall during
the Christmas holidays
between 22nd Dec and
2nd Jan

Meet time is 1000
Bike check optional
For all ages & abilities

Scan here
to book!



www.activecornwall.org/T2MHolidayProgramme
Time2Move.HolidayProgramme@cornwall.gov.uk



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