

**Boyton Primary School**



**An Daras Trust**  
Igniting Curiosity Growing Capabilities

# Boyton Primary School Newsletter

**Friday 9th January 2026**



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Dear parents,

What a first week back! We do apologise for the disruptions this week due to the freezing temperatures and now Storm Goretti!! We're really hoping that the weather begins to calm down after this challenging start.

Nevertheless, we have been so impressed with how brilliantly all children have returned to school. We have all noticed super attitudes to learning, great engagement with new topics and extra effort in handwriting and general presentation! What stars!

**Metacognition** Our whole school assembly themes this half term are on the theme of 'metacognition'. This is the process of 'thinking about our thinking'. We have started learning about why our brain is such an important muscle and that we can help it grow by persevering through difficult challenges. These two films were shared with the children to help explore this concept. <https://youtu.be/mFuHKJqpxPw> <https://youtu.be/g7FdMi03Czi>



### Times Table Rockstars

Please encourage your child to continue practising their multiplication tables using this app. Evidence proves how effective it is – especially if they use the 'Garage' element which is designed to X and  $\div$  target facts that they are less secure with.

**Reading** – Thank you also for reading daily with your child. It really has an impact on their confidence and fluency; key skills for accessing the whole curriculum. Mrs Billing and I will be running a Little Wandle session soon – with a focus on supporting your child in applying their phonics knowledge, reading with prosody and comprehension. We welcome all parents in Acorns and Birch.

As always, please don't hesitate to get in touch if you should have any worries or concerns. Best wishes, Mrs Davies [kdavies@andaras.org](mailto:kdavies@andaras.org)

## METACOGNITION

HOW WE THINK ABOUT OUR THINKING



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## Dates for Your Diary

**Online Safety Day** – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February

**First Aid training for Chestnuts (Wild Tribe)** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> February

**Parent meetings** – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Whole school trip to the Education of Sustainability Centre** – 27<sup>th</sup> February  
6<sup>th</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup> March (more details to follow)

### Dates to be confirmed:

Chestnuts trip to Davidstow WW2 Museum

## Forthcoming events

Welly Wednesdays – every Wednesday bring wellies to school!

## Brilliance at Boyton: This week's stars



**Acorn / Birch**- Charlotte and Libby



**Chestnuts** – Rosie, Jacob and Ryan

<b>Whole School to Date</b>	<b>92.31%</b>
Acorns This Week	100%
Birch This Week	90%
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 (These resume WB 12.1.26)

**Monday** – Sports Club (Year 1 – Year 6)

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

**Thursday** – Lego 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



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

# Parent Governor Vacancy Spring 2026

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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# School Menu

## 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

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  
Email address: janetrof@gmail.com

## New Year collections

for recycling, rubbish, food and garden waste

If your collection is due on:	We'll collect on:
Monday 29 December	Tuesday 30 December
Tuesday 30 December	Wednesday 31 December
Wednesday 31 December	Thursday 1 January
Thursday 1 January	Friday 2 January
Friday 2 January	Saturday 3 January

A big Thank you to everyone who collected the Milk Tops, for the Blood Bikers. £200 has been donated to them  
The campaign has now closed, due to the recycling company no longer taking the milk tops.  
Please now recycle tops in the usual way



### Collection points for sweet containers

Raising funds for MacMillan Cancer Support

- Smiley Happy People
  - Newport Ind Est, PL15 8EK (please leave by door)
  - Trethorne, PL15 8QE (reopens 5<sup>th</sup> January)
  - Egloskerry, PL15 8RT (reopens 5<sup>th</sup> January)
- Keep Audio Co, Southgate Place, PL15 8SX
- 27 Snowdrop Crescent, Kensey Parc, PL15 8US
- Skeena, North Petherwin, PL15 8LR (please leave by egg stall at gate in church car park)



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

#### Groups/Churches

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

**Boyton Countryside**  
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 Sluggot



## Boyton Village Diary

### JANUARY 2026

# HAPPY NEW YEAR!

- 4<sup>th</sup> **Morning Prayer**  
At Boyton Parish Church 9.30am Everyone welcome
- 7<sup>th</sup> **Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)**  
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Coffee Morning**  
At The Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome
- 8<sup>th</sup> **Mobile Library**  
Opposite the Methodist Church 11.45am - 12.10pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> **Boyton Parish Council Meeting** (Still to be confirmed)  
At The Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Boyton Countryside's AGM**  
At The Methodist Church 2.00pm Everyone welcome
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Ladies Skittles**  
At The Church Hall 7.30am
- 15<sup>th</sup> **Coffee Morning**  
At The Methodist Chapel 10am Everyone welcome
- 21<sup>st</sup> **Table Tennis Evening (Just for Fun)**  
Boyton Church Hall 7.30pm Everyone welcome
- 22<sup>nd</sup> **Coffee Morning**  
At The Church Hall 10am Everyone welcome
- 25<sup>th</sup> **Holy Communion**  
At Boyton Parish Church 9.30am Everyone welcome
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Coffee Morning**  
At The Methodist Chapel 10am Everyone welcome
- 29<sup>th</sup> **Ladies Skittles**  
At The Church Hall 7.30am

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**WE ARE IN REAL DANGER OF LOSING THIS VITAL SERVICE**

IMAGINE FOR SOME REASON YOU CAN'T DRIVE ANYMORE ...  
YOU'RE IN NEED OF SOME SHOPPING ...  
NO FAMILY TO TAKE YOU TO THE SHOPS...  
BOYTON IS A LONG WALK TO TOWN...  
A TAXI COST A FORTUNE...  
**PLEASE CONSIDER USING THE LITTLE RED BUS FOR YOUR SHOPPING TRIP, BECAUSE IF WE DON'T USE THE LITTLE RED BUS...WE LOOSE IT!**  
ONCE ITS GONE - THIS SERVICE IS GONE FOREVER...

**The Little Red Bus**  
Launceston Community Transport Partnership

Launceston Community Transport Partnership (LCTP) was set up to fill some of the voids in public transport in the Launceston area.  
They provide various services for all ages from villages, hamlets and communities in and around Launceston, that have a poor or non-existent bus service. The service can be used to come into town, Tesco, etc  
They offer a Launceston shopping round robin  
Collecting Boyton area, into Launceston pickups, visiting town centre, Tesco, Lidl, retail park, Phillip Warren, etc. inc. return with shopping.  
**Every other Friday. JUST £5.00 per person**

To book: call: 01566 777960 or 07942 337 615  
between 10.00am & 12 noon Monday to Friday

**Share the care**

**A BIG THANK YOU**  
to everyone that helped and came to our bingo evening on Friday  
We raised a fantastic **£305**  
all of which will go back to help our amazing school and children  
**Thanks again, Boyton PTA**

Crutches  
Commodes  
Walking frames  
Shower stools

**don't leave it spare**  
If you've got unused items which either the NHS or Cornwall Council lent you, please return them.  
[www.cornwall.gov.uk](http://www.cornwall.gov.uk)

**WAS & NOW**

Boyton Methodist Chapel with the Tailor's shop (I believe) to the left, Hoping that someone has a clue to the building on the right

received Over 180 gifts which have now been donated to Launceston Foodbank

**Wednesday 14th January Boyton Countryside's AGM**  
At The Methodist Church at 2.00pm  
Pop along to see what trips are planned for 2026  
Everyone welcome

Thank you to everyone who donated gifts

**Scam alert**

Watch out for fake text messages telling you to pay a parking ticket via a link  
Cornwall Council will never contact you by text about a penalty charge notices  
Don't click on the link  
Never share your bank details or personal info with unknown source

**Bude Banking Hub**

Grand opening  
**Friday 9th January**  
11am to 12midday  
1 The Depot  
Lansdown Road, Bude  
EX23 8BN

# Power up your postcode

Train to teach in  
a school near you.



## How to apply

Visit [www.gov.uk/apply-for-teacher-training](http://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](http://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/funding-and-support)

Find out more

An Daras Multi Academy Trust

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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)**

**FLU**

## 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](mailto: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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Together  
for Families

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**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
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Wed		3	10	17	24	
Thurs		4	11	18	25	
Fri		5	12	19	26	
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Sun		7	14	21	28	

July 2026						
Mon		6	13	20	27	
Tue		7	14	21	28	
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Thurs	2	9	16	23	30	
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Sat	4	11	18	25		
Sun	5	12	19	26		

August 2026						
Mon		3	10	17	24	31
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Sat	1	8	15	22	29	
Sun	2	9	16	23	30	



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.**