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## Friday 21st November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy and exciting week of learning across the school!

Our Reception and Year 1 pupils have been exploring the importance of good oral health, learning how to look after their teeth and build healthy habits.

Year 3 took a hands-on approach to their geography learning by conducting an exciting experiment to understand why volcanoes occur, sparking lots of curiosity and great discussion.



Meanwhile, our Year 6 pupils have been working incredibly hard on their assessments - we are very proud of their focus and determination.

Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to another great week ahead!

The Beechwood Team.

## Diary Dates to Remember

**Tues 25th November**  
**Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

**Fri 28th November**  
**NON-PUPIL DAY**

**Friday 5th December**  
**P.T.F.A. Mufti - Tombola**

**Tuesday 16th December**  
**EYFS Nativity**

**Wed 17th December**  
**Christmas Lunch**

**Wed 17th December**  
**P.T.F.A. Winter Fayre**

**Fri 19th December - 9.30am**  
**Rock Steady Concert**

**22nd Dec to 2nd January**  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

**Fri 30th January**  
**NON-PUPIL DAY**

**16th Feb to 20th Feb**  
**HALF TERM**

**Fri 13th March**  
**NON-PUPIL DAY**

**Mon 16th to Fri 20th March**  
**Yr 4 - Nethercott Farm Trip**

**Thursday 23rd March**  
**P.T.F.A. Spring Disco**

**Fri 27th March - 9.30am**  
**Rock Steady Concert**

**Tues 31st March**  
**Class Photographs**

## Crossing Patroller

There will be no Crossing Patroller in attendance on **Thursday 4th December** during both morning and afternoon crossing times.

*Keeping our Children Safe!*



## Primary School Admissions

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open.

Applications need to be made by **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

Please see the link below:-



[School admissions | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## BOOK FAYRE



**Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th December at 3.30pm**

We would like to invite parents/carers to a Book Fayre here at Beechwood Primary Academy.

Please come into school through the dining hall gates at the end of the school day. card payments only

## Findalots Library Challenge



Sign up in any [Plymouth Library](#)!

### A year round library challenge for children

The FINDALOTS are aliens sent to Earth to discover more about our world. After their long journey from planet DOALOT, their spaceship has crashed into the library and they're looking for adventure.

We're asking children to guide the FINDALOTS on their journey of discovery through the library, take on challenges and help the FINDALOTS grow stronger and complete their mission before they return to planet DOALOT.

Aimed at 4 to 11 year olds, all children who sign up will receive an activity journal.

They need to read 4 books each month to receive a sticker.

Each month has a different theme. Complete the special challenges (or borrow 4 more books) to receive a trading card.

After completing all 12 months worth of reading and challenge, they'll receive a certificate and pin badge! They'll then be offered the option to take part again so that they can build up a collection of certificates for Findalots levels one, two and three!

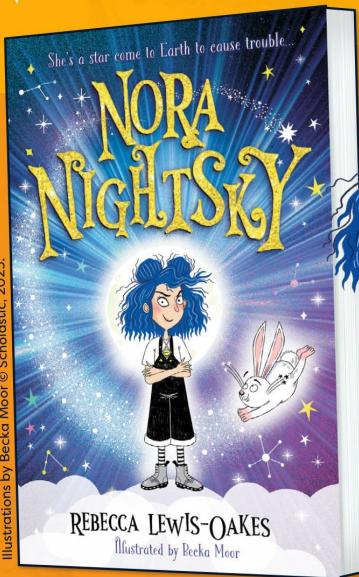


Come to our

# BOOK FAIR

to spot the books you'll  
LOVE to read!

Every book  
you buy earns  
**FREE  
BOOKS**  
for our school\*



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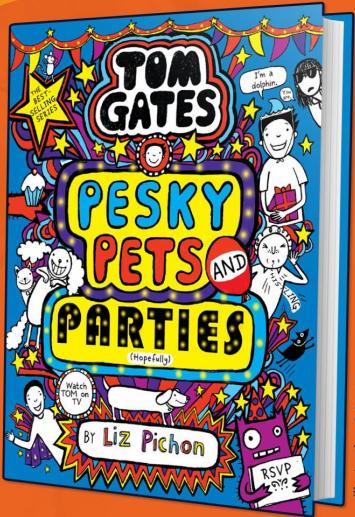


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DATE:

1st, 2nd and 4th December at 3.30pm

LOCATION:

BEECHWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

# MORE NEW BOOKS

to look out for!



Books from  
**£2.99**

All books subject to availability.

## Payment at our Book Fair

Please check with your school for the best way to pay for your books

- You may pay by card at the Fair via card reader machines if your school has one or by using the online payment link at [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/pay) and simply selecting your school from the drop down menu.
- Pre-paid gift vouchers are available in £5, £10, £15, £20 and £25. Go to [www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers) to buy vouchers for your child before the Fair.
- If you can't attend the Fair in person, your child can order books via a Wish List - please ask your school for details.

**DISCOVER MORE  
BOOKS ONLINE!**

[www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases](http://www.bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases)



## HELP EARN FREE BOOKS

Scholastic is one of the largest providers of free books to schools via our Reward scheme which helps to ensure that as many children as possible have access to books that support reading for pleasure. Every time you buy from the Book Fair, you help to make a difference by supporting literacy in your child's setting. Last year, with your help, we gave over £5.3M worth of free books to schools nationwide, which stocked school libraries and classrooms.



\*Free books are subject to terms and conditions. Please contact your Book Fair Organiser or Scholastic Book Fairs for details.

All books subject to availability. Book range may vary. ▲ Warning: Not suitable for children under 3. Small parts.



**ATTEND TODAY**  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



## ATTENDANCE WORKS

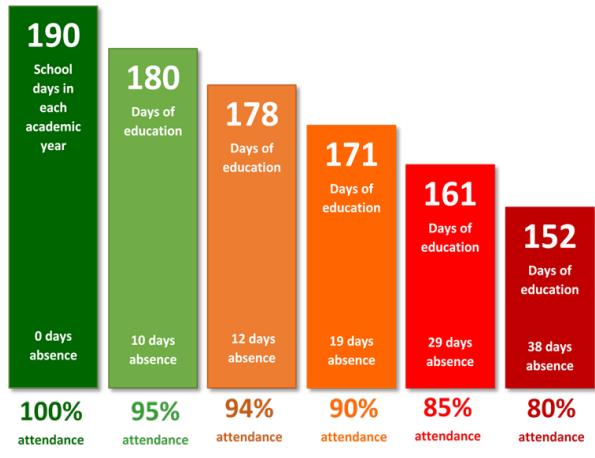
### Did you know?

When children attend school they:

- Can achieve their potential
- Have better career prospects
- Learn how to look after themselves and be healthy
- Grow in confidence
- Keep up with work and homework
- Make new friends

There are  
**365 days**  
in a calendar  
year

**175 days**  
are not  
spent in  
school



WELL DONE

CONCERNED

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

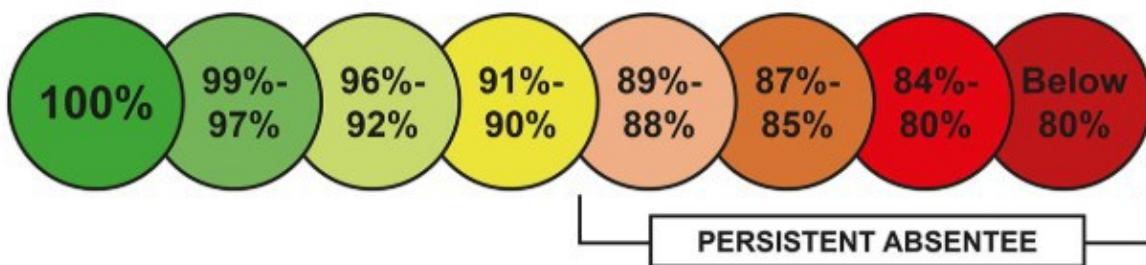
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

A poor attendance gives you less chance of success

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



# Which CIRCLE are you in?

## Attendance

As you are aware, we are continuing to strive for our attendance target of **96%** and are making some progress to achieving this and ensuring our children regularly attend school to achieve success. Our Attendance Policy can be accessed using the following link:-

[Beechwood Primary Academy - Policies](#)

A gentle reminder to parents, that contact **must** be made with school on your child's first day of absence and each day until they return to school. If you do not provide a reason for your child's absence, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could result in a penalty notice being issued by Plymouth City Council. Arriving late for school after 8.55am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could also result in a fine.

Class	w/c 17th November
Smeaton	<b>95.15%</b>
Firestone	<b>94.44%</b>
 Mayflower	<b>97.24%</b>
Saltram	<b>94.62%</b>
Mount Batten	<b>89.55%</b>
Mt Edgcumbe	<b>92.86%</b>
Dockyard	<b>92.50%</b>
 Burrator	<b>96.36%</b>
Raleigh	<b>96.0%</b>

This week our whole school attendance is **94.54%**

This week's winners are :

**KS1 - Mayflower Class**

**KS2 - Burrator Class**



## 2025-2026 Term Dates

## TERM DATES 2025/26



Teaching days (statutory)	190
BWD and OAK INSET Days	2
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>200</b>
School holidays	53
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-25	24-Oct-25	39
2	03-Nov-25	19-Dec-25	35
3	05-Jan-26	13-Feb-26	30
4	23-Feb-26	02-Apr-26	30
5	20-Apr-26	22-May-26	23
6	01-Jun-26	23-Jul-26	38
<b>Total</b>			<b>195</b>

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	1	8	15	22	29
Tuesday	2	9	16	23	30
Wednesday	3	10	17	24	
Thursday	4	11	18	25	
Friday	5	12	19	26	

OCTOBER				
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31

NOVEMBER				
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	<b>28</b>	

DECEMBER				
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	

	JANUARY				
Monday		5	12	19	26
Tuesday		6	13	20	27
Wednesday		7	14	21	28
Thursday	1	8	15	22	29
Friday	2	9	16	23	30

FEBRUARY			
2	9	16	23
3	10	17	24
4	11	18	25
5	12	19	26
6	13	20	27

MARCH				
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	

APRIL				
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	

	MAY				
Monday	4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	7	14	21	28	
Friday	1	8	15	22	29

JUNE				
1	8	15	22	<b>29</b>
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	

JULY				
	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31

AUGUST				
3	10	17	24	31
4	11	18	25	
5	12	19	26	
6	13	20	27	
7	14	21	28	

## P.E. Days

Autumn Term 2			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Firestone (Y1/2) <b>Indoors</b>	Saltram (Y3) <b>Indoors</b>	Firestone (Y1/2) <b>Outdoors</b>	Saltram (Y3) <b>Outdoors</b>
Burrator (Y5/6) <b>Outdoors</b>	Mt Edgcumbe (Y4) <b>Outdoors</b>	Burrator (Y5/6) <b>Indoors</b>	Mt Edgcumbe (Y4) <b>Indoors</b>
Mayflower (Y2) <b>Indoors</b>	Mount Batten (Y3) <b>Indoors</b>	Mayflower (Y2) <b>Outdoors</b>	Mount Batten (Y3) <b>Outdoors</b>
Raleigh (Y6) <b>Outdoors</b>	Dockyard (Y5) <b>Outdoors</b>	Raleigh (Y6) <b>Indoors</b>	Dockyard (Y5) <b>Indoors</b>

**Children may come to school dressed in their P.E. kits if they have P.E. that day.**

**PE uniform at Beechwood Primary is:**  
**White T shirt – polo or otherwise / Black shorts or jogging bottoms / Trainers**  
***A school jumper can be worn over your PE top if you wish.***

## Email Addresses to Remember

**Year 6 - Raleigh Class** - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 5/6 - Burrator Class** - k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 5 - Dockyard Class** - bwlsteacher2@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe** - bwlsteacher1@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 3 - Mount Batten Class** - k.kombostiotis@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 3 - Saltram Class** - c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 2 - Mayflower Class** - k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Firestone Class** - c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Rec - Smeaton Class** - l.gruszka@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Nursery - Wembury Class** - l.gruszka@discoverymat.co.uk

## Keeping in Touch

Can we please remind parents that the vast majority of contact between school and parents is done by telephone or email. Please could you ensure that we are kept updated with your current contact details to enable us to keep in touch with you when needed.

## Parent Pay

Please activate your parent pay account as this allows us to send Newsletters, trip letters and other important information that we may need to convey to you. Please contact the school office if you need assistance.

## Facebook and Website

Please follow us on our Facebook page at Beechwood Primary Academy.  
Please refer to our school website for latest news and calendar dates.



### BEECHWOOD FAMILY SUPPORT TEAM



Miss Sam Roscoe	Mrs Natasha Jackson INCO	Mr P Arnold Senior Head of School	Mrs S Rama-Dominguez Assistant Head of School	Mrs Teresa Pinhey
First Contact to signpost parents	SEND Support	Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Community Support
Foodbank	SEND and behaviour-support for parents	School Nurse Referrals	Family Support Safeguarding	School Life
Courses for Parents / Carers	DLA Applications	GP letters	Education and Curriculum Family Support	Parents Question & Answer Local Issues Coffee Mornings
PTFA Contact				