



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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Thursday 27th November 2025

We've had another exciting week!

We started the week with an assembly to learn about our new PSHE program – Jigsaw. Children are looking forward to learning more about the techniques they can use to relax their bodies and calm their minds.

We were also delighted to welcome a Humanist speaker into school, who led an engaging session for our Year 5 and 6 classes exploring humanist beliefs, values and how people make ethical decisions without reference to religion. The children asked thoughtful questions and represented the school wonderfully.

On Wednesday, a group of pupils enjoyed a fantastic trip to take part in a New Age Kurling event at Plympton Academy. They demonstrated great teamwork, perseverance and plenty of enthusiasm.



We are pleased to share that we will soon be introducing our new Behaviour Policy. This updated policy aims to provide clearer expectations and to raise the culture and attitude to behaviour in our school. More information will be shared with parents and carers next week.

To help ensure a calm and prompt start to the school day, we kindly ask that footballs are no longer brought onto the school site before school. Morning games have been causing delays in getting to class on time. Thank you for your support in keeping our mornings smooth and safe.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rama-Dominguez and the Beechwood Team

Diary Dates to Remember

Fri 28th November
NON-PUPIL DAY

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

Tuesday 16th December
EYFS Nativity - 2.30pm

Wed 17th December
Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch
P.T.F.A. Winter Fayre

Thursday 18th December
Trust Christmas Concert
Class Parties - Rec & Nursery

Fri 19th December - 9.30am
Rock Steady Concert
Class Parties - Yr 1 to Yr 6

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://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

Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to either apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website.

This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



Smeaton class are looking for any donkey or sheep costumes to borrow for the nativity please. If you have any please could you drop them to Reception or to Mrs Gruszka or Ms Arcos. We will make sure that they are washed and returned after the nativity. Thank you.



Christmas Event Here!

Friday
5

**Christmas Mufti -
Tombola Donations
(Sweets and bottles)**

Tuesday
16



**EYFS Nativity for Parents
2:30pm**

Wednesday
17

**Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch, Santa
Visit and Winter Fayre
(3.30-5pm)**

Thursday
18

**Trust Christmas Concert
at Oakwood 2pm
Class Parties
Reception and Nursery**



Friday
19

**Class Parties
Years 1-6**





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

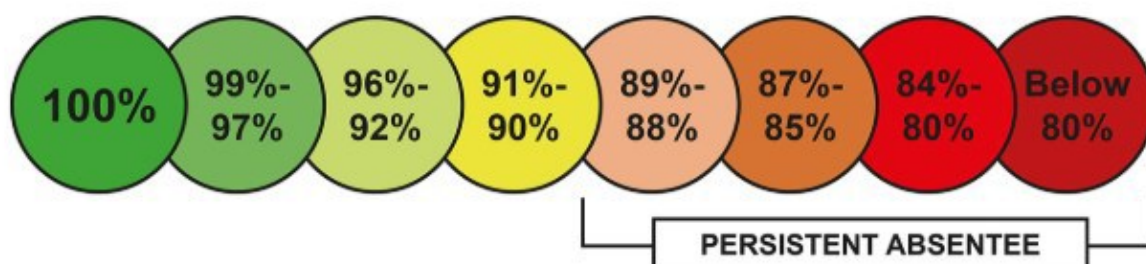
There are **365 days** in a calendar year

175 days are not spent in school



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 24th November
Smeaton	85.19%
 Firestone	96.28%
Mayflower	93.97%
Saltram	97.22%
Mount Batten	93.75%
Mt Edgcumbe	92.38%
Dockyard	89.06%
 Burrator	97.73%
Raleigh	87.50%

This week our whole school attendance is **92.42%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Firestone 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
Sub-total	200
School holidays	53
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	104
Total	365

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
	Total		195

	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	28		

	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	29	
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) Indoors	Saltram (Y3) Indoors	Firestone (Y1/2) Outdoors	Saltram (Y3) Outdoors
Burrator (Y5/6) Outdoors	Mt Edgcumbe (Y4) Outdoors	Burrator (Y5/6) Indoors	Mt Edgcumbe (Y4) Indoors
Mayflower (Y2) Indoors	Mount Batten (Y3) Indoors	Mayflower (Y2) Outdoors	Mount Batten (Y3) Outdoors
Raleigh (Y6) Outdoors	Dockyard (Y5) Outdoors	Raleigh (Y6) Indoors	Dockyard (Y5) Indoors
<p>Children may come to school dressed in their P.E. kits if they have P.E. that day.</p> <p>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.</p>			

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 – bwlstteacher2@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe – bwlstteacher1@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

First Contact to signpost parents

Foodbank

Courses for Parents / Carers

PTFA Contact



Mrs Natasha Jackson
INCO

SEND Support

SEND and behaviour-support for parents

School Nurse Referrals

DLA Applications

GP letters



Mr P Arnold
Senior Head of School

Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Family Support Safeguarding



Mrs S Rama-Dominguez
Assistant Head of School

Deputy Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Education and Curriculum
Family Support



Mrs Teresa Pinhey

Community Support

School Life

Parents Question & Answer

Local Issues

Coffee Mornings