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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://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

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.



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

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.





ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

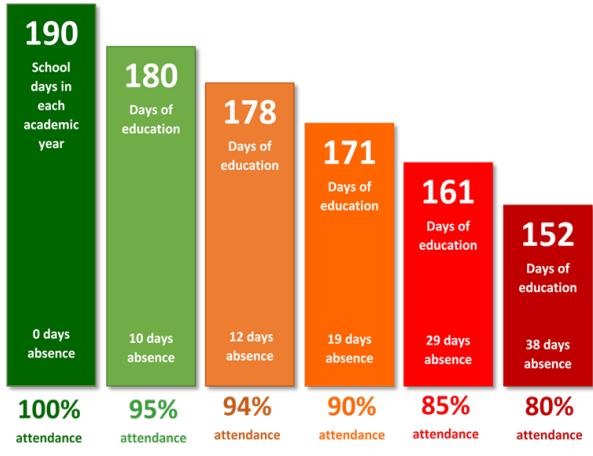
Did you know?

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

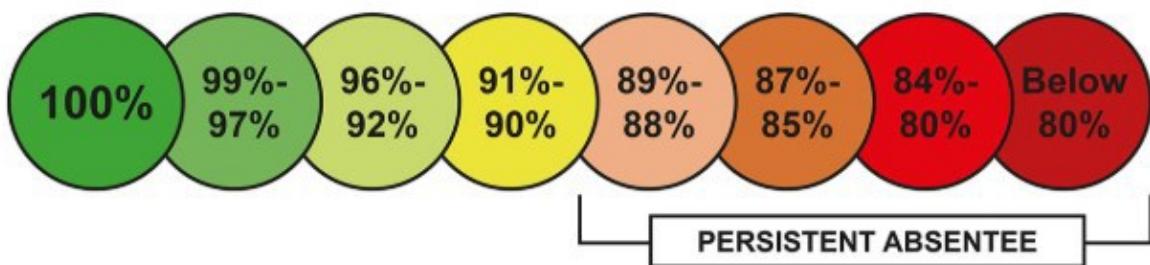
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

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 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

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				