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Friday 4th July 2025

Hello everyone, what a sunny week!

It has been another busy, but productive week at Beechwood Primary.

Mozart Class Assembly

On Thursday we were treated to a fantastic class assembly, delivered by the children in Mozart class, they were all brilliant! Thank you to everyone who came along to watch, it's always nice to welcome our parents into school. Well done Mozart Class, you are all stars!

Schneider factory visit - women and engineering

A group of Year 5 girls spent time at Schneider finding out all about the factory and what they produce. They spent time on the factory floor finding how small plastic pellets become liquidised by a machine and then turned into a final product - in this case a plastic casing, pretty amazing. They then got to see that particularly product as part of the larger finished article. The children then had to make a pattern on a coded grid. They then placed a robot at the beginning of the grid and the robot followed the pattern!

The children had a great time, thank you to our friends at Schneider for hosting this event for our potential up and coming engineers!



New classes

On Monday you will receive an email letting you know who your child's class teacher is next year and which class they will be in.

Teachers have spent a great deal of time trying to ensure that every child is in the right class for them, to help maximise learning alongside their social development too.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

7th to 11th July

Yr 6 Swimming Catch Up

Tues 8th July

Yr 6 - Mnt Edgcumbe

Wed 9th July - 3.30pm

P.T.F.A. Summer Fayre

Thurs 10th July - 2.45pm

Rec - Zimmer Class Assembly

14th, 15th & 16th July

Yr 3 Swimming Taster

Thurs 17th July

Yr 3 Plymouth Hoe Visit

Wed 16th July - 1.30pm

Yr 6 Leavers Performance Ass

Fri 18th July - 9.30 - 10.00

Rock Steady Concert

Monday 21st July

P.T.F.A. - Year 6 Prom / Disco

Wed 23rd July

SUMMER BREAK

3rd / 4th / 5th September

NON-PUPIL DAYS

Monday 8th SEPTEMBER

Children return to school

27th - 31st October

HALF TERM

Fri 28th November

NON-PUPIL DAY

22nd Dec to 2nd January

CHRISTMAS BREAK

School Trip Reminder

Year 4 (current Yr 3) - Nethercott Farm

There are still spaces available on this trip.

Please pay your deposit of £100 by **19th July** and return your consent slip to the school office.

Please contact the school office if you require assistance. Thank you.

Year 5 (current Yr 4) - PGL Trip

Please show your interest in this trip by following the link below before Wednesday 25th June.

<https://forms.office.com/e/qSNxKbipza>



New Starters - Dates to Remember

New Parents Information Evening

Wednesday 11th June - 3.45pm



Home Visits

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June

Times to be arranged



Transition Morning

Friday 4th July - 10.00am to 11.00am



Meet the Teacher & Food Tasting

Friday 11th July - 10.00am to 11.00am



P.T.F.A.

SUMMER FAYRE

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WEDNESDAY 9TH JULY AT 3.30PM

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★ **REFRESHMENTS AND SNACKS** ★

RAFFLE ★ GAMES

★ **STALLS** ★

Beechwood Primary

ALL WELCOME

SUMMER ACTIVITY CAMPS

10AM - 3PM
5 - 14 YEARS

WIDEWELL PRIMARY
21st - 24th JULY &
28th - 31st JULY

MARY DEAN'S PRIMARY
4th - 7th, 11th - 14th, 18th - 21st AUG,
& 26th - 29th AUGUST

DELICIOUS LUNCHES AND SNACKS

FUN SPORTS LIKE FOOTBALL, DODGEBALL, AND MORE!

SUMMER CRAFTS

BOOK ONLINE AT [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/357WSZSR](https://tinyurl.com/357WSZSR)
OR SCAN THE QR CODE. ** NO COST FOR THOSE ON BENEFIT RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals

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Paying Parents/Carers

Magazines

Year 1 and 2 would appreciate any old magazines for their art project next week. Please pass into class teachers.

Thank you

We would like to thank the ladies in the kitchen for making some lovely home made biscuits at our Discovery Music concert this week. Also thanks to our wonderful P.T.F.A. for providing drink refreshments.



Fit and Fed - Summer Hols

The programme supports children who receive benefits-related free school meals, and there's lots on offer this year:

A huge range of holiday clubs with activities ranging from football and dance to circus skills and photography.

SEND holiday clubs for children with more complex needs.

Teen Taster sessions for 12 to 16 year olds, with activities like go karting and adventure golf.

Free activity sessions at Plymouth Active Leisure.

Family activities for children to enjoy with their parents or carers, such as tennis and bike rides.

All of this and the popular Fit and Fed on tour events will return to Plymouth parks for everyone to enjoy during August!

Find out more <https://ow.ly/fxTk50Wfnhs>

Plymouth Arts Cinema presents
SUMMER HOLIDAY CINEMA TICKETS £4.50

Life & Stitch inc
Wednesday 30th July, 11am
Wednesday 6th August, 2.30pm

How to Train Your Dragon inc
Wednesday 20th July, 2.30pm
Wednesday 6th August, 11am

Heidi - Rescue of the Lynx inc
Wednesday 12th August, 11am
Wednesday 20th August, 2.30pm

Elio inc
Wednesday 13th August, 2.30pm
Wednesday 20th August, 11am

Free drop-in coloring sessions
Relaxed, accessible and neurodiversity friendly
Climate friendly and hot and cold drinks at the bar
Award-winning local independent cinema!

Plymouth Arts Cinema
At Arts University Plymouth, Taubert Place, PL4 8AT
01752 234114

Catered Change to Meal Prices

www.catered.org.uk



To all Headteachers, MAT CEO's
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Date: 26 June 2025

Reference: 0246 - BP

Dear colleague

SCHOOL MEAL PRICE: TERM 1 – SEPTEMBER 2025

As the economic situation continues to deliver difficult operating conditions, I am writing to advise that following a recent CATERed Board Meeting, directors of the Plymouth Schools Shareholding Company (PSSC) Ltd and CATERed confirmed the very difficult decision to reluctantly increase the price of the paid for school meal from the start of the Autumn Term (September) 2025.

This is as a direct consequence of continued increases in food inflation, labour costs and all operating costs.

From the commencement of the academic year 2025/26 (September), the selling price of the paid for meal will increase to: -

- £3.00 for KS2 in primary and special schools/academies
- £3.05 for KS3/KS4 in special schools

In all cases, the price includes a main course, dessert, and a drink, meeting the mandatory school food standards.

Prices on school cashless systems will need to be amended accordingly for implementation from the start of the academic year 2025/26.

It's worth noting that the cost of our freshly prepared, hot 2-course school lunch using local and regional fresh produce and ingredients still costs significantly less than a take-away coffee. We have produced an info graphic (attached) to help you let parents and carers know of this change.

As a cooperative, PSSC Ltd and CATERed and the Council remain committed to working together for the benefit of schools, pupils and the school food services (benefiting the local and regional economy) to ensure that any funding is retained within the business or returned and used for the benefit of schools.

On behalf of both Boards, I wanted to thank you again for your continued support for the business and commitment to feeding the children and young people in our schools.

Brad Pearce
Managing Director
On behalf of: -

The Board of Directors – Plymouth School Shareholding Company (PSSC) Ltd
The Board of Directors – CATERed Limited






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CATERed Limited is a company jointly owned by schools across the City of Plymouth and Plymouth City Council serving great tasting, freshly prepared food to children and young people every day.



YOU BELONG HERE!
SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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

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 30th June
Mozart	97.16%
 Price	87.02%
Vivaldi	93.27%
Zimmer	99.0%
Lloyd-Webber	90.58%
 Holst	89.81%
Bernstein	94.23%
Dun	84.05%
Elgar	95.0%
Tchaikovsky	92.0%

This week our whole school attendance is **92.25%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Zimmer Class

KS2 - Elgar Class



2024-2025 Term Dates

TERM DATES 2024/25

DISCOVERY

Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
Sub-total	200
School holidays	52
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	105
Total	365

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-24	25-Oct-24	39
2	04-Nov-24	20-Dec-24	35
3	06-Jan-25	14-Feb-25	30
4	24-Feb-25	04-Apr-25	30
5	22-Apr-25	23-May-25	23
6	02-Jun-25	23-Jul-25	38
Total			195

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
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2025-2026 Term Dates

TERM DATES 2025/26

DISCOVERY

Teaching days (statutory)	190
INSET 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

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Email Addresses to Remember

Year 6 - Elgar Class - k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class – c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Dun Class – k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Holst Class – s.pindard@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class – i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk or k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Price Class – c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class – c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class – k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Mozart Class – l.gruszka@discoverymat.co.uk

Nursery - Brahms 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	Mr C Randall Assistant Head of School	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	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	SEND Support	Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Community Support
Foodbank	Safeguarding	SEND and behaviour-support for parents	Family Support	Safeguarding	School Life
Courses for Parents / Carers	Behaviour	School Nurse Referrals		Education and Curriculum	Parents Question & Answer
PTFA Contact	Family Crisis	DLA Applications		Family Support	Local Issues
	Service Families	GP letters			Coffee Mornings

You can contact us by emailing beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.