



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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Friday 2nd May 2025

Hello everyone, I hope that you've all been able to enjoy this sunny week.

Sun Protection

With the sun making a welcome appearance this week, please see the excerpt below from our sun protection policy which can be found on our school website.



Covering up and seeking shade are the most important sun protection measures. In addition, sunscreen can provide protection to exposed skin. However, sunscreen should not be used to increase the amount of time spent in the sun.

Pupils are encouraged to apply sunscreen before school starts – SPF 20 or above

Staff will not be able to apply sunscreen to pupils during the school day but may supervise self application.

Residential Return

Some of our Year 5 pupils enjoyed 3 days away this week at Barton Hall, taking part in a variety of sporting and outdoor activities from climbing to swimming. The children had a fantastic time, the weather certainly helped! A huge thank you to Miss Pumphrey and Mr McKenna for accompanying our pupils, ensuring that they were able to take part in this wonderful opportunity. Please see the photographs on our Facebook page.

VE Day 8th May

As I'm sure many of you will know it is VE Day next Thursday. We are recognising this important and significant day in school during the week with an assembly on Wednesday and Teachers will be discussing this in their classrooms with your children. On Thursday the children, will at lunch time, all receive a red, white and blue cake/biscuit. Special thanks to Claire, our brilliant Beechwood cook for the beautiful biscuits!



Opportunity to join the Trust Local Advisory Body.

There is an opportunity for a parent to join our governing body. If you'd like more information and feel that this might be something you may be interested in then please get in touch using the contact details on this newsletter. We would very pleased to hear from you.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend, and we will see you back at Beechwood on Tuesday 6th .

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Monday 5th May
MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 6th May - 2.30pm
Phonics Info for Parents

Thursday 8th May
V.E. Day Celebrations

Thurs 8th May - 2.45pm
Yr 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly

Sun 11th May
Half Marathon Challenge

12th - 15th May
Yr 6 SATS Week

26th May to 30th May
HALF TERM

2nd - 6th June
Yr4 Multiplication TT Checks

3rd June - 3.30pm
London Parent Meeting

9th - 12th June
Rec - Bikeability Balance
Yr 6 - Bikeability

9th - 13th June
Yr1 Phonics Screening Checks

Tues 10th June - 2.15pm
EYFS Sports Day

Fri 13th June - 10.00am
Yrs 1 to 6 Sports Day

Thurs 12th June - 2.45pm
Yr 1/2 - Zimmer Assembly

Thurs 18th & Fri 19th June
Yr 4/5 - Plymbridge Woods



Wellbeing Through Crafting

FREE PARENTING COURSE

Silk Screen Printing

Wednesday 30th April

until

Wednesday 4th June

12.30pm until 3.30pm

Course Code : WL09E321

Come along and learn the basics of
silk screen printing

Please contact Sam Roscoe in the school office to book
a place on this course -

01752 706360 or beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk



Scooters and Bikes

Due to an injury this week, we would like to remind the children that scooters and bikes are not to be ridden within the school grounds, due to the volume of people around, at the beginning and end of the school day.

They are most welcome to use them once off school premises.

Thank you for your continued support.



Sports Day

This year, EYFS and Foundation will have their Sports Afternoon on **Tuesday 10th June** at **2.15-3.15pm**.

Sports Day for Years 1-6 will be held on **Friday 13th June** at **10am-Midday**. Like last year, this will be followed by a picnic on the field until 12:50pm. If you have a child in Nursery or Reception, they will be able to join you on the field for lunch.

Further information about Sports Week will be released shortly once the final events have been confirmed.



Rec - Bikeability Balance

Reception will be undertaking their Bikeability Balance training on 9th-12th June 2025.

A letter has been sent home this week with further information.

To ensure your child can participate, please follow the below link to give consent. Bikes will be provided.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/has-rest-field>



Year 6 - Bikeability

Year 6 will be undertaking their Bikeability training from 9th-12th June 2025.

A letter will be coming home this week with further information.

To ensure your child can take part, please follow the below link and complete the consent form. If your child does not have a bike, this can be provided.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/sec-cause-lead>



Parenting Course

Please see below details of a **FREE** four week course we are hoping to hold for our parents/carers after the May half term on a **Wednesday or Thursday**. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in attending - **01752 706360** or **beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk**.

Courses can only be held if we have a certain amount of interest. Thank you.



FREE ENGLISH WORKSHOP SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS

Four two-hour, school-based workshop sessions, led by Sarah Ridgwell, an experienced Primary School teacher, you can:

- Refresh your own English skills
- Explore practical tips and fun activities to support your child's learning in all aspects of English at home
- Gain an insight into the school curriculum, teaching methods and current terminology used within the classroom
- Gain a clear understanding of how children progress in English and learn strategies to support them to build confidence
- Relate English learning to everyday life and real-world uses
- Opportunity to seek further English training / qualifications.

For more information:

Schools - email sarah.ridgwell@ocsw.co.uk

Parents/Carers - Contact your child's school

Other adult courses - Call OCSW 01752 660713



Funded by
UK Government

For
ages 4
to 11

Derriford Church



Kids Club



£1
per family

Come along on:

**Friday 2nd May
Friday 6th June**

3.45 - 5:30pm

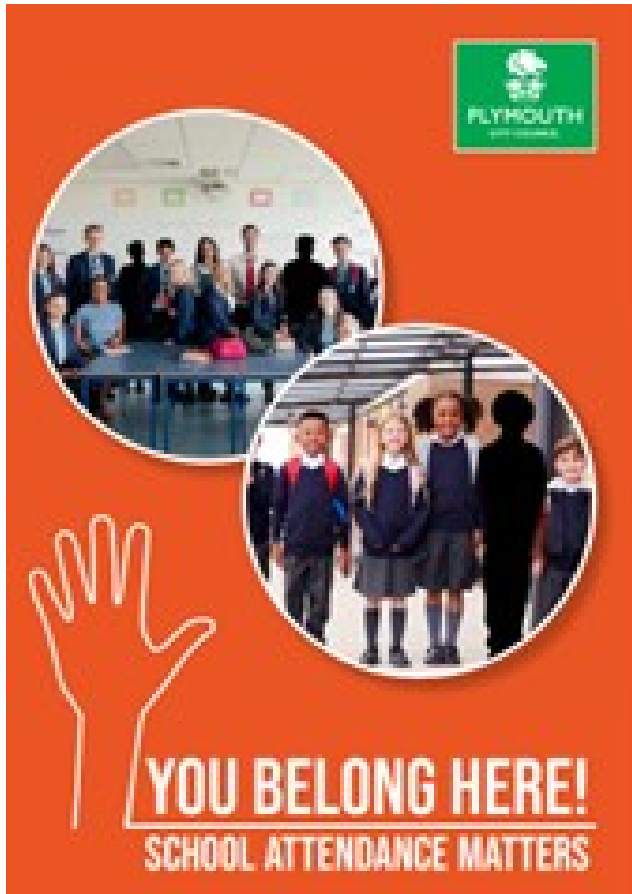
**@ Derriford Church
Powisland Drive
Plymouth, PL6 6AB**

- Arts & Craft
- Games
- Bible Stories
- Food



**Join us for even more
fun at our
Easter Craft
Service on
Sunday 13th April at
10.30am**

**Family members are
welcome to join us!
Refreshments provided**



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 2nd May
	Mozart	99.09%
	Price	95.38%
	Vivaldi	98.0%
	Zimmer	96.0%
	Lloyd-Webber	98.15%
	Holst	90.38%
	Bernstein	90.0%
	Dun	96.79%
	Elgar	91.60%
	Tchaikovsky	94.80%

This week our whole school attendance is **94.70%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Mozart Class

KS2 - Lloyd-Webber 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	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

	OCTOBER				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	NOVEMBER				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

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

	JANUARY				
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

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

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

	APRIL				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		











	MAY				
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

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

	JULY				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	AUGUST				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

P.E. Days - Summer Term 1

Summer Term 1				
Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
Wednesday Martial Arts 	Tuesday Athletics 	Wednesday Rounders 	Tuesday- Dun Class Wednesday- Holst and Bernstein Rounders 	Monday Rounders 
	Monday Zimmer and Vivaldi- Dance  Wednesday Price- Martial Arts 	Thursday Athletics 	Thursday- Bernstein and Holst Wednesday- Dun Class Athletics 	Thursday Athletics 

Assembly Dates

Thursday 8th May - 2.45pm

Thursday 12th June - 2.45pm

Thursday 3rd July - 2.45pm

Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class Assembly

Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class Assembly

Year R - Mozart Class Assembly



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 – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or l.gruszka@discoverymat.co.uk

Nursery - Brahms Class – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@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.