



Rockfield Avenue, Southway, Plymouth, PL6 6DX  
 Tel : 01752 706360  
 Email : beechwood.office@discoverymat.co.uk  
 Website : www.beechwood-primary.co.uk

## Friday 6th June 2025

Hello everyone, I hope you had a great half term break.

This week we have seen some of our Year 4 children begin to take their multiplication check assessment, don't worry Year 4 you'll get your chance to take this assessment in the next few days.

### **Year 1/2 Aquarium Visit**



Our children in Year 1/2 took a trip to the Aquarium on Tuesday and Thursday this week, which everyone enjoyed, I've heard a lot about it! They found the sea creatures fascinating and enjoyed watching them in their habitats. They loved the 'Shark Show' and saw the divers enter the tank.

We were delighted to receive the message below from the coach company:

*Hello, I am a driver for Tamar coaches and have just took a class from your school to Plymouth aquarium. What an amazing group of children they was very polite and friendly, every child thanked me for taking them and dropping them back. They are a credit to your school and the teachers that accompanied them.*

### **Year 6 visit the Royal Cornwall Show**

Year 6 had a fantastic day at the Royal Cornwall Show yesterday for their treat day. Luckily, the weather pulled through allowing us to see all of the animals, some awesome robots and plenty of shops followed by lunch in front of the music stage. After this, they had they had the best time exploring the Army and Police tents with a range of activities to enjoy followed by a visit to the fair ground and ending in a spectacular motorbike stunt show! Successful day is an understatement



*Please see more photos on our Facebook page.*

Hope you all have a restful weekend, see you on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

## **Diary Dates to Remember**

**Mon 9th June - 3.30pm**  
**London Parent Meeting**

**Tues 10th June - 2.15pm**  
**EYFS Sports Day**

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

**9th - 13th June**  
**Yr1 Phonics Screening Checks**

**Tues 10th June**  
**Yr 5 - Bell Boating**

**Thurs 12th June**  
**Sports Mufti**

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

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

**Mon 16th & Tues 17th June**  
**Yr 3 Hoe Visit**

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

**Mon 23rd June**  
**Yr5/ 6 - Women in Engineering**

**Wed 25th - Thurs 26th June**  
**Yr 6 - London Trip**

**Friday 27th June**  
**P.T.F.A. Mufti for Sweet/Bottle**

**Monday 30th June**  
**NON PUPIL DAY**

**Tuesday 1st July**  
**Yr 6 can wear their Hoodies**



**Wellbeing Through Crafting**  
**FREE PARENTING COURSE**  
**Next Steps Silk Screen Printing**

Wednesday 11th June  
until

Wednesday 9th July  
12.30pm until 3.30pm

Course Code : WL09E32J

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



## 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**  
Friday 11th July - 10.00am to 11.00am



## 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 starting **Thursday 12th June from 1.00pm to 3.00pm**. 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](mailto:sarah.ridgwell@ocsw.co.uk)

Parents/Carers - Contact your child's school

Other adult courses - Call OCSW 01752 660713



Funded by  
UK Government

## Sports Week

This year, EYFS and Foundation will have their Sports Afternoon on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June** at **2.15-3.15pm**. Please enter the school via the gates next to the school reception.

Sports Mufti will be held on **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. Children may come to school dressed as their favourite sports person or in sports clothes.

Sports Day for Years 1-6 will be held on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June
Foundation Balance Year 6 Bikeability 	Foundation Balance Year 6 Bikeability 	Foundation Balance Year 6 Bikeability 	Foundation Balance Year 6 Bikeability 	Years 1-6 Sports Day 10am-12pm 
Year 3 and 4 Dance Workshops 	Year 5 Bell Boating 	Athletics Activity Day 	Sports Mufti Day 	
	Foundation/Nursery Sports Afternoon 2:15-3:15pm 		KSI Multi-skills Day 	Picnic on the field 12-12:50pm 

## Sports Day

We will open the gates next to the school reception at 9:45am. There will be a Family Area for you to sit or stand while the races are being held. Please feel free to bring camping chairs and blankets to sit on. Refreshments will be available from the STEM room, provided by the PTFA. You are also welcome to use the toilets in the reception area, which can be accessed via the STEM room. We ask you to remain in the family area or the STEM room during the races.

Children will sit in their classes on the other side of the track and be called up in their year groups to run their race. Each child will have the opportunity to run a sprinting race and a fun race. You are welcome to take photographs and videos of your children, but please keep these for personal use only and not post on any social media.

After the races, there will be a presentation to announce the winning house of Sports Week and the children will have their lunches brought out each class at a time. You can then join your children and find a space on the field to enjoy a picnic. At 12:50pm, all school gates will open to mark the end of the day.

### Order of events:

- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:10 Year 1 races
- 10:25 Year 2 races
- 10:40 Year 3 races
- 10:55 Year 4 races
- 11:10 Year 5 races
- 11:25 Year 6 races
- 11:40 Parent races
- 11:50 Presentation of trophies
- 12:00 Children collect lunches from their classrooms and join families for a picnic.
- 12:35 Children return to classroom to collect belongings
- 12:50 Children leave school as usual on a Friday

We look forward to seeing you all on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact the school reception.

# Attendance Matters

...every school day counts!

**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 2nd June
Mozart	95.0%
Price	92.69%
Vivaldi	90.0%
 Zimmer	96.4%
Lloyd-Webber	90.0%
 Holst	95.93%
Bernstein	91.89%
Dun	88.28%
Elgar	89.20%
Tchaikovsky	85.60%

This week our whole school attendance is **91.74%**

This week's winners are :

**KS1 Zimmer Class**

**KS2 - Holst Class**



# 2024-2025 Term Dates

TERM DATES 2024/25



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

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
<b>Total</b>			<b>195</b>

	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	2 9 16 23 30		4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25 31
Thursday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
Friday	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27

  

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	8 15 22 29
Wednesday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24
Friday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25

  

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29

# 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	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
Monday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Tuesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Wednesday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Thursday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Friday	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26

  

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL
Monday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Tuesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Wednesday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Thursday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Friday	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24

  

	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Friday	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28

# P.E. Days

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 	Thursday Athletics 	Thursday- Bernstein and Holst Wednesday- Dun Class Athletics 	Thursday Athletics 
	Wednesday Price- Martial Arts 			

## 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 you 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



 <b>Miss Sam Roscoe</b>	 <b>Mr C Randall</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Natasha Jackson</b> INCO	 <b>Mr P Arnold</b> Senior Head of School	 <b>Mrs S Rama-Dominguez</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Teresa Pinhey</b>
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](mailto:beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk) and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.