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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

Parents/Carers - Contact your child's school

Other adult courses - Call OCSW 01752 660713











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Sports Week

This year, EYFS and Foundation will have their Sports Afternoon on **Tuesday 10th 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 12th 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 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.

| Monday 9 th June | Tuesday 10 th June | Wednesday 11 th June | Thursday 12 th June | Friday 13 th June |
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| 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  | Picnic on the field 12-12:50pm  |
| | Foundation/Nursery Sports Afternoon 2:15-3:15pm  | | KSI Multi-skills Day  | |

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.

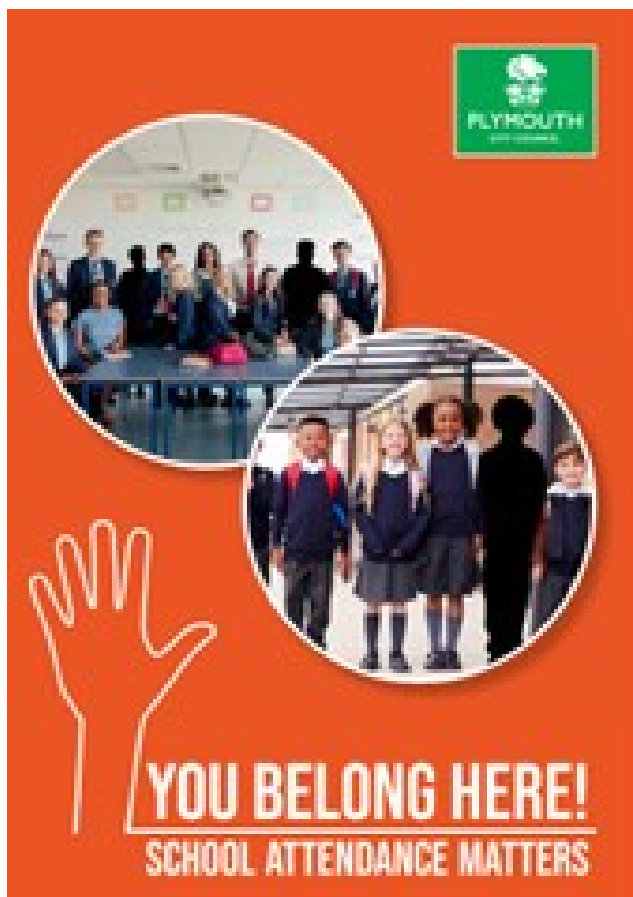
Children will sit in their classes on the other side of the track and be called up in their year groups to run their race. Each child will have the opportunity to run a sprinting race and a fun race. You are welcome to take photographs and videos of your children, but please keep these for personal use 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 13th June 2025**. If you have any questions, please contact the school reception.



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 |
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| 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



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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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2025-2026 Term Dates

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| 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 |

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P.E. Days

| Summer Term 1 | | | | |
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| 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 |

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


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| 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.