



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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Friday 10th October 2025

Hello everyone, I hope that you have had a good week, it's been a focused and productive week here at Beechwood.

As you know from our Facebook post we have focused on handwriting this week in all classes across the school. Myself and the leadership team have visited classrooms each day to see how children are progressing with their handwriting and to support teachers in delivering these sessions.

I am delighted to let you know that some of the progress seen in letter formation, joining and general presentation has been amazing.

Raring to Read

Earlier this week, Katrina from Southway Library visited Beechwood Primary to award pupils who had completed the Summer Reading Challenge with their certificates. It was great to see so many pupils receiving their awards and Katrina was hugely impressed by how respectful and polite the pupils were during the assembly.

Alexander from Southway Library also spoke to the children on Monday. He is looking to run a new game activity each Friday at Southway Library starting Friday 24th October. Alexander will be running the session from 2.00pm to 3.30 pm and it will run every other Friday. Southway Library are really hoping that this takes off in a big way so that they can then expand the activity to once a week and potentially until after 3.30pm. Please head down to Southway Library from the 24th October if you are interested.



Have a great weekend - Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team

Diary Dates to Remember

Tues 14th October - 4.00pm
New Parents Open Visit

Tues 14th October
Yr 6 - Dartmoor Trip

Wed 15th October
Yr 5 - Dartmoor Trip

w/c 13th and 20th October
Parent / Teacher Meetings

Tues 21st October
Yr 4 - Mount Batten Trip

Thurs 6th November
P.T.F.A. Autumn Disco
**** Change of Date ****

27th - 31st October
HALF TERM

Mon 3rd November
Individual Photographs

10th - 14th November
Rec - Nursery Rhyme Week

Tues 25th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Fri 28th November
NON-PUPIL DAY

Friday 5th December
P.T.F.A. Mufti - Tombola

Wed 17th December
P.T.F.A. Winter Fayre

Fri 19th December - 9.30am
Rock Steady Concert

22nd Dec to 2nd January
CHRISTMAS BREAK



Beechwood Primary Academy



School Admissions 2026

Beechwood Primary Academy will be holding open events for the parents and carers of children who are due to start school in September 2026

Thursday 9th October at 3.30pm

Tuesday 14th October at 4.00pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our school



Please call or email to arrange your session:-

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School Residentials

Year 4 - Nethercott Farm

Polite reminder - Second payment was due on Tuesday 30th September. Please pay using your child's Parent Pay account. Thank you.

Year 5 - PGL Trip

Thank you for returning your consent letters and making your initial deposit payments on Parent Pay.

Year 6 - London Trip

Thank you for completing the expression of interest for this trip. More information to follow.



Community Mental Health & Wellbeing Open Day

'Building better mental health together'



Devon Mental Health Alliance
Working together for better mental health across Devon

Livewell
Plymouth



Come and see what Plymouth has to offer to support your mental health and wellbeing.

Plymouth Methodist Central Hall, Eastlake Street, PL1 1BA

Thursday 13th November 2025

12pm - 6pm



Have a chat with one of our community experts who can help connect you to a wide variety of organisations and groups.

Find out what's on near you and in your neighbourhood.



Junk Modelling

Years 1 and 2 would like to request any cereal boxes, clean drinks bottles and egg boxes for their sculpture topic. Thank you.



P.T.F.A. AUTUMN DISCO



THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Rec & KS1 - 3.30pm to 4.30pm

(please bring in clothes to change into at the end of the day)

KS2 - 4.45pm to 5.45pm

Child Collection

Rec - Yr 3 - All children to be collected by an adult

Yr 4-6 - Please let the office know if your child can walk home without an adult

£3.50

(to include hot dog and unlimited squash)

Please pay on Parent Pay by Friday 31st October at the very latest

Parent Teacher Meeting Dates

Please contact the school office (after 10.00am) if you are unable to book directly on E-Schools. Thank you

Class/Year Group	Teacher	Day	Time
Reception - Smeaton	Mrs Gruszka Mrs Waite	Thursday 16 th October OR Wednesday 22 nd October	3.45-5.30pm 3.45-6pm
Year 1/2 - Firestone	Mrs McCarthy	Monday 20 th October OR Wednesday 22 nd October	3.45-5.30pm 3.45-6pm
Year 2 - Mayflower	Miss Gardner	Wednesday 22 nd October OR Thursday 23 rd October	3.45-6pm 3.45-5.30pm
Year 3 - Saltram	Miss Pumphrey	Thursday 16 th October OR Thursday 23 rd October	3.45-5.30pm 3.45-5.30pm
Year 3 - Mount Batten	Mr Kombostiotis	Monday 20 th October OR Wednesday 22 nd October	3.45-5.30pm 3.45-6pm
Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe	Dr Doctor	Wednesday 22 nd October OR Thursday 23 rd October	3.45-6pm 3.45-5.30pm
Year 5 - Dockyard	Mr Conway	Monday 20 th October OR Tuesday 21 st October	3.45-6pm 3.45-5.30pm
Year 5/6 - Burrator	Miss Giles	Monday 20 th October OR Wednesday 22 nd October	3.45-5.30pm 3.45-6pm
Year 6 - Raleigh	Mr Poole	Wednesday 22 nd October OR Thursday 23 rd October	3.45-6pm 3.45-5.30pm

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Reception - Year 6 Children

Information was emailed out to parents/carers inviting them to consent to their child's nasal flu vaccination which will be carried out in school on **Tuesday 25th November** for all children from Reception through to Year 6. The letter contains a school code which you will require to complete this form. **DV143311**

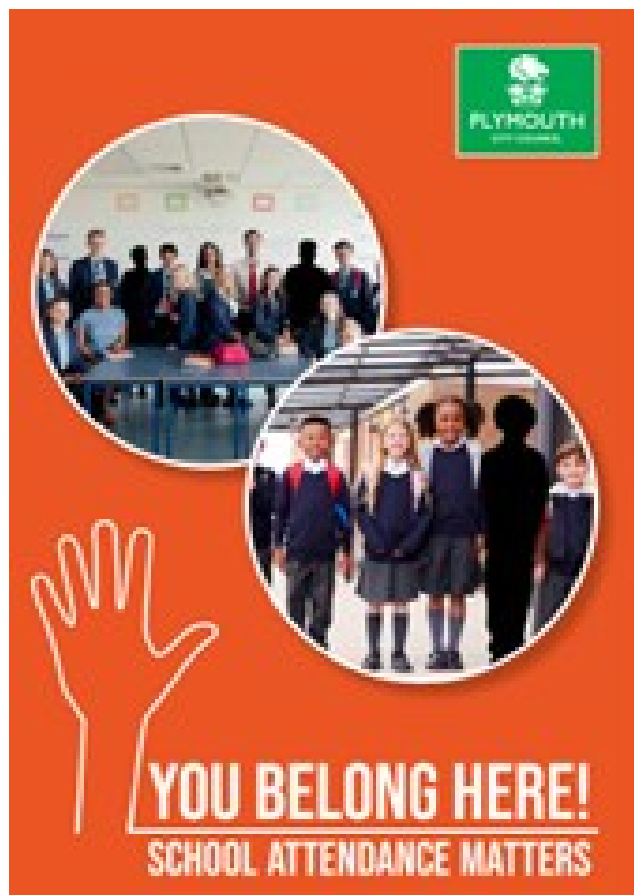
<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

(quick link can also be found on our Facebook page)

Please submit your consent by **9.00am on 24th November 2025** at the very latest to ensure your child receives the vaccination.

More information about this vaccination can be found on the link below:-
<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.15790.pdf>





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 6th October
	Smeaton	98.51%
	Firestone	96.67%
	Mayflower	92.67%
	Saltram	91.0%
	Mount Batten	99.09%
	Mt Edgcumbe	92.41%
	Dockyard	86.25%
	Burrator	94.09%
	Raleigh	89.67%

This week our whole school attendance is **93.49%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Smeaton Class

KS2 - Mount Batten 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	

	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31

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	4	11	18	25
	5	12	19	26
	6	13	20	27
7	14	21	28	

	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

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	6	13	20	27

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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

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	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	

P.E. Days

Autumn Term 1			
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
<p>Children may come to school dressed in their P.E. kits if they have P.E. that day.</p> <p>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.</p>			

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 – bwlstteacher2@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe – bwlstteacher1@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

First Contact to signpost parents

Foodbank

Courses for Parents / Carers

PTFA Contact



Mrs Natasha Jackson
INCO

SEND Support

SEND and behaviour-support for parents

School Nurse Referrals

DLA Applications

GP letters



Mr P Arnold
Senior Head of School

Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Family Support Safeguarding



Mrs S Rama-Dominguez
Assistant Head of School

Deputy Designated
Beechwood Academy
Lead for Safeguarding

Education and Curriculum
Family Support



Mrs Teresa Pinhey

Community Support

School Life

Parents Question & Answer

Local Issues

Coffee Mornings