



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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Friday 17th October 2025

Hello everyone, I hope that you have had a good week.

Dartmoor Trip

Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic day on Dartmoor this week. They learnt how to navigate the tors using a compass and a map and practised their skills when guiding the group along the most suitable paths in the right direction. They also learnt a lot about the material of the tor and some of the plants and animals found on Dartmoor.



EYFS Visits

Thank you to everyone who came to our EYFS 2026 cohort tour on Tuesday, it was lovely to welcome you to view our school in preparation for applying for your child's reception place. If you, or you know of anybody else who were not able to make this tour and would like to look around our Reception class, please contact the office to book a visit. We look forward to meeting you.

Parent / Teacher Meetings

It was great to see parents / carers at our first parent teacher meeting yesterday. We look forward to seeing more of you next week. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet with your child's Class Teacher and celebrate all the wonderful things your child has been learning since returning after the summer break. If you still have not been able to book a meeting slot, it is not too late to book through the school office.

All at Beechwood wish you a lovely weekend.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

w/c 20th October

Parent / Teacher Meetings

Tues 21st October

Yr 4 - Mount Batten Trip

Thurs 6th November

P.T.F.A. Autumn Disco

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

Christmas Lunch

Wed 17th December

P.T.F.A. Winter Fayre

Fri 19th December - 9.30am

Rock Steady Concert

22nd Dec to 2nd January

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri 30th January

NON-PUPIL DAY

16th Feb to 20th Feb

HALF TERM

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

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

Please return your consent slips and pay the initial deposit on Parent Pay by Friday 31st October 2025 to secure a place on this trip for your child.

Please contact the office if needed.



BATTLEAXE



Southway Library

**Every two weeks from Friday 24 October
2pm to 3:30pm**

Junior Generals: Do you have what it takes to rally your troops and lead them to victory? Join us for a fun-filled tabletop adventure!

Aimed at children over 6, this game blends strategy, storytelling, and miniature battles in a friendly, creative environment.

Miniatures and materials provided.



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library@plymouth.gov.uk

www.plymouth.gov.uk/libraries

FAMILY MATHS HALLOWEEN TREASURE HUNT

**FRIDAY 31ST OCTOBER
10AM-12PM**

**DEVONPORT PARK
(ROUTEWAYS ENTRANCE)**

FREE!

Open to families with Primary or Secondary school aged children (5-18). Children must be accompanied by an adult (parent/carer)

E: info@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk
T: 01752 660713



OCTOBER HALF TERM FAMILY LEARNING

**FREE WORKSHOPS
INCLUDING...**

Family Learn to Weave
Family Spooky Pumpkins
Family Spooky Origami Decorations
Family Renewable Mosaics
Family Spooky Masks
...and more!

Parents/carers can bring up to two children per adult, and children must be a minimum of 6 years old and a maximum of 18 years old.



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**

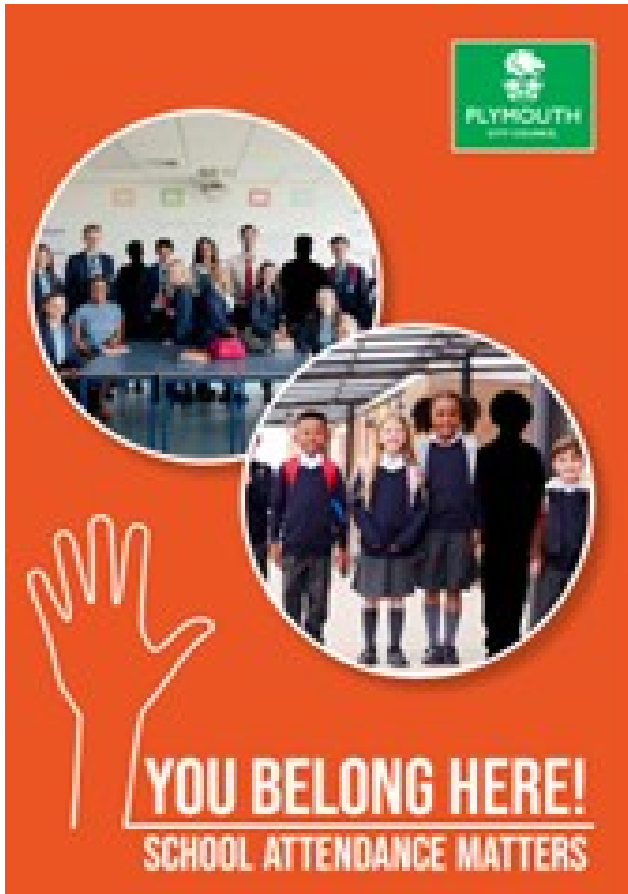
<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

(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 13th October
Smeaton	94.03%
Firestone	93.33%
 Mayflower	95.86%
Saltram	91.50%
Mount Batten	86.36%
Mt Edgcumbe	96.21%
Dockyard	91.25%
Burrator	97.73%
 Raleigh	98.67%

This week our whole school attendance is **94.31%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Mayflower Class

KS2 - Raleigh 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	

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

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

	DECEMBER				
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

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

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

	APRIL				
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
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

	JUNE				
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		

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

	AUGUST				
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
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
Children may come to school dressed in their P.E. kits if they have P.E. that day. 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.			

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

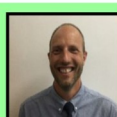
SEND Support

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