



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

Just wanted to say a **HUGE WELCOME BACK** after the summer break, I hope that you've all been able to find some time to enjoy the sunshine over the past few weeks.

Your children have settled brilliantly back into school life and routines. Thank you for all you have done to support this. Children have begun learning about new curriculum topics, learning and curriculum maps will be sent home very soon so you can read about what your children are learning about this term.

Attendance:

As you know, attendance continues to be a focus for us at Beechwood and across the Trust as a whole. We are promoting 100% attendance by introducing a couple of new initiatives, please see below:

Daily Attendance – Class teachers will be monitoring the attendance of their class and will complete the attendance chart in the classroom. If and when the class attain **100%** for the week the children will earn a **mufti** day the following week.

Weekly - As we did last year, each week, during Celebration/Star Assembly on Thursday, I will share the attendance rates for each class and trophies will be awarded.

Birthday Mufti – If a child's birthday falls on a school day, they can wear **mufti** to school on that day.

Golden Ticket – Any child who has been never late/never away throughout the week will be given a golden ticket – they will write their name on the back and it is then brought to assembly and put in the golden ticket box. Each term a number of tickets are pulled out and these pupils (along with 100% attenders) will go on a trip at the end of the school year.

Fab Friday – Any child who has attended school all week will receive a small sweet treat. As it's our first week back, every child in school on Friday will receive a treat.

Parent meetings - Wednesday 17th September at 3:30pm in classrooms. Please collect your child from their pod doors and come through the dining hall entrance by reception. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.

Hope you have a lovely weekend,
Mr Arnold & the Beechwood Team

Diary Dates to Remember

Wed 17th September - 3.30pm
Parent Welcome Meeting

Thurs 25th September
PTFA Macmillan Coffee Morn

Thurs 25th September
Yr 3 Kents Cavern Trip

Tues 21st October
Yr 4 - Mnt Batten Trip

27th - 31st October
HALF TERM

Mon 3rd November
Individual Photographs

Tues 25th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Fri 28th November
NON-PUPIL DAY

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

Fri 13th March
NON-PUPIL DAY

Fri 27th March - 9.30am
Rock Steady Concert

3rd April to 17th April
EASTER BREAK

School Residentials

Year 4 - Nethercott Farm

There are still spaces available on this trip.

Please pay your deposit of £100 asap and return your consent slip to the school office.

Please contact the school office if you require assistance. Thank you.

Year 5 - PGL Trip

More information to follow soon.



Family Support Courses

We are in the process of booking some more FREE Family Support course. Please see our recent Facebook posts

These courses will be open to parents/carers and family members of all our children here at Beechwood Primary Academy.



Parent Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 17th September - 3.30pm

We look forward to welcoming our parents/carers to the Parent Welcome Meeting next week in the school hall.

This is a great opportunity to meet the team and find out key information related to your child's year group and learn more about events planned across the school year.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to either apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website.

This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



P.T.F.A. Macmillan Coffee Morning

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING



**IN THE STEM ROOM
THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER
8:45AM**

Yr 5 - Secondary School Places - Sept 2026

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

It may seem a long way ahead but now is the time to start thinking about your child moving from primary school onto secondary school. If your child was born between **1 September 2014 and 31 August 2015**, you will be eligible to apply for a secondary school place.

Information about applying for a place and the individual secondary schools will be on our website from **Wednesday 3 September 2025** at www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. From here, you can apply online for school places and read the guide for parents which contains the links to the individual school's admission policies and forms.

Applying online is quick and easy - all you need is an email address. Once you have applied, we will let you know which school your child has been allocated on **Monday 2 March 2026**.

You can apply for a school place via the Citizen's Portal by visiting our website at: www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The deadline to apply is the **31 October 2025**.

Remember:

- All Plymouth's 18 secondary schools hold 'open events' for families to visit the school and speak to staff. Please refer to the individual school's websites for dates and further information.
- Some schools give priority to with exceptional medical or social need and will ask for submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as proof.
- If you are applying for a place at a faith school on faith grounds, you must also fill out a Supplementary Information Form (SIF), which you can obtain from the school.
- Some schools give priority to children of members of staff and will ask for submission of a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) as proof.
- Please read the admission policy for each school carefully.
- If you are applying for a place at a grammar school, you must register to take the 11-plus examination through the school's website. The closing date for registering is 27 August 2025 at 12 noon. Please refer to the individual school's website.



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>

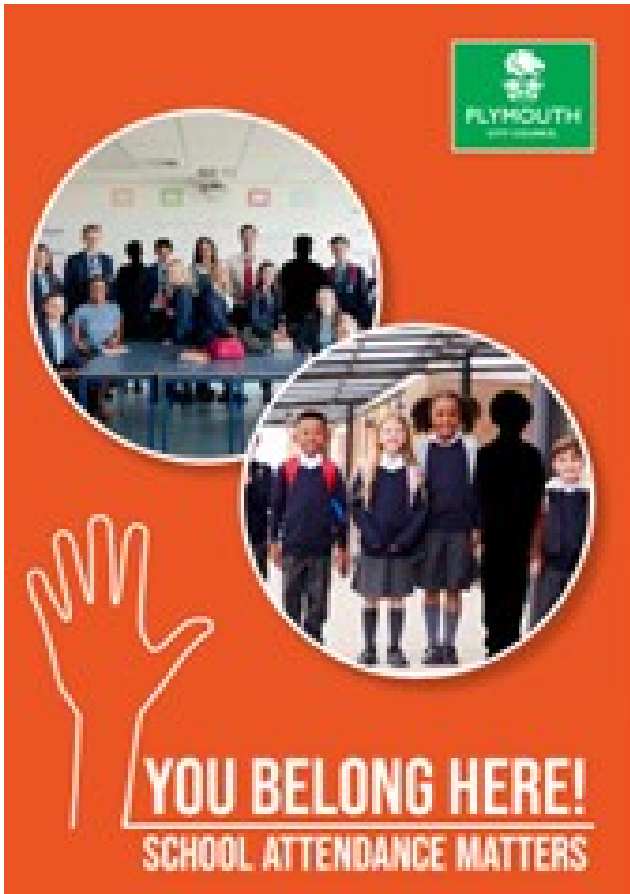
(quick link can also be found on our Facebook page)

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 8th September
	Smeaton	99.07%
	Firestone	95.77%
	Mayflower	96.67%
	Saltram	95.50%
	Mount Batten	96.36%
	Mt Edgcumbe	95.17%
	Dockyard	92.80%
	Burrator	95.45%
	Raleigh	90.33%

This week our whole school attendance is **95.19%**

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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	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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	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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	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 or k.rust@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 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



Miss Sam Roscoe

First Contact to
signpost parents

Foodbank

Courses for Parents /
Carers

PTFA Contact



Mrs Natasha Jackson
INCO

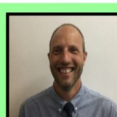
SEND Support

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