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## Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. It has been lovely to see the children return to school so positively after the Christmas break. I would like to thank you all for your support in getting children to school safely this week, particularly with the icy conditions we have experienced. We really appreciate your efforts.

As we start the new term, there are a few updates we would like to share with you.

You will find the term dates for the 2026–2027 academic year included in this newsletter. We hope this helps with longer-term planning for our families.

Next week, we will be asking parents and carers to check and update their contact details. Accurate information is essential so that we can communicate effectively and keep children safe. Further information about how to do this will be sent out shortly.

Finally, I would like to introduce Mrs Anderson, who will be working with us on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Anderson will be supporting our staff and children as we continue to strengthen our practice and ensure the very best outcomes for everyone in our school community.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs Rama-Dominguez and the Beechwood Team.

## Diary Dates to Remember

- Tuesday 27th January**  
**Yr 1/2 - Synagogue Visit**
- Fri 30th January**  
**NON-PUPIL DAY**
- 16th Feb to 20th Feb**  
**HALF TERM**
- Fri 13th March**  
**NON-PUPIL DAY**
- Mon 16th to Fri 20th March**  
**Yr 4 - Nethercott Farm Trip**
- Thursday 23rd March**  
**P.T.F.A. Spring Disco**
- Fri 27th March - 9.30am**  
**Rock Steady Concert**
- Tues 31st March**  
**Class Photographs**
- 3rd April to 17th April**  
**EASTER BREAK**
- Mon 27th to Wed 29th April**  
**Yr 5 - Barton Hall Trip**
- Mon 4th May**  
**BANK HOLIDAY**
- 25th May to 29th May**  
**HALF TERM**
- Friday 3rd July**  
**P.T.F.A. Mufti - Tombola**

## Clubs - Spring Term 1

Please follow the link to sign your child up to an afterschool club this term:-

### [Spring Term 1 Clubs](#)

If your child signs up for cricket club, you are also required to register on the link below:- No payment is required if you use the code: Z4TXP

### [Clubspark / Dynamos / Coaching / Course](#)

Clubs will run from w/c 12th January until February Half Term



## Free School Meals

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

- Child Tax Credit with an annual income of less than £16,190
- Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- Income based Job Seeker's Allowance
- Income support
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- The guaranteed element of the State Pension Credit
- Universal Credit with an annual income of less than £7,400
- Working Tax Credit run-on – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

You may also be eligible if you have [no recourse to public funds \(NRPF\)](#).

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.



## Primary School Admissions

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open.

Applications need to be made by **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

Please see the link below:-



[School admissions | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](#)

## Free Parent / Carer Course



### Wellbeing Through Crafting

#### FREE PARENTING COURSE

Design and make a public art piece

Wednesday 14th January 2026

until

Wednesday 11th February 2026

12.30pm until 3.30pm

5 week course

Please contact Ms Roscoe in the school office to book a place on this course -  
01752 706360 or [beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk](mailto:beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk)

All Welcome



## Residentials

### Year 4 - Nethercott Farm

The next payment is due on the 31st January 2026.  
Please pay via Parent Pay.

### Year 5 - PGL Trip

The next payment is due on the 30th January 2026.  
Please pay via Parent Pay.

### Year 6 - London Trip

The next payment is due on the 31st January 2026.  
Please pay via Parent Pay.

Please contact the school office if you would like to discuss. Thank you.





ATTEND TODAY  
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



## ATTENDANCE WORKS

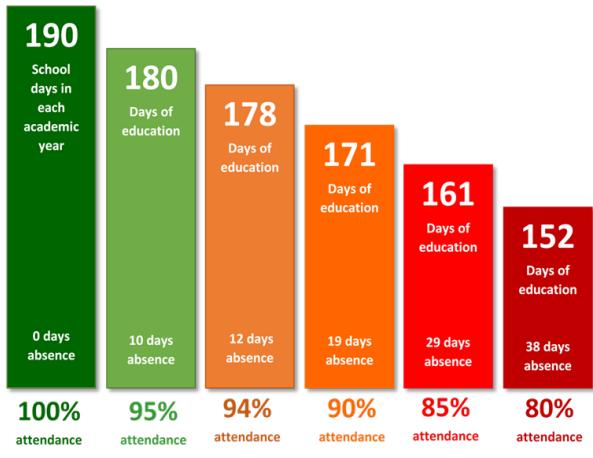
### Did you know?

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



WELL DONE

CONCERNED

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

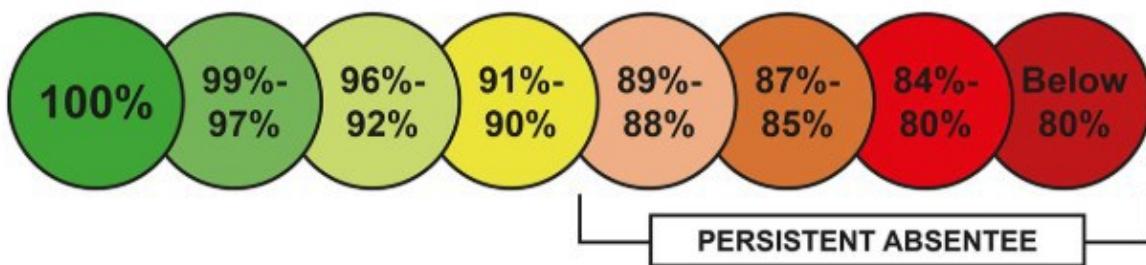
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

A poor attendance gives you less chance of success

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

On Time: First Time, Every Time



# Which CIRCLE are you in?

## 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 5th January
Smeaton	<b>94.36%</b>
 Firestone	<b>94.40%</b>
Mayflower	<b>92.07%</b>
Saltram	<b>93.96%</b>
Mount Batten	<b>94.44%</b>
 Mt Edgcumbe	<b>94.93%</b>
Dockyard	<b>91.53%</b>
Burrator	<b>92.27%</b>
Raleigh	<b>90.88%</b>

This week our whole school attendance is **93.31%**

This week's winners are :



**KS1 - Firestone Class**

**KS2 - Mt Edgcumbe Class**



## P.E. Days

Spring Term 1			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Mount Batten (Y3) <b>Outdoors</b>  Saltram (Y3) <b>Outdoors</b>  Mnt Edgcumbe (Y4) <b>Outdoors</b>			
Dockyard (Y5) <b>Outdoors</b>  Mayflower (Y2) <b>Indoors</b>  Burrator (Y5/6) <b>Outdoors</b>  Firestone (Y1/2) <b>Indoors</b>  Raleigh (Y6) <b>Outdoors</b>	Mnt Edgcumbe (Y4) <b>Indoors</b>  Mayflower (Y2) <b>Outdoors</b>	Dockyard (Y5) <b>Indoors</b>  Firestone (Y1/2) <b>Outdoors</b>  Burrator (Y5/6) <b>Indoors</b>  Raleigh (Y6) <b>Indoors</b>	Mount Batten (Y3) <b>Indoors</b>  Saltram (Y3) <b>Indoors</b>

**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 - bwltsteacher2@discoverymat.co.uk  
Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe - e.campbell@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.

### 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	8	15	22	29	
Friday	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	31	

	MAY				
Monday	4	11	18	25	
Tuesday	5	12	19	26	
Wednesday	6	13	20	27	
Thursday	7	14	21	28	
Friday	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		

# School Terms and Holidays 2026/2027 Academic Year



September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
M			7	14	21	28	Mo			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W		2	9	16	23	30	We			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	
December 2026							January 2027							February 2027						
M			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	
W		2	9	16	23	30	W			6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	
Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th			7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25	
F		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28	
March 2027							April 2027							May 2027						
M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		3	10	17	24	31	W			7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		6	13	20	27	
F		5	12	19	26		F		2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28	
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29	
Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30	
June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
M			7	14	21	28	M			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
W		2	9	16	23	30	W			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		F		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	

Term time	School holiday	Bank holiday	INSET day
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Term dates						
Term 1	03 September	-	23 October	37 days	Term 2	02 November
Term 3	04 January	-	12 February	30 days	Term 4	22 February
Term 5	12 April	-	28 May	34 days	Term 6	07 June
Total						195 days

Bank and public holidays						
Christmas Day		25 December				Easter Monday
Boxing Day		28 December				29 March
New Year's Day		01 January				03 May
Good Friday		26 March				31 May
						30 August