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Friday 7th November 2025

Welcome back everyone, I hope you all have had a good half term break.

Wonderful writing!

This week, all pupils have begun writing in their new English and Maths books. I have been into all classes over the course of the week and I have been so impressed with how pupils are engaging in their lessons. The level of presentation has improved dramatically for many pupils and everyone is doing their very best. Well done everyone!

Anti bullying, Remembrance and Children in Need!

We have a busy week ahead next week. In addition to our weekly curriculum offer and all the learning that goes along with this, we will be launching Anti-bullying week, spending time remembering and honouring those that have given service so we can continue to live freely.

Children In Need

We will also be raising money and awareness for the children's charity Children in Need on Friday. As you know our school councillors have decided on a Pudsey/yellow/spotty themed mufti. However, pupils are also permitted to dress in what makes them feel happy. Please, if you can, donate using the link below or in letter sent out earlier this week.

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=19109>

Disco Fever

A HUGE thank you to our wonderful PTFA, who organised a fab disco this week. All the children (and some of the staff) enjoyed the opportunity to 'throw' some moves on the dance floor. Thank you to all that came and those that helped to make this event such a success.

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

10th - 14th November

Anti-Bullying Week
Rec - Nursery Rhyme Week

Monday 10th December

Odd Socks Day

Friday 15th December

Children in Need Mufti

Tues 25th November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Fri 28th November

NON-PUPIL DAY

Friday 5th December

P.T.F.A. Mufti - Tombola

Tuesday 16th December

EYFS Nativity

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

Fri 13th March

NON-PUPIL DAY

Mon 16th to Fri 20th March

Yr 4 - Nethercott Farm Trip

Odd Socks Day

As part of Anti-Bullying week, children are invited to wear odd socks on **Monday 10th November**. Old Socks Day is a fun and simple way for children to express themselves and celebrate what makes us all unique. All the children need to do is come to school wearing odd socks - the sillier, brighter and more colourful, the better!



Free Parent/Carer Course



Wellbeing Through Crafting

FREE PARENTING COURSE

Sew and Create - Apron Making

Wednesday 5th November
until

Wednesday 3rd December
12.30pm until 3.30pm

5 week course

This beginner-friendly course is designed to guide you through the fundamentals of learning to sew by mastering basic stitches and techniques and using a sewing machine.

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



Children in Need

Spotty Mufti - Friday 14th November

We will be having a spotty mufti to raise money for Children In Need

Children may come to school in yellow, spotty or Pudsey themed mufti

Donations can be made via the link below

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=19109>



(Quick link on our Facebook page)
Thank You

Remembrance Day

Children who attend Rainbows, Brownies, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts are welcome to wear their organisation's uniform to school on Remembrance Day - **Tuesday 11th November** in recognition of their participation.



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>

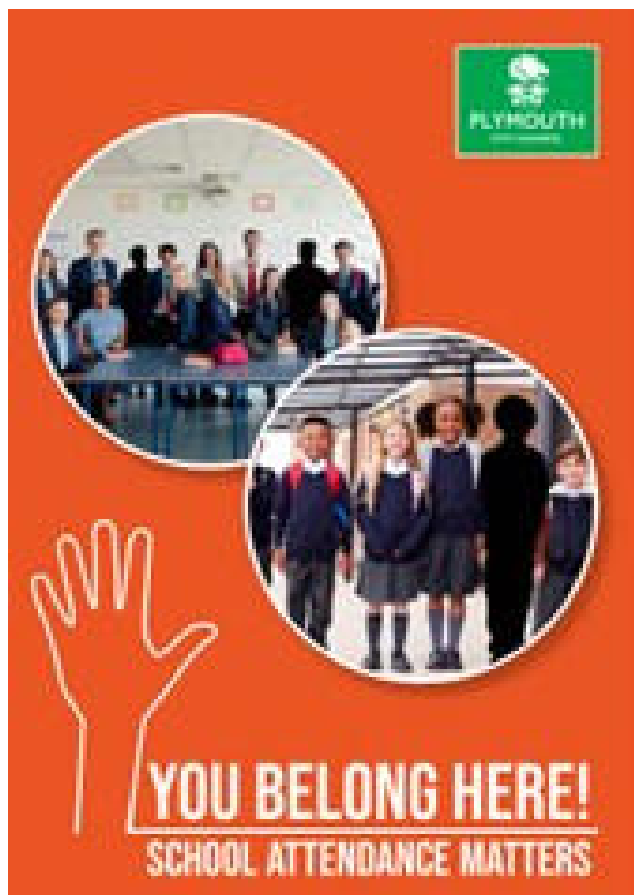
(quick link can also be found on our Facebook page)

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 3rd November
Smeaton	88.43%
Firestone	96.30%
 Mayflower	98.97%
 Saltram	97.89%
Mount Batten	97.27%
Mt Edgcumbe	92.76%
Dockyard	87.50%
Burrator	97.27%
Raleigh	93.00%

This week our whole school attendance is **94.34%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Mayflower Class

KS2 - Saltram Class



2025-2026 Term Dates

TERM DATES 2025/26

DISCOVERY

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
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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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P.E. Days

Autumn Term 2			
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

DISCOVERY



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