



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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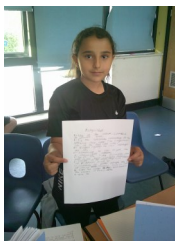
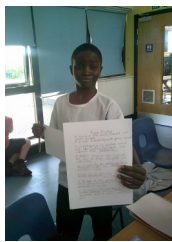
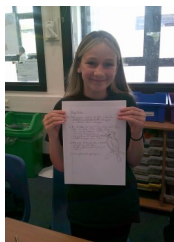
Friday 23rd May 2025

Hello everyone, I can't believe I'm writing to you at the end of another half term, these past five weeks have certainly flown by.

It has been a busy time at Beechwood Primary, with author, adventurer and parliamentary visits, in addition to us celebrating VE Day and our Year 5 pupils attending their residential on a very sunny week in April.

Perfect poetry

This week we have all been focusing on poetry in our English learning sessions and the results have been fantastic. I have been very fortunate to see some of the wonderful poems accompanying art work that has gone alongside, well done everyone.



Please see more photographs on our Facebook page.

Author Visit

We were delighted this week to welcome Bethany Finnimore, author of Tank the Tooth Fairy, for a reading of her children's picture book.

Bethany is a local Plymouth author and primary school teacher. Tank the Tooth Fairy is her debut children's book which has been illustrated by local illustrator Steve Evans. The children loved listening to her read and share her book.



We hope you all have a wonderful half term break, fingers crossed that the sun keeps shining.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team

Diary Dates to Remember

26th May to 30th May
HALF TERM

Monday 2nd June
Nursery Parents Evening

2nd - 6th June
Yr4 Multiplication TT Checks

Tues 3rd June
Yr 1/2 Aquarium Trip

Thurs 5th June
Yr 1/2 Aquarium Trip

Thurs 5th June
Yr 6 - Treat Day

Mon 9th June - 3.30pm
London Parent Meeting

Tues 10th June - 2.15pm
EYFS Sports Day

Tues 10th June
Yr 5 - Bell Boating

9th - 12th June
Rec - Bikeability Balance
Yr 6 - Bikeability

9th - 13th June
Yr1 Phonics Screening Checks

Fri 13th June - 10.00am
Yrs 1 to 6 Sports Day

Thurs 12th June - 2.45pm
Yr 1/2 - Zimmer Assembly

Mon 16th & Tues 17th June
Yr 3 Hoe Visit

Thurs 18th & Fri 19th June
Yr 4/5 - Plymbridge Woods



Wellbeing Through Crafting
FREE PARENTING COURSE
Next Steps Silk Screen Printing
 Wednesday 11th June
 until
 Wednesday 9th July
 12.30pm until 3.30pm
Course Code : WL09E32J
Come along and learn the basics of
silk screen printing

Please contact Sam Roscoe in the school office to book a place on this course -

01752 706360 or beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk



New Starters - Dates to Remember

New Parents Information Evening

Wednesday 11th June - 3.45pm

Home Visits

Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19th June
 Times to be arranged

Transition Morning

Friday 4th July - 10.00am to 11.00am

Meet the Teacher

Friday 11th July - 10.00am to 11.00am



Sports Day

This year, EYFS and Foundation will have their Sports Afternoon on **Tuesday 10th June** at **2.15-3.15pm**.

Sports Day for Years 1-6 will be held on **Friday 13th June** at **10am-Midday**. Like last year, this will be followed by a picnic on the field until 12:50pm. If you have a child in Nursery or Reception, they will be able to join you on the field for lunch.

Further information about Sports Week will be released shortly once the final events have been confirmed.



Rec - Bikeability Balance

Reception will be undertaking their Bikeability Balance training on 9th-12th June 2025.

A letter has been sent home this week with further information.

To ensure your child can participate, please follow the below link to give consent. Bikes will be provided.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/has-rest-field>



Year 6 - Bikeability

Year 6 will be undertaking their Bikeability training from 9th-12th June 2025.

A letter will be coming home this week with further information.

To ensure your child can take part, please follow the below link and complete the consent form. If your child does not have a bike, this can be provided.

<https://consent.bikeability.org.uk/sec-cause-lead>



Parenting Course

Please see below details of a **FREE** four week course we are hoping to hold for our parents/carers after the May half term starting **Thursday 12th June from 1.00pm to 3.00pm**. Please contact the school office if you would be interested in attending - **01752 706360** or **beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk**.

Courses can only be held if we have a certain amount of interest. Thank you.



FREE ENGLISH WORKSHOP SESSIONS FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN AGED 5 TO 11 AND TEACHING ASSISTANTS

**Four two-hour, school-based workshop sessions, led by
Sarah Ridgwell, an experienced Primary School teacher,
you can:**

- Refresh your own English skills
- Explore practical tips and fun activities to support your child's learning in all aspects of English at home
- Gain an insight into the school curriculum, teaching methods and current terminology used within the classroom
- Gain a clear understanding of how children progress in English and learn strategies to support them to build confidence
- Relate English learning to everyday life and real-world uses
- Opportunity to seek further English training / qualifications.

For more information:

Schools - email sarah.ridgwell@ocsw.co.uk

Parents/Carers - Contact your child's school

Other adult courses - Call OCSW 01752 660713



Funded by
UK Government

For
ages 4
to 11

Derriford Church



Kids Club



£1
per family

Come along on:

**Friday 2nd May
Friday 6th June**

3.45 - 5:30pm

**@ Derriford Church
Powisland Drive
Plymouth, PL6 6AB**

- Arts & Craft
- Games
- Bible Stories
- Food



**Join us for even more
fun at our
Easter Craft
Service on
Sunday 13th April at
10.30am**

**Family members are
welcome to join us!
Refreshments provided**



FREE FAMILY WORKSHOPS!

MAY HALF TERM



- Chemistry
- Poetry
- Bug Hunt
- Creative Writing
- Drama Games
- Tile Painting
- Book Animals'
- Maths Treasure Hunt



To book, please contact
info@oncoursesouthwest.co.uk or call 01752 660713.



WELLBEING FAMILY FUN DAY

**THURSDAY 29TH MAY
11-3**

HAMOAZE HOUSE

**FAMILY ENTRY BY
DONATION**

COME & BE WITH OTHERS AND HAVE FUN

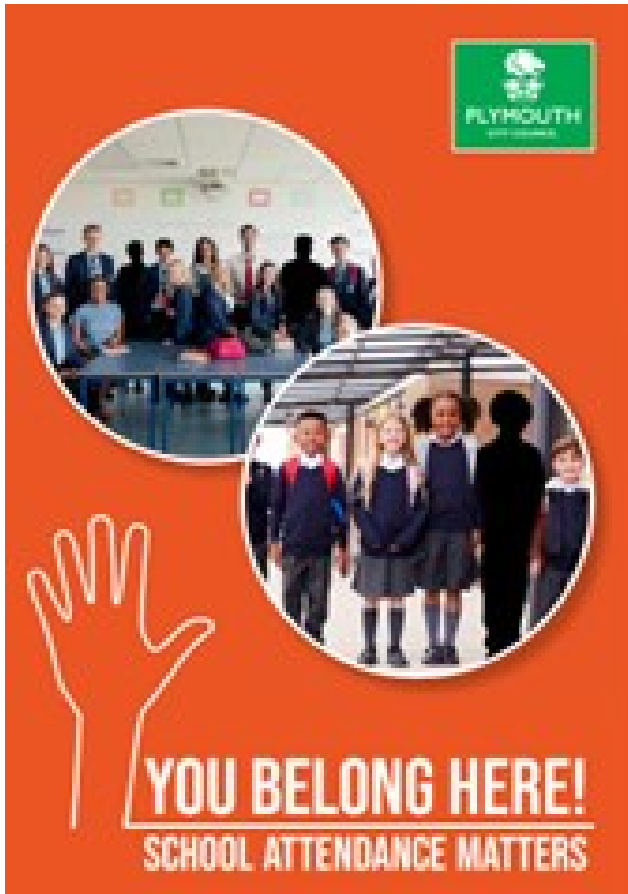
**YOGA, STORY TELLING, MINDFUL ART,
BOUNCY CASTLE, GARDENING, BADGE
MAKING, FOOTBALL, CRICKET, MUSIC,**

CAMHS WELLBEING TEAM, SAMARITANS

**CAKE STALL, TOMBOLA, RAFFLE,
COFFEE BOX,**

DR BIKE REPAIRS WITH BIKE SPACE





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 19th May
Mozart	91.36%
Price	91.15%
Vivaldi	94.23%
 Zimmer	100% 
Lloyd-Webber	92.59%
Holst	92.59%
Bernstein	91.15%
 Dun	93.79%
Elgar	92.80%
Tchaikovsky	90.40%

This week our whole school attendance is **93.26%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 Zimmer Class - 100%

KS2 - Dun Class - 93.79%



2024-2025 Term Dates

TERM DATES 2024/25



Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
Sub-total	200
School holidays	52
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	105
Total	365

Term	Start	End	Days
1	03-Sep-24	25-Oct-24	39
2	04-Nov-24	20-Dec-24	35
3	06-Jan-25	14-Feb-25	30
4	24-Feb-25	04-Apr-25	30
5	22-Apr-25	23-May-25	23
6	02-Jun-25	23-Jul-25	38
Total			195

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

	OCTOBER				
		7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	NOVEMBER				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

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

	JANUARY				
Monday		6	13	20	27
Tuesday		7	14	21	28
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

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

	MARCH				
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	APRIL				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		

	MAY				
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

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

	JULY				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	AUGUST				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

P.E. Days - Summer Term 1

Summer Term 1				
Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
Wednesday Martial Arts 	Tuesday Athletics 	Wednesday Rounders 	Tuesday- Dun Class Wednesday- Holst and Bernstein Rounders 	Monday Rounders
	Monday Zimmer and Vivaldi- Dance Wednesday Price- Martial Arts 	Thursday Athletics 	Thursday- Bernstein and Holst Wednesday- Dun Class Athletics 	Thursday Athletics

Assembly Dates

Thursday 12th June - 2.45pm

Thursday 3rd July - 2.45pm

Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class Assembly

Year R - Mozart Class Assembly



Email Addresses to Remember

Year 6 - Elgar Class - k.giles@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 6 - Tchaikovsky Class - d.poole@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Bernstein Class – c.pumphrey@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Dun Class – k.matthews@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 4/5 - Holst Class – s.pindard@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 3 - Lloyd-Webber Class – i.watson@discoverymat.co.uk or k.rust@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Price Class – c.townsend@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Vivaldi Class – c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk

Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class – k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk

Rec - Mozart Class – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or l.gruszka@discoverymat.co.uk

Nursery - Brahms Class – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@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	Mr C Randall Assistant Head of School	Mrs Natasha Jackson INCO	Mr P Arnold Senior Head of School	Mrs S Rama-Dominguez Assistant Head of School	Mrs Teresa Pinhey
First Contact to signpost parents	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	SEND Support	Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Community Support
Foodbank	Safeguarding	SEND and behaviour-support for parents	Family Support	Safeguarding	School Life
Courses for Parents / Carers	Behaviour	School Nurse Referrals		Education and Curriculum	Parents Question & Answer
PTFA Contact	Family Crisis	DLA Applications		Family Support	Local Issues
	Service Families	GP letters			Coffee Mornings

You can contact us by emailing beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.