



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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Friday 19th September 2025

Hello everyone, I hope you've had a good week.

What a fantastic start to the term we have had at Beechwood Primary. It has been wonderful to see so many smiling faces coming to school each day and showing an excellent attitude to their learning. Over the last week, I have been visited by so many children who have come to celebrate their learning with myself, Mrs Clark and Mrs Rama Dominguez, we've had to order more Headteacher award stickers!

Amazing attendance

Following on from my our previous newsletter, we wanted to thank everyone for their efforts in getting their children to school every day. Please keep up this momentum and ensure your child comes to school on time, every single day as this does have a have a massive impact on their progress and attainment. As previously shared, if your child attends every day, they will be awarded with a special sweet treat each Friday.

Lovely lunch!

The kitchen staff and meal time assistants have asked me to ask that we try and ensure that children have as healthy and balanced packed lunch as possible please . Just a reminder that school dinners are available, please ask in reception for a menu if you'd like one.

Have a great weekend everyone,

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Thurs 25th September

PTFA Macmillan Coffee Morn

Thurs 25th September

Yr 3 Kents Cavern Trip

Tues 21st October

Yr 4 - Mnt Batten Trip

Thurs 23rd October

P.T.F.A. Autumn Disco

27th - 31st October

HALF TERM

Mon 3rd November

Individual Photographs

Tues 25th November

Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Fri 28th November

NON-PUPIL DAY

Friday 5th December

P.T.F.A. Mufti - Tombola

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

FREE Family Courses



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

Four two-hour school-based workshop sessions, led by Noel Mitchell, an experienced Primary School teacher, you can:

- Brush up on your own maths skills
- Learn current maths language and terminology
- Explore using maths 'tools' to support a range of maths problems and calculation methods
- Make links to maths and real-life applications
- Gain confidence to be able to support your child at home with their maths
- Opportunity to seek further maths training / qualifications.

For more information:

Schools - email noel.mitchell@plymouth.gov.uk

Parents/Carers - Contact your child's school

Other adult courses - Call OCSW 01752 660713



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School Councillors

Meet Our New School Councillors!

We are delighted to introduce our newly elected School Councillors for this year. They will be the voice of their classmates, sharing ideas and helping to make our school an even better place to learn and grow.

Well done to everyone who put themselves forward – we are so proud of you all!



Wellbeing Through Crafting

FREE PARENTING COURSE

Learn How to Crochet

Wednesday 24th September 2025

until

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

12.30pm until 3.30pm

6 week course

This beginner-friendly course is designed to guide you through the fundamentals of crochet by mastering basic stitches and techniques.

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



Please contact Ms Roscoe in the school office if you are interested in registering for one of these courses - 01752 706360 or beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk

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>

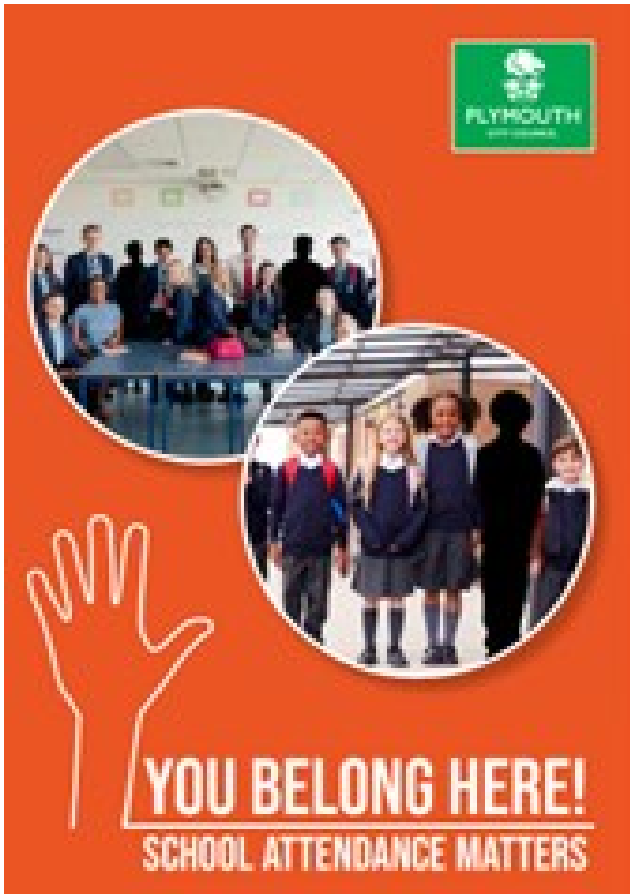
(quick link can also be found on our Facebook page)

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 15th September
	Smeaton	99.25%
	Firestone	92.31%
	Mayflower	94.67%
	Saltram	99.00%
	Mount Batten	92.73%
	Mt Edgcumbe	93.10%
	Dockyard	92.80%
	Burrator	94.55%
	Raleigh	88.67%

This week our whole school attendance is **94.09%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Smeaton Class

KS2 - Saltram 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
<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 – bwlts teacher2@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe – bwlts teacher1@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 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

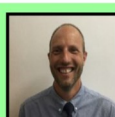
SEND Support

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