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Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week began with a visit from the Plymouth Road Safety Team, who joined us for our assembly on Monday. The children listened carefully and took part enthusiastically as they learned important messages about how to stay safe on and near roads. It was a valuable opportunity to reinforce these essential life skills.

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing the children's learning across the school this week. In particular, it has been wonderful to see the effort they are putting into their handwriting and presentation. The pride they are taking in their work is really evident and it is lovely to see such positive attitudes to learning.

A reminder to parents and carers that school meals will need to be ordered via ParentPay from Monday. Please contact the school office if you need support with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

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

Tuesday 10th Feb

Pupil Progress Meetings (not Raleigh Class)

Wednesday 11th Feb

Pupil Progress Meetings (not Dockyard Class)

Thursday 12th Feb

Pupil Progress Meetings (Raleigh/Devonport)

16th Feb to 20th Feb

HALF TERM

Thursday 5th March

World Book Day - Details to follow

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



Beechwood Primary Academy

Pupil Progress Meetings

Tuesday 10th February (not Raleigh Class)

Wednesday 11th February (not Dockyard Class)

Thursday 12th February (Dockyard / Raleigh)

Please book your slot via E-schools

Please contact the school office after 10.00am if assistance needed.



ParentPay Lunch Choice Selection

The new lunch booking system goes live this weekend.

Please sign onto your child's Parentpay account over the weekend where you can book your child's lunch for the next term.

Menus have now been uploaded

Please ensure you have sufficient funds to be able to order and pay for your child's meal, if your child is not in receipt of UFSM or FSM

If you have any questions, please contact the school office.

- Login to www.parentpay.com.
- Select **Book meals and places** for the child you wish to make the booking for.
- Choose **Lunchtime** and, if available, the **week** you wish to make a booking for, then click **Make or view bookings**.
- You will be presented with a booking screen where you can select the date and meal choices for your child.
- If available, you can view allergen, dietary, or nutritional information by tapping the arrow.
- Some menus may require you to select a dessert option.
- Once you have made your selections, click **Confirm**.
- If payment is required, it must be completed within two hours of confirming the bookings. **All monies must be paid in advance to secure your child's meal.**
- If you receive Free School Meals or have credit available, no further action is needed.





ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

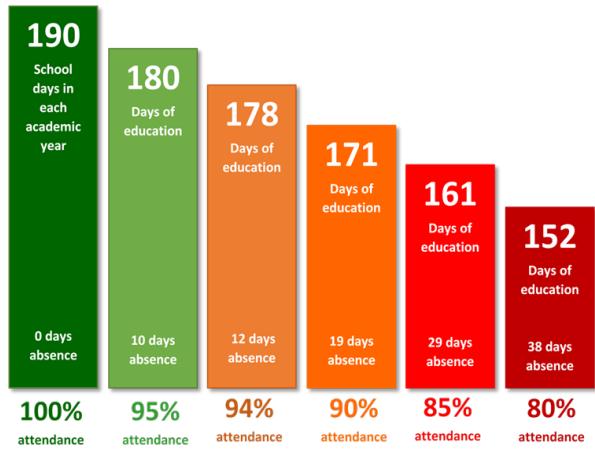
Did you know?

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

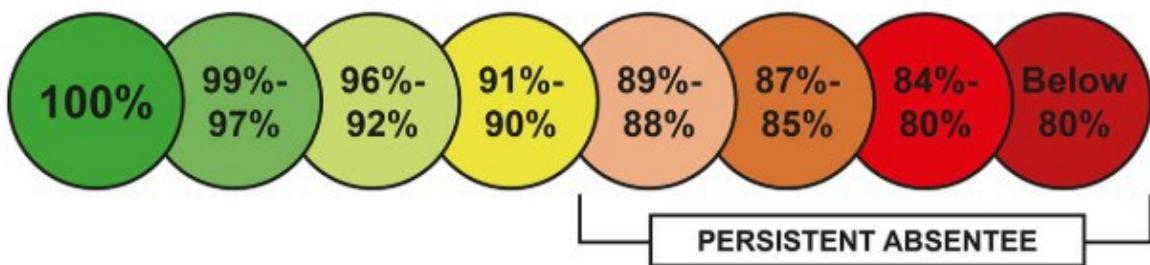
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

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 9.05am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could also result in a fine.

Class	w/c 19th January
 Smeaton	96.64%
Firestone	89.72%
Mayflower	91.72%
 Saltram	96.84%
Mount Batten	94.55%
Mt Edgcumbe	93.21%
Dockyard	88.80%
Burrator	84.09%
Raleigh	90.33%

This week our whole school attendance is **91.91%**

This week's winners are :



KS1 - Smeaton Class



KS2 - Saltram Class

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		