



**Wellbeing at Work**  
Bronze Award

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## Friday 11th July 2025

Dear Parents and carers,

As you may know, we have a number of staff leaving us this year to move onto new challenges and adventures in various parts of Plymouth, Devon and beyond from September 2025.

### **Good bye and Good luck!**

Miss Pindard has secured a position at a school in Devon, Miss Watson is also heading to Devon for her next teaching post and Miss Matthews is heading further afield to be nearer her partner and his family in and around Newcastle. Miss Townsend is off on a travelling adventure across Europe and beyond, all very exciting.

Thank you to you all for the care, commitment and guidance you have given our pupils at Beechwood Primary over the years. Goodbye and good luck to you all as you embark on new chapters in your lives.

Mrs Rust, you'll be pleased to know, is not leaving the Trust, but she is making the change from Beechwood to Oakwood next year. Thank you for all you've done for our Beechwood community Mrs Rust, but I know that as Beechwood and Oakwood work so closely together we'll still be seeing plenty of you here at Beechwood next year and no doubt beyond.

Mr Kombostiotis will be joining us from Weston Mill in September. He spent time with his new class on Thursday this week and I know he is looking forward to joining the Beechwood team, welcome aboard!

### **Class Swaps**

This week your children have spend time with their new teachers in their new classrooms. This went smoothly and pupils and staff had an opportunity to get to know one another and begin to form those ever important relationships.

### **Statutory Data**

This week we were able to obtain our Year 6 SATS data. We are currently checking through these and ensuring that every possible mark has been given. We will have completed this task very soon, and our year 6 pupils will have their SATS results by the end of next week, thank you for your patience.

Have a lovely day weekend everyone,

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team

## **Diary Dates to Remember**

**14th, 15th & 16th July**  
**Yr 3 Swimming Taster**

**Thurs 17th July**  
**Yr 3 Plymouth Hoe Visit**

**Wed 16th July - 1.30pm**  
**Yr 6 Leavers Performance Ass**

**Fri 18th July - 9.30 - 10.00**  
**Rock Steady Concert**

**Monday 21st July**  
**P.T.F.A. - Year 6 Prom / Disco**

**Wed 23rd July**  
**SUMMER BREAK**

**3rd / 4th / 5th September**  
**NON-PUPIL DAYS**

**Monday 8th SEPTEMBER**  
**Children return to school**

**27th - 31st October**  
**HALF TERM**

**Fri 28th November**  
**NON-PUPIL DAY**

**22nd Dec to 2nd January**  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK**



## School Games Gold Mark

We are really excited to have achieved our School Games Gold mark for our third consecutive year. This award recognises the hard work we have put in to provide a broad and inclusive curriculum and extra-curricular activities. Well done to all involved!



### Year 6 - Mount Edgecumbe

Year 6 have had a fantastic day at Mount Edgecumbe on Tuesday, taking part in so many fun and exciting team, sport and art activities next to the beautiful scenery!







# Schools Out For Summer

Let's Kick Off Summer With Some Super Scrumptious Food!

Date **Tues 22 July**

**Beef burger in a roll with  
potatoes wedges or  
Macaroni cheese**

**Iced cake with sprinkles**  
(For allergy info, please speak to the kitchen or school)

**Plus the usual jacket  
potato, pasta and wraps.**



## Fit and Fed - Summer Hols

The programme supports children who receive benefits-related free school meals, and there's lots on offer this year:

A huge range of holiday clubs with activities ranging from football and dance to circus skills and photography.

SEND holiday clubs for children with more complex needs.

Teen Taster sessions for 12 to 16 year olds, with activities like go karting and adventure golf.

Free activity sessions at Plymouth Active Leisure.

Family activities for children to enjoy with their parents or carers, such as tennis and bike rides.

All of this and the popular Fit and Fed on tour events will return to Plymouth parks for everyone to enjoy during August!

Find out more <https://ow.ly/fxTk50Wfnhs>

## 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](http://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](http://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.

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ACTIVITY CAMPS**

10AM - 3PM  
5 - 14 YEARS

**WIDEWELL PRIMARY**  
21<sup>ST</sup> - 24<sup>TH</sup> JULY &  
28<sup>TH</sup> - 31<sup>ST</sup> JULY

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DELICIOUS LUNCHES  
AND SNACKS

FUN SPORTS LIKE  
FOOTBALL,  
DODGEBALL, AND MORE!

SUMMER CRAFTS

BOOK ONLINE AT <https://tinyurl.com/35jwszsr>  
OR SCAN THE QR CODE. \*\* NO COST FOR THOSE ON BENEFIT  
RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS.

Children in receipt of Free School Meals

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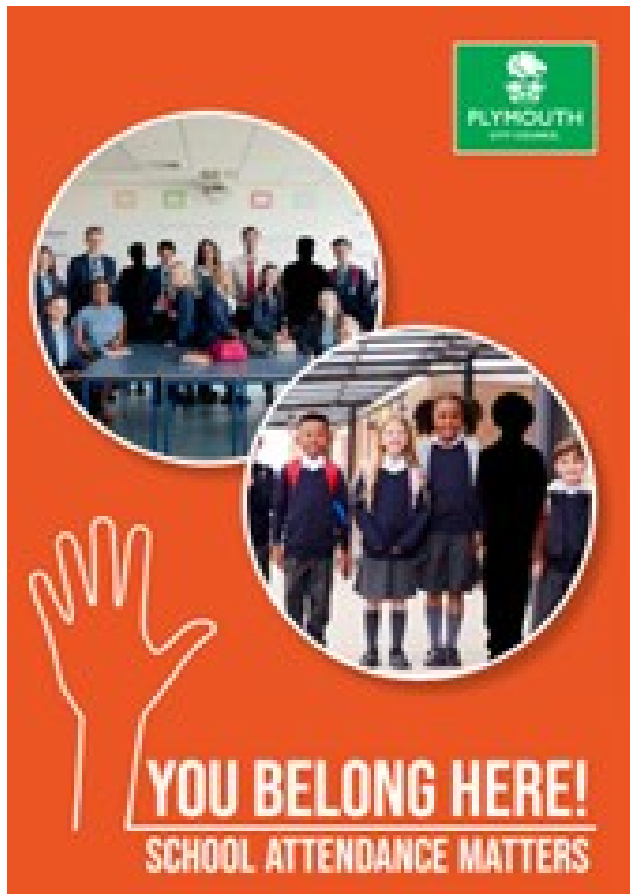
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Paying Parents/Carers



# Attendance Matters

...every school day counts!



## 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 7th July
 Mozart	96.82%
Price	89.62%
Vivaldi	96.54%
Zimmer	96.80%
Lloyd-Webber	92.86%
Holst	97.41%
 Bernstein	99.23%
Dun	92.41%
Elgar	90.0%
Tchaikovsky	94.4%

This week our whole school attendance is **94.76%**

This week's winners are :

**KS1 - Mozart Class**

**KS2 - Bernstein Class**





## 2024-2025 Term Dates

### TERM DATES 2024/25



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

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
<b>Total</b>			<b>195</b>

	SEPTEMBER				
Monday	2	9	16	23	30
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	
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## 2025-2026 Term Dates

### TERM DATES 2025/26



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BWD and OAK INSET Days	2
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
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School holidays	53
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	104
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## 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** – l.gruszka@discoverymat.co.uk

**Nursery - Brahms 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	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](mailto:beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk) and we will direct your enquiry accordingly.