



**Wellbeing at Work**  
Bronze Award

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## Friday 12th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all our parents and carers who supported the children during our visit to the church for our annual Christmas service. Your help with walking the children to and from the church, especially at such a busy time of year, is genuinely appreciated. Without your support, this event simply wouldn't be able to take place and we are very grateful.

We are pleased to share that we have some exciting recruitment underway as we continue to strengthen and grow our team. We are currently recruiting for cleaners, pastoral support staff and class teachers to join us in the new year. We look forward to welcoming new colleagues who will help us continue to provide the very best for our pupils.

We are now looking forward to a wonderful final week of term, filled with festive activities including Christmas lunch, Christmas Jumper Day and our Winter Fayre.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rama-Dominguez and the Beechwood Team.

## **Diary Dates to Remember**

**Tuesday 16th December**  
**EYFS Nativity - 2.30pm**

**Wed 17th December**  
**Christmas Jumper Day**  
**Christmas Lunch**  
**P.T.F.A. Winter Fayre - 3.30pm**

**Thursday 18th December**  
**Trust Christmas Concert 2pm**  
**Class Parties - Rec & Nursery**

**Fri 19th December - 9.30am**  
**Rock Steady Concert**  
**Class Parties - Yr 1 to Yr 6**

**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**

**Thursday 23rd March**  
**P.T.F.A. Spring Disco**

**Fri 27th March - 9.30am**  
**Rock Steady Concert**

**Tues 31st March**  
**Class Photographs**

**3rd April to 17th April**  
**EASTER BREAK**

**Mon 27th to Wed 29th April**  
**Yr 5 - Barton Hall Trip**

# Wriggly Nativity

Tuesday 16th December at 2.30pm

The EYFS Team invite the parents and carers of children in Smeaton Class and Wembury Nursery to watch the Christmas performance of Wriggly Nativity.

Please come into school through the dining hall entrance.  
We look forward to seeing you.



## Christmas Fayre

- Tombola
- Tea / Coffee / Squash
- Stalls
- Hot Chocolate
- Raffle @ 4.15pm
- & More!

Beechwood Primary - Dining hall entrance  
We look forward to seeing you - All welcome!

Wednesday  
17th  
December  
3.30pm - 5.00pm



# Christmas Event Here!

Friday  
5

**Christmas Mufti -  
Tombola Donations  
(Sweets and bottles)**

Tuesday  
16

**EYFS Nativity for Parents  
2:30pm**

Wednesday  
17

**Christmas Jumper Day  
Christmas Lunch, Santa  
Visit and Winter Fayre  
(3.30-5pm)**

Thursday  
18

**Trust Christmas Concert  
at Oakwood 2pm  
Class Parties  
Reception and Nursery**

Friday  
19

**Class Parties  
Years 1-6**



Roast turkey or Quorn fillet  
roast potatoes,  
trimmings and gravy

Christmas custard biscuits,  
rudolf muffins, Krispmas pudding  
(for allergy info, please speak to the kitchen or school)

ON

**Wed 17th Dec**

**Only main meal and vegetarian option on  
this day. There will be no jackets, pasta  
or paninis available.**

## Class Christmas Parties

No food donations required for class parties.

## Christmas Jumper Day

On **Wednesday 17th December** children may come to school dressed in their Christmas jumpers along with their normal school uniform. Link below if you would like to donate.

[Donate to Charity Online](#) | [Save the Children UK](#)







**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

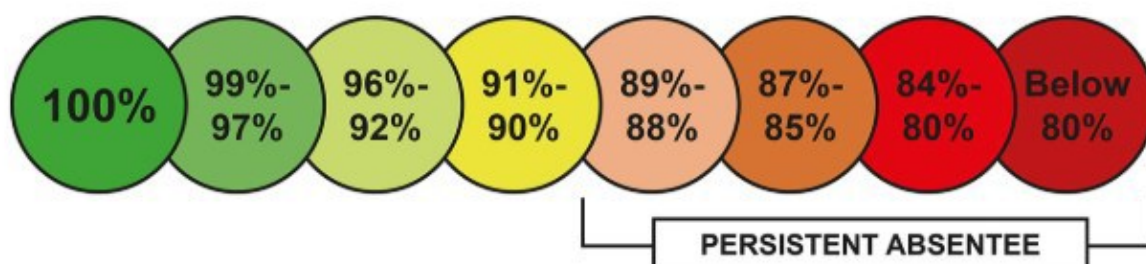


There are  
**365 days**  
in a calendar  
year

**175 days**  
are not  
spent in  
school

# 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 8.55am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could also result in a fine.

	Class	w/c 8th December
	Smeaton	92.91%
	Firestone	92.22%
	Mayflower	90.00%
	Saltram	91.11%
	Mount Batten	97.73%
	Mt Edgcumbe	88.57%
	Dockyard	87.50%
	Burrator	91.82%
	Raleigh	90.00%

This week our whole school attendance is **91.40%**

This week's winners are :

**KS1 - Smeaton Class**

**KS2 - Mount Batten 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
<b>Sub-total</b>	<b>200</b>
School holidays	53
Bank holidays	8
Saturdays and Sundays	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>365</b>

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

	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 2			
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Firestone (Y1/2) <b>Indoors</b>	Saltram (Y3) <b>Indoors</b>	Firestone (Y1/2) <b>Outdoors</b>	Saltram (Y3) <b>Outdoors</b>
Burrator (Y5/6) <b>Outdoors</b>	Mt Edgcumbe (Y4) <b>Outdoors</b>	Burrator (Y5/6) <b>Indoors</b>	Mt Edgcumbe (Y4) <b>Indoors</b>
Mayflower (Y2) <b>Indoors</b>	Mount Batten (Y3) <b>Indoors</b>	Mayflower (Y2) <b>Outdoors</b>	Mount Batten (Y3) <b>Outdoors</b>
Raleigh (Y6) <b>Outdoors</b>	Dockyard (Y5) <b>Outdoors</b>	Raleigh (Y6) <b>Indoors</b>	Dockyard (Y5) <b>Indoors</b>
<p><b>Children may come to school dressed in their P.E. kits if they have P.E. that day.</b></p> <p><b>PE uniform at Beechwood Primary is:</b>  <b>White T shirt – polo or otherwise / Black shorts or jogging bottoms / Trainers</b>  <b>A school jumper can be worn over your PE top if you wish.</b></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** – 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.



### 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