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Thursday 29th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's assembly focused on inclusion and kindness, encouraging children to reflect on how we treat one another and how everyone belongs in our school community. The children engaged thoughtfully and shared some lovely examples of how they show kindness every day. We encourage parents and carers to continue these conversations at home and talk with children about inclusion and kindness in everyday life.

We also celebrated our Year 1 and 2 trip to the synagogue, which was a fantastic experience. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and asked insightful questions, helping to bring their learning to life.

Congratulations to Mount Batten Class for achieving 100% attendance again - two weeks out of four! Well done to all the children for their commitment to coming to school every day.

Thank you to parents and carers who have ordered meals via ParentsPay. Ordering meals at home helps save valuable learning time in school and supports smooth daily routines for pupils and staff.

Finally, a reminder that tomorrow is a staff training day, and school will be closed to pupils. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

We wish all our families a restful day tomorrow and a lovely weekend.

Mrs Rama-Dominguez and the Beechwood Team

Diary Dates to Remember

Fri 30th January
NON-PUPIL DAY

Tuesday 10th Feb
Pupil Progress Parent Meetings (not Raleigh Class)

Wednesday 11th Feb
Pupil Progress Parent Meetings (not Dockyard Class)

Thursday 12th Feb
Pupil Progress Parent Meetings (Raleigh/Dockyard)

16th Feb to 20th Feb
HALF TERM

Wednesday 4th March
Yr 3 Trip to Porsham Farm

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

Tuesday 24th March
Year 3 Trip to Aldi

Thursday 26th March
P.T.F.A. Spring Disco

Fri 27th March - 9.30am
Rock Steady Concert



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.





FREE Family Learning Workshops



- Where the Wild Things Are Workshop
- True Story of the 3 Little Pigs Workshop
- Stop Motion Animation Workshop (2 sessions)
- World Book Day: Masks
- World Book Day: Elmer & The Hungry Caterpillar

***Parents/carers can bring up to two children per adult, and children must be a minimum of 6 years old and a maximum of 18 years old.**

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Message from Louise Denford, our SENCo

Since the start of term, I have been working closely with pupils across the school to get to know them and better understand their individual needs. As SENCo, I work in partnership with families and staff to ensure appropriate support is in place and that all children are able to access learning and feel supported in school.

Effective communication with parents and carers is central to this work. If you have any concerns or would like to discuss your child's needs, please contact me via the school office. I look forward to working collaboratively with families throughout the year.



WE DO MULTISPORTS
HALF TERM
HOLIDAY CLUB

Ages 5-12 | **10am - 3pm** | **£12.50 Per Day**

St Matthews Primary
 Tuesday 17th February
 Thursday 19th February

Hooe Primary School
 Tuesday 17th February
 Thursday 19th February

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HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CLUBS

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Venues & Dates

- Stoke Damerel Community College**
 Monday 16th - Friday 20th February
- Tor Bridge**
 Tuesday 17th & Thursday 19th February
- St Matthews Primary**
 Wednesday 18th February
- Hooe Primary**
 Wednesday 18th February
- Plymstock School**
 Friday 20th February

Who Can Attend? Ages 5-15 years

- Times** 10:00am - 3:00pm
- Cost** Just £12.50 per child, per day
- What to Bring** Packed lunch & drink, Trainers & moulded football studs

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ATTEND TODAY
ACHIEVE TOMORROW



ATTENDANCE WORKS

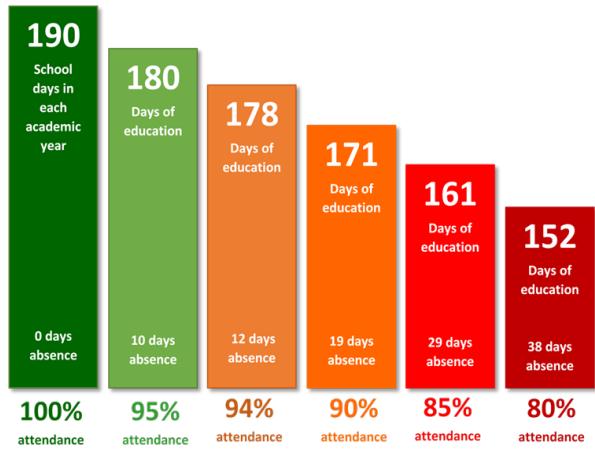
Did you know?

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

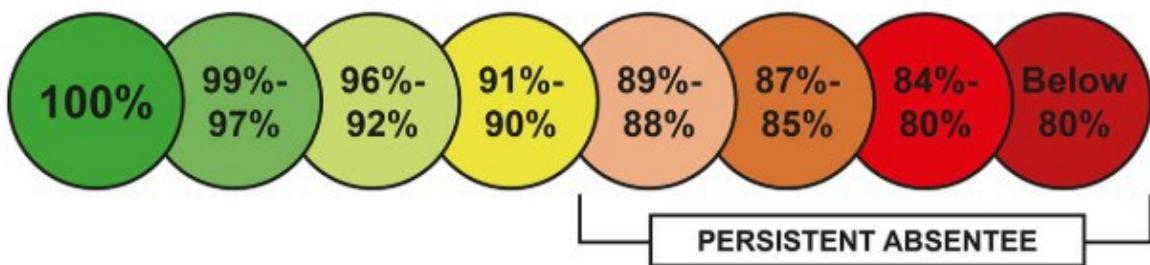
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

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 26th January
Smeaton	93.06%
Firestone	95.26%
 Mayflower	95.26%
Saltram	93.75%
 Mount Batten	100% 
Mt Edgcumbe	91.96%
Dockyard	90.0%
Burrator	95.45%
Raleigh	93.33%

This week our whole school attendance is **94.35%**

This week's winners are :



KS1 - Firestone and Mayflower Class

KS2 - Mount Batten 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		