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## Friday 6th February 2026

This week in our assembly we focused on British Values. We explored democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. Pupils reflected on how these values are lived out in school and how they help us to be respectful, responsible members of our community.

As part of their RE learning, Year 3 also took part in a separate session with a Muslim speaker. This supported their understanding of the Muslim religion and key festivals, giving pupils the opportunity to learn from first-hand experiences and deepen their appreciation of different cultures and beliefs.

Thank you to all parents and carers who have already updated their contact information – this is very much appreciated. If you have not yet returned your form, please could you do so as soon as possible.

We would like to say a huge thank you to parents and carers for the effort you make every day to get children into school. Being in school every day has a significant impact on children's progress and we thank you for your continued support. Congratulations to Saltram Class who have achieved 100% attendance this week.



A reminder that Parents' Evening is coming up next week. It is very important to attend so you can discuss your child's progress and next steps with their teacher.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Mrs Rama-Dominguez and the Beechwood Team

## Diary Dates to Remember

Tue 10th / Wed 11th / Thur 12th  
**Pupil Progress Parent Meetings**

16th Feb to 20th Feb  
**HALF TERM**

Wednesday 4th March  
**Yr 3 Trip to Porsham Farm**

Thursday 5th March  
**World Book Day**

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**

Tues 31st March  
**Class Photographs**

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

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

Mon 4th May  
**BANK HOLIDAY**

## Fabric Flower Making at Beechwood Primary Academy

New FREE Course open to all parents/carers & grandparents of Beechwood and Oakwood Primary Academies

Learn how to make beautiful flowers in felt fabrics with easy & fun techniques.

Make new friends.

Free Tea, Coffee, and biscuits

Course is led by Lu Firth from On Course Southwest.

Where : Beechwood Primary School

When : every Wednesday at 12.30pm to 3.30pm

If you would like any further information please contact

Beechwood Primary School on 01752 706360



## Beechwood Primary Academy



# WORLD BOOKDAY

Thursday 5th March

To help celebrate World Book Day, children may come to school dressed in their PYJAMAS (no donation required) and also bring in their favourite bedtime book.



### 'Booked Potato' Competition

Please bring in your potato decorated as a book character by Wednesday 4th March



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## 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.



**WICKETZ**

**Free Cricket Sessions**

**Sir John Hunt Community Sports College, Plymouth PL5 4AA**

**Wednesdays 4:30-5:30pm**

**OPEN TO EVERYONE AGES 8-16 OF ALL ABILITIES**

**COME ALONG TO YOUR LOCAL WICKETZ HUB FOR FUN CRICKET GAMES, ACTIVITIES AND COACHING!**



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## Family Friendly at Plymouth Arts Cinema Little Amelie (PG)



**Wednesday 18th February, 11am  
Saturday 21st February, 11am**

**Join us for a FREE drop-in colouring workshop from 10am.**

Relaxed, accessible, neurodiverse and baby friendly  
Cinema snacks and hot and cold drinks at the bar  
Award-winning local independent cinema!  
[plymouthartscinema.org/whats-on/little-amelie Pg/](http://plymouthartscinema.org/whats-on/little-amelie Pg/)



**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

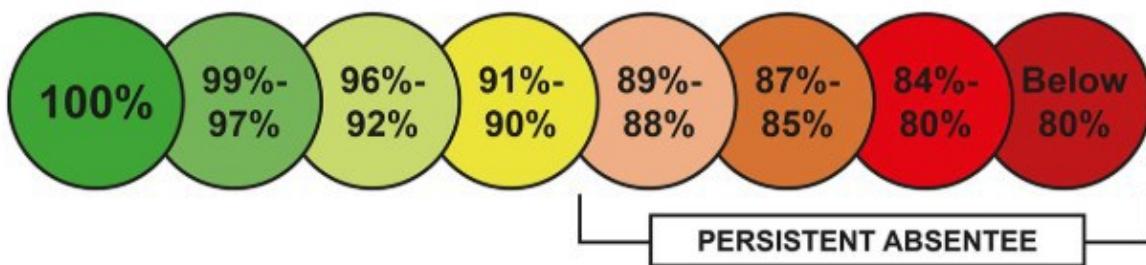
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

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	<b>92.54%</b>
 Firestone	<b>98.62%</b>
 Mayflower	<b>95.52%</b>
Saltram	<b>100%</b> 
Mount Batten	<b>91.36%</b>
Mt Edgcumbe	<b>88.21%</b>
Dockyard	<b>89.17%</b>
Burrator	<b>88.18%</b>
Raleigh	<b>91.33%</b>

This week our whole school attendance is **92.88%**

This week's winners are :



**KS1 - Firestone 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		