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## Friday 6th September 2024

### Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone, it's been a fantastic couple of days, and I've really enjoyed catching up with everyone following the summer break.

An especially warm welcome is extended to our new pupils throughout the school and of course in our Nursery and new Reception class. The youngest members of our Beechwood school family have settled in beautifully and we are looking forward to spending time with them this year and as they continue their journey through Beechwood Primary.

Although it's only been 2 days, children across the school have settled well into their new classes and got to know the adults that they will be learning with and their classmates.



As always, alongside Mr Randall and Mrs Rama-Dominguez, I aim to be available either at the beginning or end of the school day in the school grounds, where hopefully we can answer any questions or queries you may have. Feel free to pop into reception if you'd like to see me or a member of the Leadership Team.

I hope you have a good weekend and all at Beechwood look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team

## Diary Dates to Remember

Wed 11th September - 3.30pm  
**Parents Welcome Meeting**

Fri 13th September  
**Roald Dahl Day**

Thurs 10th September  
**Nasal Flu Vaccination**

Wed 23rd October  
**Individual Photographs**

28th October to 1st November  
**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**

Monday 2nd December  
**NON PUPIL DAY**

23rd Dec to 3rd January  
**CHRISTMAS BREAK**

17th Feb to 21st Feb  
**HALF TERM**

7th April to 21st April  
**EASTER BREAK**

Monday 5th May  
**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

26th May to 30th May  
**HALF TERM**

Monday 30th June  
**MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY**

Wed 23rd July  
**SUMMER BREAK**

## Term Dates 2024-2025

TERM DATES 2024/25



Teaching days (statutory)	190
Professional development days	5
Occasional days	5
<b>Sub-total</b>	200
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	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	
Friday	6	13	20	27	

	OCTOBER				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	NOVEMBER				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	

	DECEMBER				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	JANUARY				
Monday	6	13	20	27	
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	
Wednesday	1	8	15	22	29
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30
Friday	3	10	17	24	31

	FEBRUARY				
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	MARCH				
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		
7	14	21	28		

	APRIL				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		

	MAY				
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

	JUNE				
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24		
4	11	18	25		
5	12	19	26		
6	13	20	27		

	JULY				
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	
2	9	16	23	30	
3	10	17	24	31	
4	11	18	25		

	AUGUST				
	4	11	18	25	
	5	12	19	26	
	6	13	20	27	
	7	14	21	28	
1	8	15	22	29	










## P.E. Days

Please see below the PE timetable for the Autumn Term. PE lessons will commence the week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> September. Children can come to school wearing their P.E. kit on these days.

PE uniform at Beechwood Primary is:

- White T shirt – polo or otherwise
- Black shorts/jogging bottoms
- Trainers

*A school jumper can be worn over your PE top if you wish.*

Autumn Term 1				
Reception	Year 1 and 2	Year 3	Year 4 and 5	Year 6
<b>Monday</b> Gymnastics 	<b>Tuesday</b> Gymnastics 	<b>Monday</b> Gymnastics 	<b>Tuesday</b> Cricket 	<b>Tuesday</b> Cricket 
	<b>Wednesday</b> Fundamentals (basic skills) 	<b>Tuesday</b> Cricket 	<b>Thursday</b> Gymnastics 	<b>Wednesday</b> Martial Arts 

## Secondary Admission Information

Is your child starting secondary school next September?  
Please see below admission information

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IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN  
SEPTEMBER 2025?

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 2013 and 31 August 2014**, 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 **Tuesday 3 September 2024** 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 3 March 2025**.

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 2024**.

### 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 girl's grammar school, you must register to take the 11+ examination through the school's website. The closing date for registering is 31 August 2024 at 12 noon. Please refer to the individual school's website.
- For the boy's grammar school please refer to the school's website. The closing date for registering is 31 August 2024.

from Plymouth City Council

## Free School Meals

You may be entitled to apply for Free School Meals for your child/ren if you receive the following benefits:-

- Universal Credit, Income Support
- Income Based Job Seekers Allowance,
- Income Related Element of Employment and Support Allowance,
- Guaranteed Credit element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (without Working Tax Credit) with an annual income of £16,190 or less.

We would urge parents who may be eligible for Free School Meals for the children to either apply on-line through the Plymouth City Council website or contact the school office for a form as soon as possible. This is very important, even if your child does not wish to take up the free meal. The register of FSM entitlement affects our overall school budget and we may be missing out on funding as a result.

Please do not confuse this with Universal Free School Meal entitlement for children in Years Reception to Year Two.



## Road Dahl Day

Friday 13th September is Roald Dahl Day!

Children at Beechwood will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day by learning about this amazing author and his books and also enjoying different Roald Dahl activities

Please see the link below:-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/36824907>



## Parent Welcome Meeting

Wednesday 11th September - 3.30pm

We look forward to welcoming our parents/carers to the Parent Welcome Meeting next week in the school hall.

This is a great opportunity to meet the team and find out key information related to your child's year group and learn more about events planned across the school year.

Please arrive through the black gates outside the dining hall at 3.30pm.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible.



# PARENT MEETING



## 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** – j.tumilty@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** – l.gruszka@discoverymat.co.uk or a.carroll@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 1/2 - Zimmer Class** – k.gardner@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Rec - Mozart Class** – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Nursery - Brahms Class** – m.abbott@discoverymat.co.uk or c.mccarthy@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 you 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



 <b>Miss Sam Roscoe</b>	 <b>Mr C Randall</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Natasha Jackson</b> INCO	 <b>Mr P Arnold</b> Senior Head of School	 <b>Mrs S Rama-Dominguez</b> Assistant Head of School	 <b>Mrs Teresa Pinhey</b>
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.