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## Friday 14th November 2025

Hello everyone, I hope you have had a good week.

As I mentioned last week, in addition to our everyday teaching and learning in classrooms and across the school, we have worn our odd socks to show our support and understanding for anti-bullying week, and today it is lovely to see so many children (and staff) in Pudsey and Children in Need related outfits, thank you everyone and also for your kind donations. A total of £159.50 was raised for Children in Need.



On Tuesday this week, all children were superbly respectful during our two minute silence held in classrooms across the school. Teachers have spoken to me about how well pupils engaged and listened whilst thinking about and discussing why we remember those who have, and continue to give their lives for us, so we can live in the democracy that we live in today.

Additionally, our service children made their way to Southway Funeral Care on Tuesday to take part in a community Remembrance Service. The children were a credit to our school, yourselves and our community. Thank you to Southway Funeral care for inviting us and letting us be part of this special moment.

Well done everyone.

Wishing you all a restful weekend,

## Diary Dates to Remember

**Tues 25th November**  
**Nasal Flu Vaccinations**

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

**Friday 5th December**  
**P.T.F.A. Mufti - Tombola**

**Tuesday 16th December**  
**EYFS Nativity**

**Wed 17th December**  
**Christmas Lunch**

**Wed 17th December**  
**P.T.F.A. Winter Fayre**

**Fri 19th December - 9.30am**  
**Rock Steady Concert**

**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**

 **Wellbeing Through Crafting**  
FREE PARENTING COURSE  
Sew and Create - Apron Making  
Wednesday 5th November  
until  
Wednesday 3rd December  
12.30pm until 3.30pm  
5 week course

This beginner-friendly course is designed to guide you through the fundamentals of learning to sew by mastering basic stitches and techniques and using a sewing machine.  
Please contact Ms Roscoe in the school office to book a place on this course - 01752 706360 or beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk



## Primary School Admissions

Is your child due to start school in September 2026?

Please be reminded that applications for Primary School Admission places are now open.

Applications need to be made by **Thursday 15th January 2026**.

Please see the link below:-

[School admissions | PLYMOUTH.GOV.UK](https://www.plymouth.gov.uk/school-admissions)

## Children in Need

Thank you for your kind and generous donations for Children in Need.

We managed to raise a massive **£167.50**  
Thank you.



<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=19109>

# BOOK FAYRE



Monday 1st, Tuesday 2nd and Thursday 4th December at 3.30pm

We would like to invite parents/carers to a Book Fayre here at Beechwood Primary Academy.  
Please come into school through the dining hall gates at the end of the school day.  
card payments only

## Plastic Bottle Request

Year 1 and 2 would appreciate any empty 2 litre plastic bottles for a project in school next week. Thank you.



## Crossing Patroller

There will be no Crossing Patroller in attendance on **Thursday 4th December** during both morning and afternoon crossing times.

*Keeping our Children Safe!*



## Nasal Flu Vaccinations

### Reception - Year 6 Children

Information was emailed out to parents/carers inviting them to consent to their child's nasal flu vaccination which will be carried out in school on **Tuesday 25th November** for all children from Reception through to Year 6. The letter contains a school code which you will require to complete this form. **DV143311**

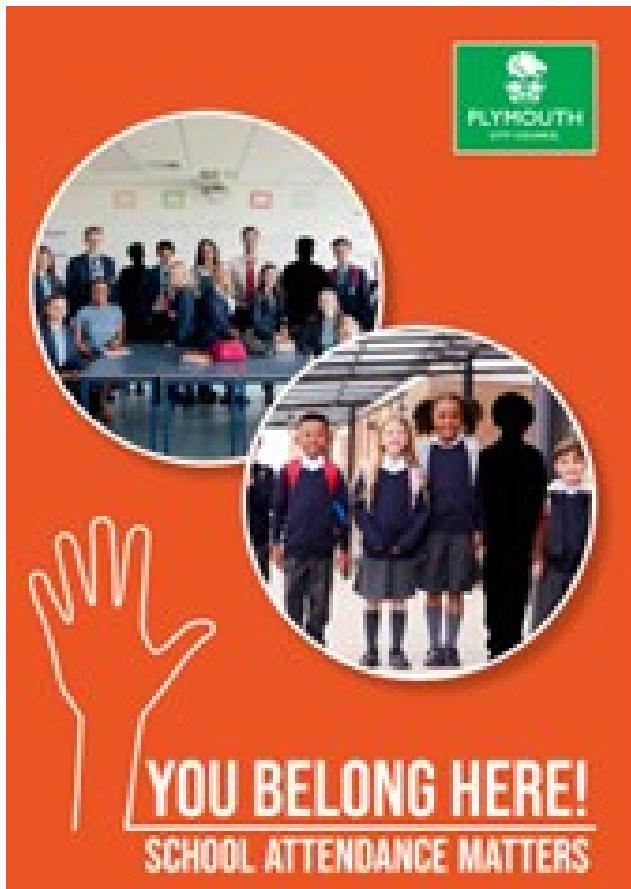
<https://www.kernowimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

(quick link can also be found on our Facebook page)

Please submit your consent by **9.00am on 24th November 2025** at the very latest to ensure your child receives the vaccination.

More information about this vaccination can be found on the link below:  
<https://www.medicines.org.uk/emc/files/pil.15790.pdf>





## 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 10th November
Smeaton	<b>90.67%</b>
Firestone	<b>94.44%</b>
 Mayflower	<b>97.24%</b>
Saltram	<b>91.05%</b>
 Mount Batten	<b>98.18%</b>
Mt Edgcumbe	<b>95.07%</b>
Dockyard	<b>92.50%</b>
Burrator	<b>93.64%</b>
Raleigh	<b>92.64%</b>

This week our whole school attendance is **94.13%**

This week's winners are :

**KS1 - Mayflower 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	<b>28</b>

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	<b>29</b>
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>

**Children may come to school dressed in their P.E. kits if they have P.E. that day.**

**PE uniform at Beechwood Primary is:**  
**White T shirt – polo or otherwise / Black shorts or jogging bottoms / Trainers**  
*A school jumper can be worn over your PE top if you wish.*

## 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** - bwlsteacher2@discoverymat.co.uk  
**Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe** - bwlsteacher1@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	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	SEND Support	Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Deputy Designated Beechwood Academy Lead for Safeguarding	Community Support
Foodbank	SEND and behaviour-support for parents	School Nurse Referrals	Family Support Safeguarding	School Life
Courses for Parents / Carers	DLA Applications	GP letters	Education and Curriculum Family Support	Parents Question & Answer Local Issues Coffee Mornings
PTFA Contact				