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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



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

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)

Plastic Bottle Request

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



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>

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>

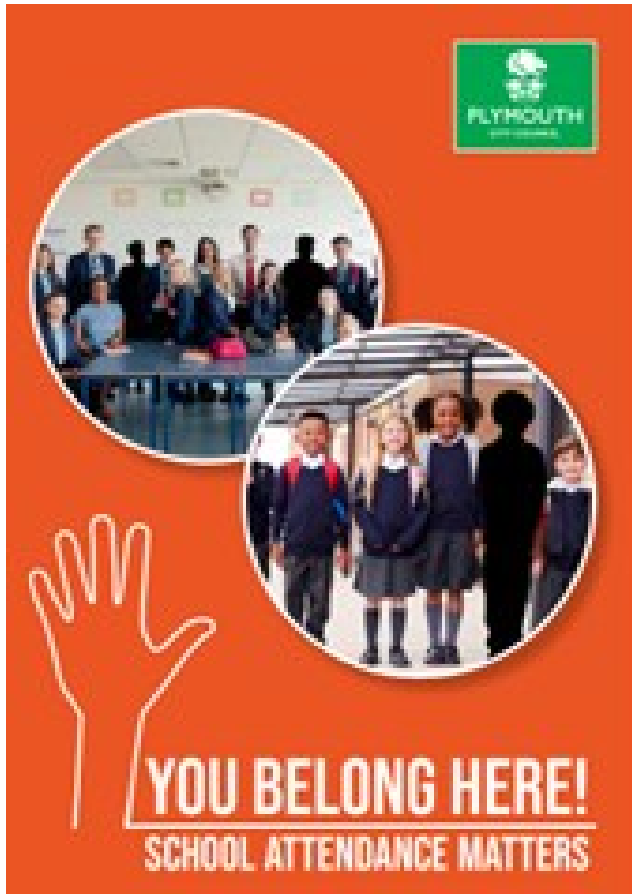
(quick link can also be found on our Facebook page)

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	90.67%
Firestone	94.44%
 Mayflower	97.24%
Saltram	91.05%
 Mount Batten	98.18%
Mt Edgcumbe	95.07%
Dockyard	92.50%
Burrator	93.64%
Raleigh	92.64%

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
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	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) Indoors	Saltram (Y3) Indoors	Firestone (Y1/2) Outdoors	Saltram (Y3) Outdoors
Burrator (Y5/6) Outdoors	Mt Edgcumbe (Y4) Outdoors	Burrator (Y5/6) Indoors	Mt Edgcumbe (Y4) Indoors
Mayflower (Y2) Indoors	Mount Batten (Y3) Indoors	Mayflower (Y2) Outdoors	Mount Batten (Y3) Outdoors
Raleigh (Y6) Outdoors	Dockyard (Y5) Outdoors	Raleigh (Y6) Indoors	Dockyard (Y5) Indoors
<p>Children may come to school dressed in their P.E. kits if they have P.E. that day.</p> <p>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.</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 – bwlstteacher2@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe – bwlstteacher1@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

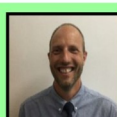
SEND Support

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