



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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Friday 17th July

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the final week of term, we have a few important updates and reminders to share.

A reminder to all families to please complete the allergy form for our new catering provider, ABM, as soon as possible to ensure we have up-to-date information for your child.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Summer Fayre. We are delighted to share that we raised £331. Thank you to our PTFA for organising the event and to all of our families for your generous support.

Our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic time at Jump for their treat day and represented the school brilliantly throughout the visit. We are looking forward to celebrating their final week before they embark on their next journey.

At the end of the term, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Day. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work, kindness and dedication to our children and school community. We wish her every success in the future.

Next week, exercise books will be coming home with the children. Please send your child to school with a carrier bag on Wednesday and Thursday so they can safely bring their books home.

We are looking for any parents, carers or friends of the school who might be able to spare some time to help with a little garden maintenance. If you would be willing to volunteer, please let the school office know – your support would be greatly appreciated.

With just one week of term to go, we would like to thank you all for your continued support throughout the year. We hope you have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing everyone for the final week of term.

Mrs Rama-Dominguez and the Beechwood Team

Diary Dates to Remember

Mon 20th July

10am - EYFS/KS1 Sports Day

12 to 12.45pm - Picnic lunch

1.15pm - KS2 Sports Day

Tuesday 21st July - 4.30 to 5.45pm

P.T.F.A. Year 6 Leavers Disco

No tickets required

Wed 22nd July - 2.30pm

Year 6 Performance

Thursday 23rd July

Class Parties - pm — food donations

Last Day of Term

Fri 24th July - 6th Sept

SUMMER BREAK

Mon 7th September

Return following Summer Break

26th Oct to 30th Oct

HALF TERM

21st Dec to 1st Jan

CHRISTMAS BREAK

Fri 12th Feb

NON-PUPIL DAY

15th Feb to 19th Feb

HALF TERM

Fri 26th Mar to Fri 9th April

EASTER BREAK

Mon 3rd May

Bank Holiday

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

APPLY TODAY!

We want every child to have the chance to enjoy a healthy meal and get the support they need to thrive. Could your child be entitled to Free School Meals?

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From September 2026, there will be two categories of Free School Meals:

TARGETED FSM

Household earnings of **£7,400 or less**

These students will continue to attract Pupil Premium and other associated funding (such as the Fit and Fed scheme).

EXPANDED FSM

Students in receipt of **Universal Credit above this threshold** (meal entitlement only)

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

Already claiming Free School Meals?

We will recheck your eligibility using the details you gave when you first applied. If your details or circumstances have changed, you will need to reapply.

Not currently claiming FSM?

You may now be eligible! Apply online using Plymouth City Council's easy online system:

www.plymouth.gov.uk/free-school-meals

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

What has changed?

Eligibility is now reassessed each year during the summer.

What happens if I don't reapply?

If your details change and you don't reapply, your entitlement could end from 1 September.

Will my child lose meals straight away?

No. All children with a current FSM claim will continue to receive meals until July 2026.

How long does the application take?

The online application is quick and simple and should only take a few minutes.

What if I need help applying?

Contact your school and we will be happy to help.

What benefits qualify?

Eligibility is based on receiving certain benefits, such as Universal Credit.

NEED HELP OR MORE INFORMATION?
Contact Beechwood Primary Academy for support with your application.

01752 706360

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Busy Bees AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

A safe, welcoming and enjoyable space for children to play, create, relax and have fun with friends after the school day.

When?

- Monday to Friday (term time only)
- 3:30pm – 5:30pm

For Children

A range of engaging activities and opportunities to relax and socialise with friends.

WHAT WILL CHILDREN DO?

Arts and crafts

Board games and puzzles

Active indoor and outdoor games

Reading opportunities

Free-choice activities and social time

FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

Children will receive a drink and a snack.

Snacks may include:

- Fresh fruit
- Toast
- Sandwiches
- Other healthy options

COST

- £3.00 per hour
- £1.50 per hour for children eligible for Pupil Premium funding

HOW TO BOOK

Places can be booked in advance through ParentPay. Spaces are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis – we encourage families to book early.

TAX-FREE CHILDCARE

If you are eligible for the Government's Tax-Free Childcare scheme, you can use your account to pay for Busy Bees. For every £8 you pay into your childcare account, the Government adds £2, helping families save up to 20% on childcare costs.

OPEN NOW FOR BOOKINGS!

If you have any questions or need help, please contact the school office on **01752 706360**

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SPORTS DAY

MONDAY 20TH JULY

We look forward to welcoming our families for a fun and exciting day!

MORNING EVENT

RECEPTION & KEY STAGE 1 SPORTS EVENTS

10:00AM

Children will take part in a range of sporting activities followed by a series of running races.

AFTERNOON EVENT

KEY STAGE 2 SPORTS EVENTS

1:15PM

Children will take part in a range of sporting activities followed by a series of running races.

PICNIC LUNCH

12:00PM Gates open for KS2 parents to join for lunch

12:45PM Gates reopen for Reception/KS1 parents to leave

Please bring your own picnic lunch and enjoy together on the field!

Please remember to only book **SANDWICH OPTIONS** on Parent Pay for lunchtime on this day.

CHILDREN SHOULD COME TO SCHOOL IN THEIR PE KIT.

Please do not take photographs or use mobile phones whilst on the school premises.

Fingers crossed for good weather – hopefully not too hot or too rainy!

At the end of the day, children will be taken back to their classrooms and dismissed as usual.

A day of fun, teamwork and celebrating our amazing children!

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you!

Grow

FUEL FOR YOUNG MINDS

Special Diets and Allergens

At the very core of ABM catering Ltd, is the desire to provide a service of safe, fresh, nutritious food. We are a contract catering service that holds strong values to ensure that our young people have the opportunity to receive a healthy and filling meal at school every day.

We believe that it is very important that every child can receive a balanced and wholesome meal irrespective of their dietary requirements. For this reason, we have devised a procedure for special diets which ensures that our staff are provided with the knowledge and understanding of any specific dietary requirement and that an alternative menu can be provided where necessary.

It is very important that this special diet procedure is followed for every young person who has any food allergies or other medical requirements.

Please find enclosed the special diet procedure and the link to our **Special Diet request form**. This form must be completed and returned to ABM catering using the on-line portal, along with supporting medical evidence if requested. I ask that you ensure that a special diet request form is completed for every young person with dietary requirements, by the parents/guardian or carer.

Once completed, the Menus and Diets department will create the Special Diet Menu. All information will be treated in confidence and in line with the General Data Protection Regulations.

I thank you in advance for your co-operation in this matter. If you have any concerns, queries or comments do not hesitate to contact me on email hshppard@abmcatering.co.uk.

Yours sincerely,
Dawn Doidge



Special Diet Request Form

Registered Office: abm catering limited, Eagle Court, Solihull, Warwick CV34 4AF
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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

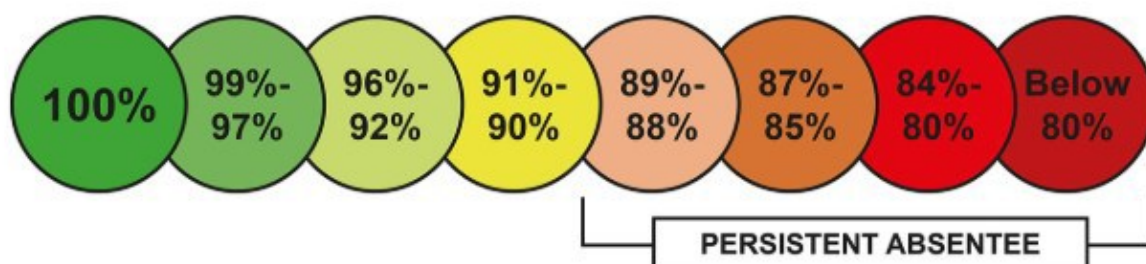
There are **365 days** in a calendar year

175 days are not spent in school



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 6th July
	Smeaton	92.59%
	Firestone	95.52%
	Mayflower	93.57%
	Saltram	95.29%
	Mount Batten	93.81%
	Mt Edgumbe	82.14%
	Dockyard	80.43%
	Burrator	88.0%
	Raleigh	89.66%

This week our whole school attendance is **90.40%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Firestone Class

KS2 - Saltram Class



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		

School Terms and Holidays
2026/2027 Academic Year



September 2026							October 2026							November 2026						
M			7	14	21	28	Mo			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
T		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	T		3	10	17	24	
W		2	9	16	23	30	We			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		Fr		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	S		7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		S	1	8	15	22	29	
December 2026							January 2027							February 2027						
M			7	14	21	28	M			4	11	18	25	M			1	8	15	22
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu			2	9	16	23
W		2	9	16	23	30	W			6	13	20	27	W			3	10	17	24
Th		3	10	17	24	31	Th			7	14	21	28	Th			4	11	18	25
F		4	11	18	25		F		1	8	15	22	29	F			5	12	19	26
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa			6	13	20	27
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su			7	14	21	28
March 2027							April 2027							May 2027						
M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26	M		3	10	17	24	31
Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		4	11	18	25	
W		3	10	17	24	31	W			7	14	21	28	W		5	12	19	26	
Th		4	11	18	25		Th			1	8	15	22	Th		6	13	20	27	
F		5	12	19	26		F			2	9	16	23	30	F		7	14	21	28
Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa			3	10	17	24		Sa	1	8	15	22	29
Su		7	14	21	28		Su			4	11	18	25		Su	2	9	16	23	30
June 2027							July 2027							August 2027						
M			7	14	21	28	M			5	12	19	26	M		2	9	16	23	30
Tu		1	8	15	22	29	Tu			6	13	20	27	Tu		3	10	17	24	31
W		2	9	16	23	30	W			7	14	21	28	W		4	11	18	25	
Th		3	10	17	24		Th		1	8	15	22	29	Th		5	12	19	26	
F		4	11	18	25		F		2	9	16	23	30	F		6	13	20	27	
Sa		5	12	19	26		Sa		3	10	17	24	31	Sa		7	14	21	28	
Su		6	13	20	27		Su		4	11	18	25		Su	1	8	15	22	29	

Term time	School holiday	Bank holiday	INSET day
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Term dates									
Term 1	03 September	-	23 October	37 days	Term 2	02 November	-	18 December	35 days
Term 3	04 January	-	12 February	30 days	Term 4	22 February	-	25 March	24 days
Term 5	12 April	-	28 May	34 days	Term 6	07 June	-	23 July	35 days
Total									195 days

Bank and public holidays			
Christmas Day	25 December	Easter Monday	29 March
Boxing Day	28 December	May Day	03 May
New Year's Day	01 January	Spring	31 May
Good Friday	26 March	Summer	30 August