



Wellbeing at Work
Bronze Award

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Friday 24th October 2025

Hello all, I can't believe that we are at the end of our first half term of the academic year, it really has flown by. Your children have settled fantastically into the new school year, and this term's focus on handwriting and presentation has seen pupils making some excellent progress in this area.

Parent Teacher Meetings

It has been lovely to see so many parents and families attending our parent teacher meetings this week. Thank you for making the time to come into school and find out more about how your child is getting on. If, for any reason, you were not able to make the parent teacher meetings this week, please speak with your child's class teacher and arrange a suitable time when you can both meet.

School Photographs

Class Photography will be in school on Monday 3rd November for individual photographs. Please ensure your child is wearing their school uniform and not P.E. kit on this day. If you require sibling photographs, please come into the hall from 8.00am.

Headteacher News

As you will be aware from previous correspondence, I will be relinquishing my Head teacher role at Beechwood Primary.

I am pleased to let you know Mrs Chubb and Mrs Rama-Dominguez will be the new Headteachers of our school from 1st January 2025. Mrs Rama-Dominguez will work Monday to Thursday as a Headteacher alongside Mrs Chubb who will work Monday to Friday as a Headteacher. This means that there will be increased leadership, presence and availability for our children, parents and carers.

Although I am sorry to be leaving Brilliant Beechwood, I know that Mrs Rama Dominguez and Mrs Chubb will continue to provide the care, kindness and positive learning environment that we have cultivated here at Beechwood with the team in recent years.

I, and the Beechwood team hope that you all have a relaxing half term break and we look forward to seeing you all back at Beechwood on **Monday 3rd November**.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

27th - 31st October
HALF TERM

Mon 3rd November
Individual Photographs

Thurs 6th November
P.T.F.A. Autumn Disco

10th - 14th November
Rec - Nursery Rhyme Week

Tues 25th November
Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Fri 28th November
NON-PUPIL DAY

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

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

School Residentials

Year 4 - Nethercott Farm

Next payment is due on 30th November 2025.
Please pay via Parent Pay.

Year 5 - PGL Trip

Thank you for returning your consent letters and making your initial deposit payments on Parent Pay. Next payment due 28th November 2025

Year 6 - London Trip

Please return your consent slips and pay the initial deposit on Parent Pay by Friday 31st October 2025 to secure a place on this trip for your child.

Please contact the office if needed.



Secondary School Application

If your child is in Year 6 and will be starting secondary school in **September 2026** please apply on-line on the Plymouth City Council website.

Admission Closing Date :

31st October 2025



P.T.F.A.
AUTUMN DISCO



THURSDAY 6TH NOVEMBER

Rec & KS1 - 3.30pm to 4.30pm
(please bring in clothes to change into at the end of the day)
KS2 - 4.45pm to 5.45pm

Child Collection
Rec - Yr 3 - All children to be collected by an adult
Yr 4-6 - Please let the office know if your child can walk home without an adult

£3.50
(to include hot dog and unlimited squash)

Please pay on Parent Pay by
Friday 31st October at the very latest

Individual Photos

Class Photography will be in school on **Monday 3rd November** to take individual photographs of the children. If you would like sibling photographs, please arrive from **8.00am** in the school hall. Thank you.



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>



Winter Menu

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WEEK 1

W/C: MONDAY 3RD NOV, 24TH NOV, 15TH DEC, 19TH JAN, 9TH FEB, 9TH MARCH, 30TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, V Macaroni cheese with garlic bread and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, Mu, Mi m/c Se	CHOICE 1 - H Potato topped chicken pie served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Ce Mi m/c Bar	CHOICE 1 - H Sausage and mashed potato served with veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken served with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 1 - W Youngs fish fingers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh F
CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegan chilli with rice and veg Allergens: So	CHOICE 2 - H, V Broccoli and potato bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegan meatballs in a tomato sauce with pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh So	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Homemade bean cottage pie served with roast potatoes and veg Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 2 - H, V, W Cheese and tomato quiche with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi
SELECTION OF JACKET POTATOES ARE AVAILABLE EACH DAY: BEANS / CHEESE (MI) / TUNA MAYONNAISE (F E) HOT PANINI OR PASTA: CHOOSE FROM CHEESE & TOMATO OR HAM & TOMATO SERVED WITH TORTILLA CHIPS AND VEG, OR A HOMEMADE TOMATO SAUCE WITH PASTA (For the full allergy information, please refer to our webpage or check with your school)				
DESSERT - H, V Pear flapjack Allergens: Glu, O	DESSERT - H, V Chocolate shortbread Allergens: Glu Wh Mi m/c Bar	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V, VE Custard biscuit and fruit slices Allergens: Glu Wh	DESSERT - H, V Apple crumble and custard Allergens: Glu Wh O Mi m/c Bar

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY: FRESH SALAD / FRESH FRUIT AND YOGHURT

Fresh fruit, local Westcountry yoghurt available daily. Fresh drinking water is available throughout the lunch time period. All meals served with seasonal vegetables. Chicken alternatives to beef and pork upon request. One meat free day.
H = HOME-MADE IN THE KITCHEN. W = WHOLE WHEAT INGREDIENTS. VE = VEGAN DISH. V = VEGETARIAN.

Allergen Key: Gluten (Glu), Barley (Bar), Wheat (Wh), Oats (O), Rye (R), Soya (So), Sulphites (Su), Sesame (Se), Peanuts (P), Mustard (Mu), Molluscs (Mo), Milk (Mi), Nuts (N), Eggs (E), Crustaceans (C), Celery (Ce), Fish (F), Lupin (L), m/c: May Contain

Climate Friendly

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You can have mixed or brown rice instead of potatoes!
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WEEK 2

W/C: MONDAY 10TH NOV, 1ST DEC, 5TH JAN, 26TH JAN, 23RD FEB, 16TH MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H Crispy chicken served with seasoned wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Bar E m/c So Mi	CHOICE 1 - H, W Creamy chicken and tomato pasta bake served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi	CHOICE 1 - H, W, V Cheese and tomato pizza served with potato wedges and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, So, Mi	CHOICE 1 - H Roast gammon with roast potatoes, Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi	CHOICE 1 - W Salmon bites served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu, Wh, F
CHOICE 2 - H, V Homemade vegetable moussaka served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Ce Mu So	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V, VE Vegetable curry and rice served with veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Mexican vegan cheese and bean quesadilla served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu Wh O	CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Vegetarian sausage with vegetable casserole and roast potatoes Allergens: Glu Wh Ce m/c Bar	CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Cheese wheels with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mi Mu
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DESSERT - H, V, W Blueberry cake Allergens: Glu Wh E Bar	DESSERT - H, V, VE Cornish fairings biscuit with fruit Allergens: Glu Wh	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V, W Banana cookies Allergens: Glu Wh E	DESSERT - H, V, W Vanilla and chocolate marble cake with custard Allergens: Glu Wh E Mi m/c Bar

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WEEK 3

DATES: W/C: MONDAY 17TH NOV, 8TH DEC, 12TH JAN, 2ND FEB, 2ND MARCH, 23RD MARCH

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
CHOICE 1 - H, W Sticky BBQ meatballs served with pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Cheese and tomato French bread pizza served with wedges and veg Allergens: Glu W MI m/c So	All day breakfast choose from: meat or plant based served with a hash brown, beans and veg Meat option - H Allergens: Glu Wh E MI Plant based option - V, VE Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 1 - H Roast chicken served with roast potatoes Yorkshire pudding, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E MI	CHOICE 1 - W Battered fish fillet with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh F
CHOICE 2 - H, W, V Cheesy courgette sausage with mash, veg and gravy Allergens: Glu Wh E MI	CHOICE 2 - H, V Vegetable lasagne served with garlic bread and veg Allergens: Glu Wh Mu MI m/c E, Bar		CHOICE 2 - H, V, VE Katsu vegetable curry bake with roast potatoes and veg Allergens: Glu Wh	CHOICE 2 - W, V, VE Quorn dippers served with fresh chips or wholemeal pasta and veg Allergens: Glu Wh
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DESSERT - H, W, V, VE Date crispy crunch Allergens: Glu Wh Bar m/c MI So	DESSERT - H, W, V Toffee and apple cake Allergens: Glu Wh E	DESSERT - H, V, VE Fruit platter	DESSERT - H, V Orange butter biscuits Allergens: Glu, Wh E	DESSERT - H, W, V Steamed jam sponge and custard Allergens: Glu Wh E MI

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FREE Parent / Carer Course



on course
SOUTH WEST



Wellbeing Through Crafting

FREE PARENTING COURSE

Sew and Create - Apron Making

Wednesday 5th November

until

Wednesday 3rd December

12.30pm until 3.30pm

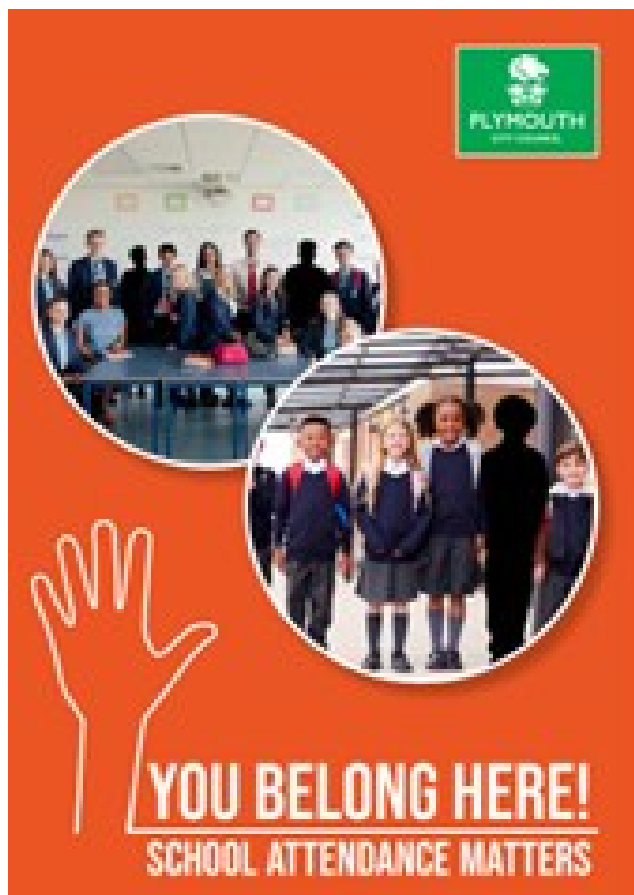
5 week course

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





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 20th October
Smeaton	93.66%
Firestone	94.44%
 Mayflower	97.59%
Saltram	92.50%
Mount Batten	96.36%
Mt Edgcumbe	95.52%
Dockyard	91.25%
Burrator	96.36%
 Raleigh	97.67%

This week our whole school attendance is **95.28%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Mayflower Class

KS2 - Raleigh 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 1			
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
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 – 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

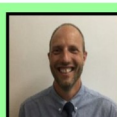
SEND Support

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