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Friday 3rd October 2025

Happy Friday everyone, I hope that you have had a good week.

Year 3 have had a busy couple of weeks. Following their visit to Kent Caverns, they were lucky enough to have some PSHE visitors from Livewell Southwest. The visitors came to talk to them about self-care and healthy relationships. The children had some great discussions that reminded them what healthy relationships look like and how to look after their mental health.

Attendance continues to be area of focus for us here at Beechwood. We are pleased that many children look forward to putting their golden ticket in the special box each week if they are never late, never away and enjoy their Friday treat for 100% attendance over the course of the week.

Special mention to Smeaton Class who have had over 98% attendance each week since returning from the summer break.



We look forward to seeing you at our up and coming parent teacher meetings that will take place weeks commencing 13th and 20th October. These meetings are a great opportunity to meet with your child's Class Teacher and celebrate all the wonderful things your child has been learning since returning after the summer break.

All at Beechwood wish you a lovely weekend.

Mr Arnold and the Beechwood Team.

Diary Dates to Remember

Thurs 9th October - 3.30pm
New Parents Open Visit

Tues 14th October - 4.00pm
New Parents Open Visit

Tues 21st October
Yr 4 - Mnt Batten Trip

Thurs 23rd October
P.T.F.A. Autumn Disco

27th - 31st October
HALF TERM

Mon 3rd November
Individual Photographs

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
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



Beechwood Primary Academy



School Admissions 2026

Beechwood Primary Academy will be holding open events for the parents and carers of children who are due to start school in September 2026

Thursday 9th October at 3.30pm

Tuesday 14th October at 4.00pm

We look forward to welcoming you to our school



Please call or email to arrange your session:-

Tel : 01752 706360

Address : Rockfield Avenue, Southway, Plymouth, PL6 6DX

Email : beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk

Webiste : www.beechwood-primary.co.uk



School Residentials

Year 4 - Nethercott Farm

Polite reminder - Second payment is due on Tuesday 30th September. Please pay using your child's Parent Pay account. Thank you.

Year 5 - PGL Trip

Thank you for returning your consent letters. Please make your deposit payment on Parent Pay by Friday 3rd October. Thank you.

Please contact the school office if you have any questions.



Wellbeing Through Crafting

FREE PARENTING COURSE

Learn How to Crochet

Wednesday 24th September 2025

until

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

12.30pm until 3.30pm

6 week course

This beginner-friendly course is designed to guide you through the fundamentals of crochet by mastering basic stitches and techniques.

Please contact Ms Roscoe in the school office to book a place on this course - 01752 706360 or beechwood.desk@discoverymat.co.uk



Half Term Holiday Clubs



We Do Multisports October Holiday Clubs

St Matthews Primary School

Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October
Thursday 30th October
Friday 31st October

Dodgeball, Netball, Rounders,
Basketball and more

At We Do Multisports, our mission is to provide a safe, fun, and inclusive environment for children to learn, grow, and excel. We strive to instill the values of teamwork, sportsmanship, and perseverance in all our athletes, and to help them develop the skills they need to succeed both on and off the field.

10.00am till 15.00pm

Drop off from 0915am

Ages 5 to 11

Just £12.50 per child

Can all players please bring a packed lunch, a drink and trainers. If you require any further information, contact: Joe on 07795804127 or email Wedomultisports@gmail.com



Wedofootball October Half Term Holiday Club

Stoke Damerel Community College

Monday 27th October
Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October
Thursday 30th October
Friday 31st October

Ages 5 to 15

10.00am till 15.00pm

Just £12.50 per child per day

Drop off from 09.15am No Extra Cost
Drop 08.15am for just £4
Stay 15.00pm till 16.00pm for just £4
The Whole Day 0815am till 16.00pm just £20

Maximum fun, with no pressure and a safe learning environment.

Can all players please bring a packed lunch and drink, moulded studs and trainers. If you require any further information, contact: Joe Geraghty on 07795804127 or email wedofootball1@gmail.com.

Drop off from 09.15am no extra cost



FA Affiliated and Full Liability Insurance



Wedofootball October Half Term Holiday Clubs

Tor Bridge School

Tuesday 28th October
Wednesday 29th October
Thursday 30th October

Ages 5 to 14

10.00am till 15.00pm

Drop from 09:15 am

Just £12.50 per child

Maximum fun, with no pressure and a safe learning environment. Can all players please bring a packed lunch and drink, boots, shin pads and trainers. If you require any further information, contact: Joe Geraghty on 07795804127 or email wedofootball1@gmail.com.

Drop off from 09.15am no extra cost



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Yr 5 - Secondary School Places - Sept 2026

IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2026?

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 2014 and 31 August 2015**, 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 **Wednesday 3 September 2025** at 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 2 March 2026**.

You can apply for a school place via the Citizen's Portal by visiting our website at: www.plymouth.gov.uk/schooladmissions. The deadline to apply is the **31 October 2025**.

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 grammar school, you must register to take the 11-plus examination through the school's website. The closing date for registering is 27 August 2025 at 12 noon. Please refer to the individual school's website.



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>





Attendance Matters

...every school day counts!



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





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 29th September
	Smeaton	98.13%
	Firestone	96.92%
	Mayflower	96.33%
	Saltram	97.0%
	Mount Batten	93.18%
	Mt Edgcumbe	87.93%
	Dockyard	86.48%
	Burrator	95.0%
	Raleigh	91.33%

This week our whole school attendance is **93.63%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Smeaton Class

KS2 - Saltram 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	

	6	13	20	27
	7	14	21	28
1	8	15	22	29
2	9	16	23	30
3	10	17	24	31

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	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

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	6	13	20	27

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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

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	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
<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 or k.rust@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