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Friday 5th December 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another productive week, we wanted to update you on some important highlights and reminders.

This week in assembly, the children have been learning about our updated Behaviour Policy and what it looks like in practice across the school. All parents and carers should now have received a copy of the new policy. Please take a moment to read through it so we are all working together with the same expectations.

We are preparing for our upcoming visit to the church for our annual Christmas service and would greatly appreciate the support of parent helpers to ensure the trip runs smoothly. If you are able to volunteer, please let your child's class teacher know as soon as possible.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to another exciting week of learning.

Mrs Rama-Dominguez and the Beechwood Team

Year 3 - Earthquakes and Volcanoes

In Year 3 this term we have been exploring earthquakes and volcanoes. In Design and Technology we planned to create earthquake proof structures. After designing our building structures, we worked collaboratively to make them. We also tested our structures to see if they can withstand an earthquake. It was a fun afternoon.



Please see more photographs on our Facebook page.

Diary Dates to Remember

Wed 10th December

Rec / Yr 1 Fluoride Varnish

Saturday 13th December

Choir - Church Visit

Tuesday 16th December

EYFS Nativity - 2.30pm

Wed 17th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Lunch

P.T.F.A. Winter Fayre - 3.30pm

Thursday 18th December

Trust Christmas Concert 2pm

Class Parties - Rec & Nursery

Fri 19th December - 9.30am

Rock Steady Concert

Class Parties - Yr 1 to Yr 6

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

Wriggly Nativity

Tuesday 16th December at 2.30pm

The EYFS Team invite the parents and carers of children in Smeaton Class and Wembury Nursery to watch the Christmas performance of Wriggly Nativity.

Please come into school through the dining hall entrance.
We look forward to seeing you.



Christmas Fayre

- Tombola
- Tea / Coffee / Squash
- Stalls
- Hot Chocolate
- Raffle @ 4.15pm
- & More!

Beechwood Primary - Dining hall entrance
We look forward to seeing you - All welcome!

Wednesday
17th
December
3.30pm - 5.00pm

Contact Information

Please remember to inform the school office of any changes to the following information:-

- ◇ Telephone Numbers
- ◇ New Address
- ◇ Change to contact details



It is important that we have the correct information on file. Thank you.

School Uniform Discount

Please take advantage of the free delivery code below on any orders made with Myclothing for all school uniform.

Free Delivery

Code: FREEDELIVERY

Valid: 05/12/25-09/12/25

Auto-apply link: <https://myclothing.com/>



Primary School Admissions

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

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



Crossing Patroller

There will be no crossing patroller in attendance on Cliffa Road under further notice.

Keeping our Children Safe!



Christmas Event Here!

Friday
5

**Christmas Mufti -
Tombola Donations
(Sweets and bottles)**



Tuesday
16

**EYFS Nativity for Parents
2:30pm**



Wednesday
17

**Christmas Jumper Day
Christmas Lunch, Santa
Visit and Winter Fayre
(3.30-5pm)**



Thursday
18

**Trust Christmas Concert
at Oakwood 2pm
Class Parties
Reception and Nursery**



Friday
19

**Class Parties
Years 1-6**





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

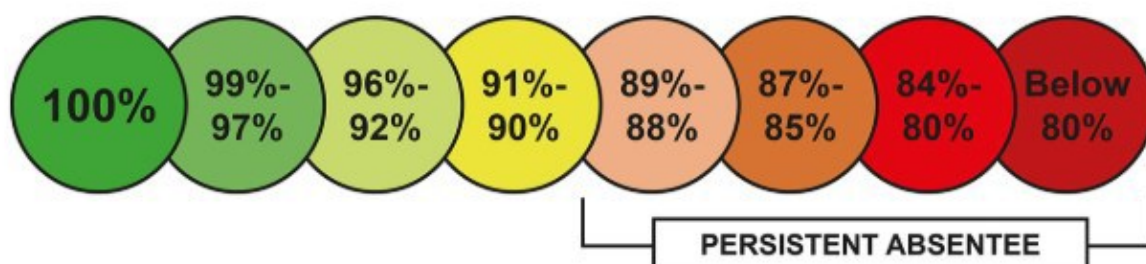


There are
365 days
in a calendar
year

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 8.55am will also be recorded as an unauthorised absence and could also result in a fine.

	Class	w/c 1st December
	Smeaton	96.64%
	Firestone	94.44%
	Mayflower	91.72%
	Saltram	86.67%
	Mount Batten	97.73%
	Mt Edgcumbe	95.71%
	Dockyard	92.50%
	Burrator	97.27%
	Raleigh	91.33%

This week our whole school attendance is **94.00%**

This week's winners are :

KS1 - Smeaton 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 – bwltsteacher2@discoverymat.co.uk
Year 4 - Mt Edgcumbe – e.campbell@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 you 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

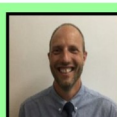
SEND Support

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