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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 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



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



Crossing Patroller

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

Keeping our Children Safe!





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



WELL DONE

CONCERNED

SERIOUSLY WORRIED

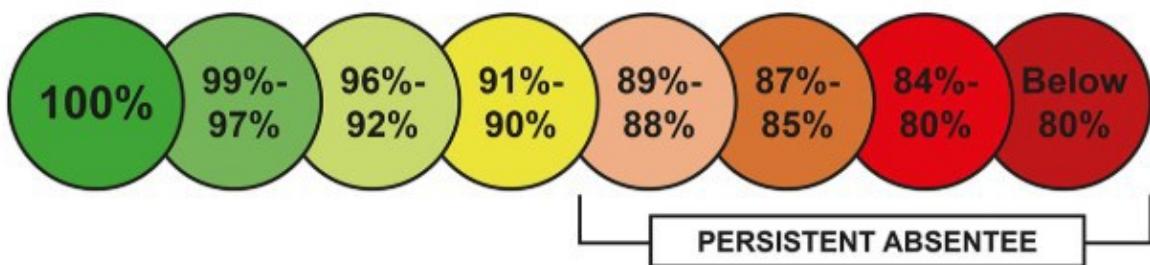
A good attendance gives you the best chance for success

A poor attendance gives you less chance of success

Very poor attendance has a serious impact and reduces life chances

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

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 - bwlsteacher2@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 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