

THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ

FRIDAY 18TH JULY 2025



Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

We have finally reached the end of what has been an incredibly successful year for Devonshire Primary Academy.

In November 2024, we had our much-anticipated Ofsted visit, which judged the school to be GOOD in all 5 areas. As I reflect on this year, it's incredible to think how far the school has come in the 10 years I have worked here as Deputy Head and then as Headteacher. I'm so pleased with the position we are in and I know we will continue to improve, achieve and be 'the best that we can be'.

Today, I attended the Year 6 Leavers Service and I came away so proud of our pupils. It has been an absolute pleasure to watch our pupils grow into the accomplished young people they are today – ready for High School. Thank you to all of our parents and families who attended a sentimental trip down memory lane. For some parents, it will be the last time they attend a Devonshire performance and I'd like to thank everyone for their support of both the children and our school over the years.

This year, we are saying goodbye to a number of staff. Mrs Barker and Mrs Davies have both worked at the school for many, many years and were staff in the former school - Devonshire Road Junior and Infant School. I would like to wish them both a very happy retirement and would like to thank them for their exceptional commitment to the pupils of Devonshire. I would also like to wish Mrs Colbeck, Miss Evenson, Miss Farran and Miss Cardwell the very best for the future. Thank you to everyone for their hard work.

The staff at Devonshire work tirelessly to provide the very best education for all of our pupils. I consider it an absolute privilege to be Headteacher of an amazing school with such a dedicated, hardworking team of individuals. I would like to thank everyone involved for an outstanding year.

Wishing all our parents, our friends, our Governors and all of the Devonshire family a restful, peaceful and safe summer holiday. We look forward to opening the gates once again at 8:40 am on Wednesday 3rd September.

Mr Simm
Headteacher

School Notice

We would like to remind families that pupils should not be collected early from school unless there is a valid reason, such as a medical appointment. In such cases, evidence of the appointment must be provided to the school office in advance or upon collection.

Recently, we have seen a significant increase in the number of children being collected before the end of the school day without appropriate reason. This is extremely disruptive to learning and places additional pressure on our already very busy and short-staffed office team. Unless there is a genuine, pre-arranged appointment with supporting evidence, children must remain in school until the usual finish time.
Thank you for your understanding.

Upcoming Events

- 3rd September – Return to School, 8:40am
- 9th September – Year 4 1st Swimming Lesson
- 9th September – PMHW Drop In Sessions, 2:00–4:00pm

Please check Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook for further details.

Attendance



Whole School: 92.4%

Class: Keller Class – 94.8%



BUSY BEE BUSINESS



Hamilton Class

As part of their Science lesson, 1S went outdoors to shed some LIGHT on how shadows are made. Children created shadow shapes with their own bodies. Can't keep these lot in the DARK!



Newton + Mandela Class

Year 2 took a trip to Blackpool Zoo recently where they had a WILD time visiting all the animals and listening to the animal talks. They'll FURever remember this trip!



Keller Class

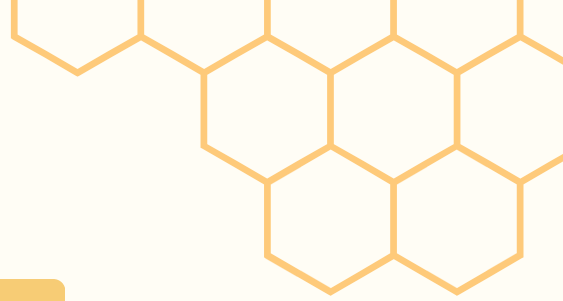
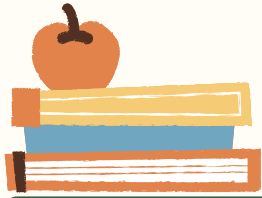
3H have been busy making some unBEETlievable vegetable soups. The children prepared their soups and got to try and evaluate their ingredients. SOUPer work!



Rowling Class

3P began the week with a water fight to celebrate collecting enough gems to receive a reward. They collected the gems by following 'The Devonshire way' and showing our Devonshire Values throughout school. How WATERful!

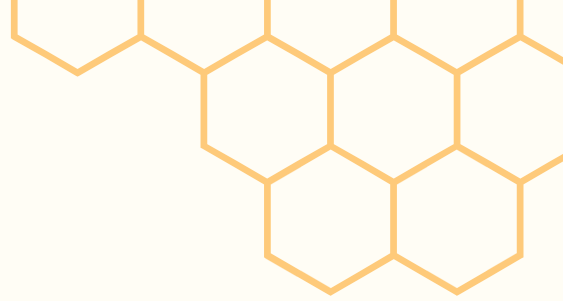




Stars of the Year

Preschool	Willow E-W
RM	Ivie-Mae O
RG	Bryannee M
1H	Izabela S
1S	Elsa E
2AM	Jack M
2CM	Ellouise N
3P	Alissia M
3H	Riva-Blu D
4MT	Polly C
4S	Wyatt R
5S	Harrison S
5D	Inaya M
6O	Violet B-C
6J	Connor A





Friday 18th July

National Tropical Fruit Day

ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

FREE UNDER 16'S HOLIDAY SWIM

MOOR PARK
MONDAY 1:30-2:30PM
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY
1-2:30PM

PALATINE
MONDAY TO FRIDAY
1-2:30PM

All swimmers must bring their
leisure card with them

Blackpool Council
ActiveBlackpool.co.uk



Supporting our front-line partners
with emergency food



THE SALVATION ARMY BRIDGE PROJECT FOR 26 years & over 9am to 11:00 - Homeless Hub Breakfast/hot shower 12:00 to 2pm - hot meal	Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday	Salvation Army, Raikes Parade, FY1 4EL
STREET LIFE FOR 16 to 25 YEARS FREE lunch— food and toiletries available	Monday to Friday 12:30 - 3:30	The Base, 48 Buchanan St, FY1 3LQ
BLACKPOOL STREET ANGELS Free — hot meal & takeaway food.	Monday 19:00 - 20:00	Bank Street Car Park, FY1 2DT
COMFORT C.A.F.E. Free — hot meal & takeaway food	Tuesday 11:00 - 12:30	St Thomas' Church, 135 Caunce St, FY1 3NJ
ST PETER'S CHURCH Hot meal, fruit, cakes and hot drink Free, and for people of any age.	Tuesday 6pm	St Peter's Church 190 Lytham Road FY1 6DJ
CLAREMONT FIRST STEPS Free take away food for anyone in need.	Thursday 11:00 - 12:00	Methodist Church Building Dickson Rd, FY1 2AP
HELPING HEARTS Free—Hot meal and take away food. Baby, clothing and pet food bank.	Thursday 6:30pm	Kingston House, 57 Boothley Road, FY1 3RR.
SACRED HEART CHURCH Free — emergency food	Thursday 9:30 - 11:00	Green doors at church house 17 Talbot Road, FY1 1LB
HOLY CROSS CHURCH Free—Hot meal and take away food	Saturday 4:30 - 6pm	Central Drive Blackpool, FY1 6LA

