

THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ



FRIDAY 16TH JANUARY 2026

Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire,

It's been another busy week at Devonshire!

On Wednesday, a small group of pupils enjoyed a fantastic visit to the Creative Space Centre in Preston, the largest multi-sensory centre in the UK. The children were fascinated by the state-of-the-art lighting, visuals and sound equipment that help create fully tailored sensory experiences for visitors. As a centre that has been providing sensory support for those with additional needs for over 30 years, it offered our pupils an inspiring and inclusive environment to explore. Thank you to all staff who supported the trip, and a special thank you to Miss Stowell, whose excellent leadership and organisation made the day such a success.

Our school is proud to offer a wide range of extra-curricular clubs each term, giving children the chance to explore new interests, build confidence and develop skills beyond the classroom. This term, pupils are getting involved in cookery, computing, choir, netball, science and Y6 booster clubs; each designed to spark curiosity, encourage teamwork and provide enjoyable learning experiences in a relaxed setting. We believe that enriching opportunities like these help our children grow socially, creatively and academically and we encourage all families to take advantage of what's on offer. New clubs will begin after February half term so keep your eye on Parentapp as this is the only way to sign up.

I'd like to remind all parents and carers that our Primary Mental Health Worker visits school every Tuesday from 2:00pm - 4:00pm for drop-in sessions. This is a supportive, confidential opportunity for families to seek advice on a range of wellbeing topics, including managing worries, building resilience, supporting behaviour and understanding children's emotional needs. You don't need an appointment; simply drop in if you'd like to chat or explore strategies to help your child thrive both at school and at home; though you may have a small wait during busy times. We encourage anyone who feels they may benefit to come along.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr Simm
Headteacher

School Notice

At Devonshire Primary Academy we have a job vacancy to join our fabulous team! Please see the job advert link below for details.

Additional Needs Teaching Assistant (ANTA) Level 2 (closing date 9:00am on Wednesday 28th January 2026) - <https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-TSVT-0271>

Would you, or someone you know, be perfect for this role?
Please share the job details!

Upcoming Events

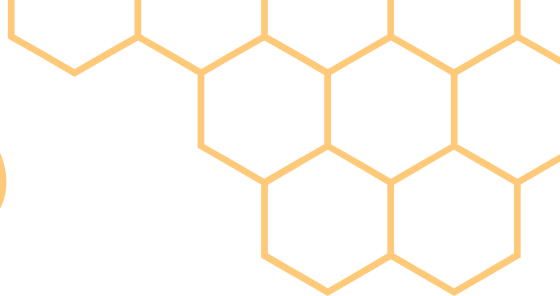
- 19 January - Blue Monday (Wear What Makes You Feel Happy)
- 21st January - 3P to Liverpool World Museum
- 22nd January - RM to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 22nd January - Year 2 to Eureka
- 22nd January - 3M to Liverpool World Museum
- 28th January - 1S to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 29th January - 1H to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 5th February - RG to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 5th February - 6O to Clip n' Climb
- 6th February - NSPCC Number Day (Wear something 'Mathy' - £1)
- 9th February - Valentines Disco (Yr 1, 2 + 3), 4-4:45pm
- 10th February - Valentines Disco (Yr 4, 5 + 6), 4-4:45pm
- 12th February - 6J to Clip n' Climb
- 12th February - Valentines Disco (Preschool + Reception), 4-4:45pm
- 25th February - 5S to Liverpool World Museum
- 26th February - 5D to Liverpool World Museum

Attendance

Whole School: 91.8%

Class: 2M (Mandela) 97.6%

BUSY BEE BUSINESS



Jungle Class

After reading 'The Enormous Turnip', our Preschoolers got to the ROOT of the story by using papier-mâché to create their very own enormous turnips, discovering that great things really do take time to grow.



Hamilton Class

1S had a BEErilliant time using Beebots to learn about direction, BUZZING with excitement as they programmed them to move forwards, backwards, left and right. Everyone showed they were heading in the right direction, working together to learn problem-solving skills.



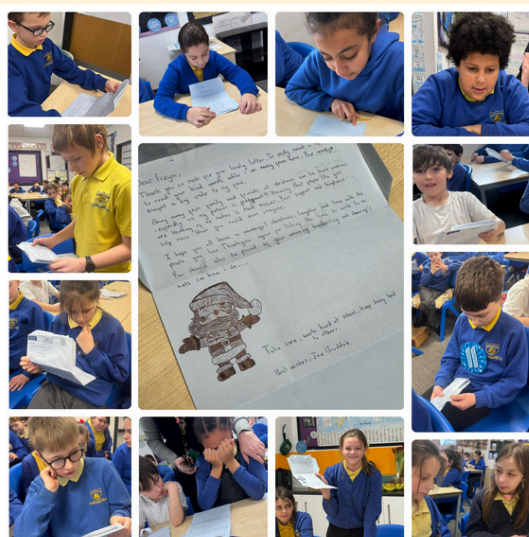
Space Centre, Preston

A few of our children had an OUT OF THIS WORLD time at Space Centre, Preston, the UK's largest multi-sensory centre. With dazzling light displays and hands-on sensory play, their smiles truly lit up the venue. It was a bright day full of exploration, imagination and moments that really sparked joy!



Year 6

For Remembrance Day, Year 6 wrote heartfelt letters to soldiers serving in Iraq, thanking them for their service. Today brought an emotional post of pride as we opened replies from Privates, Corporals, Lieutenants and even a Captain! A few lucky pupils were also honoured with thoughtful keepsakes to treasure forever. Truly medal-worthy moments.





Star of the Week

| Star of the week | | Star Citizen | |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| RG | Parker B | RG | Lacey L |
| RM | Aasel M | RM | Ahmed A |
| 1H | Christian E | 1H | Domiano J |
| 1S | Emily J | 1S | Jenson M |
| 2MS | Rebecca S | 2MS | Meezab Q |
| 2M | Debbie A | 2M | Kingsley D |
| 3P | Lucas T | 3P | Sulaiman A-H |
| 3M | Olivia G | 3M | Nicolas L |
| 4MT | Aria H-B | 4MT | Michael L |
| 4S | Barbara B | 4S | Alissia M |
| 5S | Elliot E | 5S | Gypsy G |
| 5D | Hunter S | 5D | Ionut C |
| 6J | Jana A-F | 6J | Evin N |
| 6O | Bailey D | 6O | Jaz D |





Word of the Week

sigh

(emit a long, deep audible breath expressing sadness, relief, tiredness or similar)

Makaton Sign



Toilet



Friday 16th January

National Nothing Day

ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS



Blue Monday

Monday 19th January

Feeling Blue? Let's Paint the Town Happy!

Monday 19th January is famously called Blue Monday—but at Devonshire, we're flipping the script! No doom, no gloom—just room for smiles that bloom.

We'll be turning those frowns upside down and clapping along because happiness is our jam!

All pupils are invited to wear something that makes them feel HAPPY! Whether it's a sporty kit, cozy pyjamas, party clothes, or something that screams "joy," the choice is yours. Cost? Zero Pounds, Just Plenty of Smiles.

Instead of money, we're collecting donations of grins. After all, smiles are priceless and contagious!

"Smiling is infectious—you can catch it like the flu. Someone smiled at me today, and now I'm smiling too."

So let's turn Blue Monday into True Monday—full of laughter, color, and cheer!

Please ensure all clothing is health and safety appropriate.

If your child has PE lessons on Monday, make sure their outfit is PE-friendly too.



LITTLE LEGENDS

FROM FAIRYTALES TO FOOTBALL

FOOTBALL CLASSES

DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

★ SATURDAY MORNINGS

3 AGE GROUPS FROM 17 MONTHS - AGE 8

FREE TASTER SESSION AVAILABLE!

MORE DETAILS AND HOW TO BOOK ON OUR

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LEGEND OF THE MATCH

90 PAC | 92 DRI
91 SHO | 80 DEF
88 PAS | 80 PHY

FROM FAIRYTALES TO FOOTBALL - WHERE EVERY KICK TELLS A STORY

