

THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ



FRIDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

It's our second full week back at Devonshire and I'm delighted with our strong attendance figures. As I'm sure you are aware, regular, punctual attendance is vital. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills, confidence and friendships and building good habits that are essential for adult life. Thank you to all parents and carers – keep up the good work!

On Thursday, Year 6 visited Blackpool Showtown Museum and the Blackpool Tower Eye. This was the first of around 60 trips that pupils will experience during the course of this academic year, thanks to The Clore Duffield Foundation. The children had a fantastic time and were a credit to the school. Thank you to our Year 6 team and everyone who was involved in the planning and organisation of the trip.

This week, Devonshire's School Choir held its first meeting and practice session of the year. We're incredibly proud of our choir and excited for another fantastic year of performances, both in school and in the wider community. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Page and Miss Sweeney, our wonderful choir leaders, for their continued dedication. If your child is interested in joining the choir, please contact the school office for more information.

Also this week, we shared an updated version of our Parent/Carer Code of Conduct which we hope is clear and comprehensible. At Devonshire Primary Academy, we feel that a strong partnership between schools and parents is vital for fostering a supportive and effective learning environment. When schools and families work together, children benefit from shared values and a sense of belonging both at home and at school. Please do find time to read our Code of Conduct which is always available on the school website.

I hope you all have a pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm
Headteacher

School Notice

High School Open Evening Dates

South Shore Academy

1st October (4.00pm - 7.00pm)

Montgomery Academy

18th September (4.30pm - 7.30pm)

Unity Academy

2nd October (Check website)

Aspire Academy

24th September (5.30pm - 8.30pm)

Highfield Academy

23rd September (4.30pm - 7.00pm)

Upcoming Events

- 8th October - Whole School Nasal Flu Vaccinations
- 9th October - Year 4 Trip to Abbeystead River Wyre
- 10th October - World Mental Health Day (Wear Yellow)
- 15th October - School Photographs (Individuals and Siblings - No PE on This Day)
- 20th October - Preschool & Reception Halloween Disco (after school - 3:45) and Years 1-3 Halloween Disco (4:00 - 4:45)
- 21st October - Years 4-6 Halloween Disco (4:00 - 4:45)
- 22nd October - Parents Evening

Attendance



Whole School: 96%

Class: 3P Rowling - 98.5%



BUSY BEE BUSINESS



Whole School

We are GOLD! Recently, we were notified that Devonshire has once again achieved the Gold School Games Mark Award, this time for the 2024/2025 academic year! School Games is government-led award scheme facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust that recognizes schools for their commitment to physical education and competitive school sport.



Parks Class

WATER you waiting for? Let's paint! 5S have been using watercolours to create contrasting colours in their Art lessons.



Rowling Class

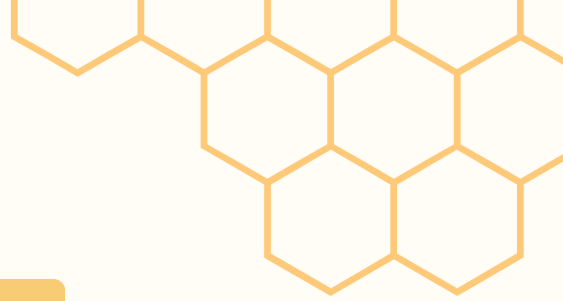
Last week, Devonshire pupils took part in a democratic vote to choose a Student Council in each Registration Form. Children took turns to cast their vote for their favourite candidate from the sELECTION.





Nightingale Class

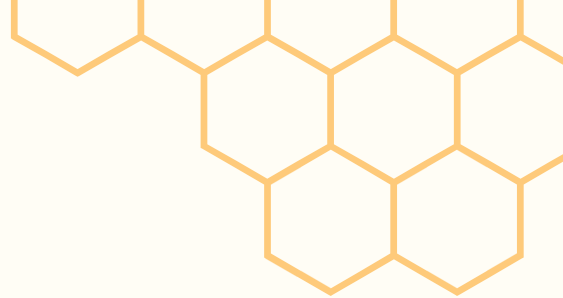
In Science, 4MT have been LOOKING INTO microscopes, specifically at leaves when learning about photosynthesis. Magnificent!





Star of the Week

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RG	Rueben B	RG	Delilah H
RM	Rygan P	RM	Jaxon C
1H	Malik B	1H	Muhammad A
1S	Jenson M	1S	Marley G
2MS	Mathews R	2MS	Melina A
2M	Kingsley D	2M	Joey P
3P	Elisha B	3P	Lucas T
3M	Olivia G	3M	James P
4MT	Lily-Rose F	4MT	Archie M
4S	Evin S	4S	Seira S
5S	Meral A	5S	Scarlet H
5D	Ionut C	5D	Cleo C
6O	Freddie P	6O	Lilith M
6J	Noah D	6J	Freyja M



Word of the Week

Dreary

(depressingly dull and bleak or repetitive)

Makaton Sign



How are you?



Friday 19th September

National Overthinkers Day

ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

Tots Talking 

Invitation to Tots Talking

Toddlers learn to talk from their family and the people around them.

Come to **Tots Talking** to find out information and activities to support you to help your two year old get a head start at nursery and school.

Each session lasts for 1 hour a week for 8 weeks.

Date: Wednesdays from 24 September

Time: 10am to 11am

Place: South Family Hub in Palatine Library, FY4 2AP

To find out more information contact: Your local family hub via phone, or speak to a Family Hub Worker

Details:
South Family Hub: 01253 476550
North Family Hub: 01253 476480

Do you want to find out more about...

How you can help your two year old with talking and learning?

What helps children do well at nursery and school?

How children learn to communicate and behave?

CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION & PRIZE

CREATE A DESIGN FOR OUR LOCAL LAYTON COUNCILLORS, KATH BENSON AND JOHN BOUGHTON TO USE AS THEIR OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS CARD

THE WINNER GETS TO TURN ON THE LAYTON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS ON FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025!

PLEASE DRAW YOUR ENTRY ON PAPER/CARD NO BIGGER THAN, A4, INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE AND CONTACT DETAILS

ENTRIES MUST BE DELIVERED TO LAYTON METHODIST CHURCH BY MONDAY 13TH OCTOBER

