

# THE DEVONSHIRE

# BUZZ



FRIDAY 1ST MAY 2026

## Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

We've reached the end of a lovely, sunny week, packed full of learning and school trips!

On Wednesday, I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 on their visit to York. It was a fantastically sunny and enriching day, during which the pupils explored the Jorvik Viking Centre, enjoyed a stroll down The Shambles and took part in an archaeological experience at the York Dig. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the city's history, particularly the strong Viking influence that has shaped York's identity. Thank you to all members of the Year 6 team for their support in making this a memorable trip.

On Thursday, Year 4 and Year 5 visited Go Ape in Blackburn, located within Witton Country Park. This was our first visit to this venue and the pupils absolutely loved taking on two high ropes courses and a treetop adventure. The staff were incredibly impressed by the children's confidence, resilience and skill as they tackled crossings, obstacles and zip wires high in the trees. My thanks go to all the staff who also experienced several bursts of adrenaline along the way!

Finally, I would like to say a huge congratulations to the pupils and staff in Preschool. Earlier this week, the children organised a peaceful protest outside the front of school, complete with placards, to request a litter bin to help prevent rubbish from the street blowing into their outdoor play area. Thanks to support from The Gazette, Blackpool Council and Enveco, their small but mighty voices were heard and an additional bin will be installed very soon. What a fantastic example of pupil voice in action! Well done to everyone involved!

I hope you all have a peaceful, sunny and enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and we will see everyone back in school on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr Simm  
Headteacher

## School Notice

*We hope that you have now received the email containing details on how to access the booking system for Parents' Evening and have successfully booked.*

*If you have NOT received this email, please do not worry. Kindly contact your child's class teacher via Class Dojo or the school office at your earliest convenience, so that we can ensure you are fully supported and able to make your appointment bookings without delay.*

*We kindly encourage all parents and carers to check their inbox (including junk or spam folders) in case the message has been filtered incorrectly.*

## Upcoming Events

- 5<sup>th</sup> May - Year 2 to Brockholes
- 6<sup>th</sup> May - Summer Term 2026 Parents' Evening
- 7<sup>th</sup> May - Year 1 to Brockholes
- 11<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs Week
- 12<sup>th</sup> May - Year 3 to Murton Park
- 18<sup>th</sup> May - Health and Wellbeing Week
- 9<sup>th</sup> June - KS1 Sports Day 13:30 - 14:50 (Devonshire)
- 16<sup>th</sup> June - KS2 Sports Day 09:30 - 12:00 (Stanley Park)
- 17<sup>th</sup> June - Photographs for Classes & Year 6 Leavers
- 17<sup>th</sup> June - Reception Sports Day (RG 13:30 RM 14:15)
- 18<sup>th</sup> June - Year 2 and Year 4 to Blackpool Zoo
- 22-24<sup>th</sup> June - Year 6 Residential to London

Further details about trips and events can be found on Class Dojo and Parentapps.

## Attendance



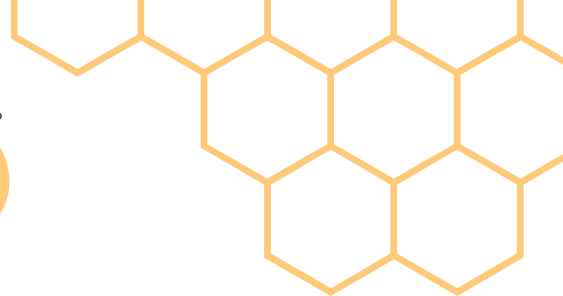
Whole School: 93.1%

Class: 4MT (Nightingale) 98.2%



# BUSY BEE

# BUSINESS



## Year 6

Year 6 headed to Jorvik Viking Centre in York for a VIKINGtastic adventure! Alongside exploring the sights and sounds of the past, they took part in a hands-on 'Dig' workshop, where they became archaeologists for the day and really DUG into the city's history. How AXEciting!



## Year 4 and 5

Years 4 and 5 had a TREEmendous time at Go Ape, tackling wobbly crossings, climbing challenges and zooming down zip lines! It was an APESolutely brilliant day that they all went a little BANANAS for!



## Year 5

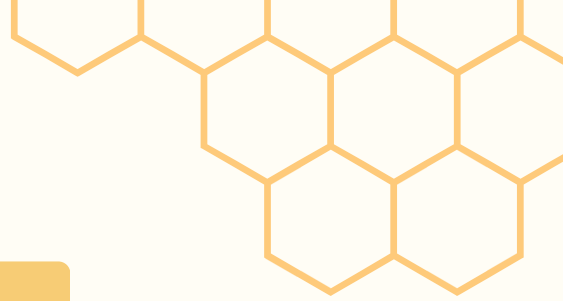
A small group of children took part in Bikeability this week and were WHEELY impressive! They learned how to ride safely on the road, from signalling to spotting hazards. After a few early wobbles, their confidence quickly shifted GEARS. By the end, they were ready to ROLL safely and responsibly. TYRErific work!



## Preschool

Preschoolers became scientists while pretending to be the Big Bad Wolf and their ideas really BLEW us away! They predicted which items (brick, feather, straw and stick) they could "huff, puff and blow away," then tested their thinking. They explored words like "heavy" and "light," leading to some WEIGHTy discussions about what happened and why. This fun activity helps build early science skills like predicting, observing and explaining.

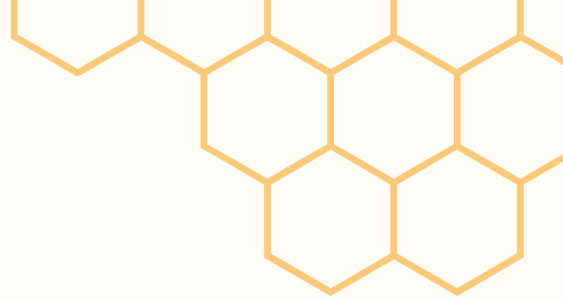




## Star of the Week

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RG	Ezin A-K	RG	Rueben B
RM	Esmae E	RM	Boaz A
1H	Ivie-Mae O	1H	Jack M
1S	Abigail G	1S	Haver S
2M	Olivia J	2M	Ewan E
2MS	Erin B	2MS	Wynter S
3M	Leah B	3M	Tia-Rose A
3P	Summer R	3P	Alita B
4MT	Ayda R	4MT	Malachii F
4S	Calvin D	4S	Max D
5D	Theo B	5D	Millie G
5S	Izzy B	5S	Arla D
6J	Alfie B	6J	Maily A
6O	Noah Mc	6O	Amelia O'H



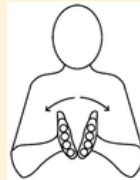


### Word of the Week

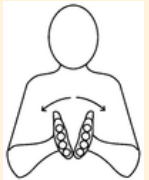
## Reluctant

(someone unwilling, hesitant or slow to do something, often showing doubt or disinclination)

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### Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May

International Workers Day

# ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

## Dads & Male Carers Stay & Play

- A relaxed drop-in play session for dads, male carers and their little ones
- Great chance for quality time, to meet new people and peer support
- Activities for babies, toddlers and older children
- Find out about our free timetable of activities, sessions & events
- Refreshments available



SCAN ME



Every 3rd Saturday of the month

10.30am - 12.00pm

Central Family Hub, Gorton Street, FY1 3JW

Blackpool Family Hubs

Blackpool Council

## Active Families: Healthy Lifestyle Programme

Active Families is a free programme for families. Our weekly sessions include:

- Fun physical activity
- Food and nutrition support
- Practical wellbeing skills
- Time to learn and make changes

FREE

LAYTON METHODIST  
TUESDAYS 4PM - 5PM  
FROM 14 APRIL 2026

Contact us to find out more  
Scan the QR code



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