

THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ

FRIDAY 23RD JANUARY 2026



Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire,

It's been another busy week in school!

On Monday, we marked Blue Monday by wearing something that makes us feel happy. Blue Monday is always observed on the third Monday of January, dubbed the most depressing day of the year. While the label has no clinical basis, it falls during a time when seasonal factors can significantly affect people's mood and energy levels. On the day, our classrooms were filled with pyjamas, sportswear, party outfits and even a few fancy-dress surprises as staff and pupils came to school dressed in whatever makes them feel happy! It was a fantastic day; no doom, no gloom, just smiles all around! Thank you to all staff and pupils who helped to brighten up the day!

This week, we have continued to offer rich cultural experiences to our pupils, thanks to the Clore Duffield Foundation grant. Year 3 enjoyed a trip to the World Museum in Liverpool, Year 2 explored Eureka in Halifax, and RM Berry class visited the Walker Art Gallery and Liverpool World Museum. I am incredibly proud that we can provide such diverse and inspiring opportunities for our children. My thanks go to all staff involved in organising and supporting these visits, and to parents and carers for their patience, particularly where collection times fell outside our usual school hours.

At Devonshire Primary Academy we have a job vacancy for an Additional Needs Teaching Assistant to join our fabulous team! Please see the job advert link below for details. The closing date is 9:00am on Wednesday 28th January and we look forward to receiving your application should you wish to apply.

I hope you have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Warm regards,

Mr Simm
Headteacher

School Notice

Please ensure your child's contact details (including home address, contact telephone numbers and email addresses etc.) are up to date. To make changes to your child's contact details on Parentapp, click 'Profile' then 'Edit Profile'.

Please also ensure you have informed us if your child has developed a new allergy or intolerance. To inform us of a new allergy/intolerance on Parentapp, click 'Content' then 'Consent Forms' then 'Medical Consent Form'.

If you are unable to update your details on Parentapp, please contact us via email (admin@devonshire.svt.org.uk) or complete a form at the school office.

Upcoming Events

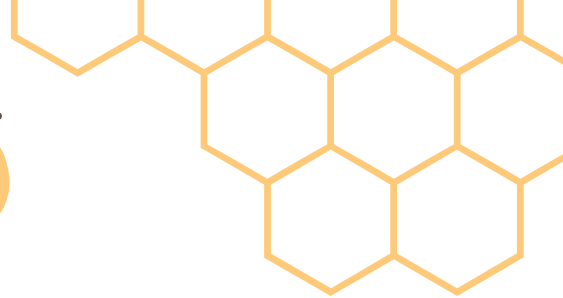
- 28th January - 1S to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 29th January - 1H to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 5th February - RG to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 5th February - 6O to Clip n' Climb
- 6th February - NSPCC Number Day (Wear something 'Mathy' - £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: 91.2%

Class: 2M (Mandela) 99.5%

BUSY BEE BUSINESS



Rowling Class

3P enjoyed PE in the winter sun this week, throwing and catching with RAYS of enthusiasm. They really THREW themselves into the lesson, making some CATCHtastic improvements and proving they're on a real ROLL when it comes to coordination. What a bright way to build their PE skills!



Rowling Class

Rowling and Keller Class had an unMUSEUMably brilliant time at the World Museum in Liverpool exploring incredible collections from Africa, the Americas, Asia and Oceania. The children were truly globetrotting without leaving the building! The children had TONNES of fun (and that's not just the weight of the dinosaur skeletons!).



Berry Class

Berry Class had a WORLDwind adventure at the Walker Art Gallery and the World Museum in Liverpool where the children were amazed at how many cultures they could explore in just one day! A trip full of discovery, laughter and memories that will go down in history... just like the exhibits!



Newton + Mandela Class

Year 2 had a EUREKAlly exciting day at Eureka in Halifax, the ultimate hands-on, learning-through-play adventure! The children pressed buttons, pulled levers, explored sounds, lights and science and discovered that learning can be SHOCKingly fun!

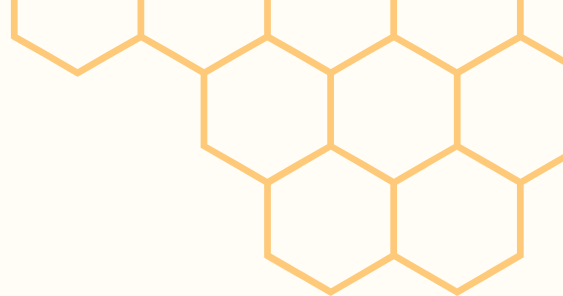




Star of the Week

| Star of the week | | Star Citizen | |
|------------------|-------------|--------------|------------|
| RG | Willow E-W | RG | Levy V |
| RM | Boaz A | RM | Freya L |
| 1H | Azhar M | 1H | Esmee T |
| 1S | Jaxson W-H | 1S | Relaeya A |
| 2MS | Nyla L | 2MS | Yamen S |
| 2M | Theo T | 2M | Arthur M |
| 3P | Elyssia N-M | 3P | Harlen A |
| 3M | Tia-Rose A | 3M | Albert A |
| 4MT | Lisha R | 4MT | Ayda R |
| 4S | Ryan P | 4S | Leona M |
| 5S | Alfie T | 5S | Lily-Mae B |
| 5D | Jazmine P | 5D | Leona A |
| 6J | Casie W | 6J | Matilda M |
| 6O | Tilly T | 6O | Hunter A |



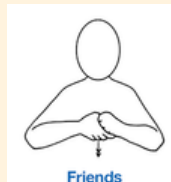


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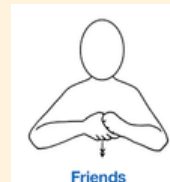
callous

(showing or having an insensitive and cruel disregard for others)

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Friend



Friday 23rd January

National Pie Day

ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

Valentine's Disco

Children are invited to join us for an evening filled with food, fun and friends as we celebrate the month of love!

ENTRY ON THE DOOR IS £2.00 PER PUPIL
(INCLUDES A SOFT DRINK)

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY - YEARS 1, 2 AND 3

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY - YEARS 4, 5 AND 6

THURSDAY 12TH FEBRUARY - PRESCHOOL AND RECEPTION

4:00 - 4:45pm

All children need to be collected from the discos by an adult due to the late finish time.

NSPCC NUMBER DAY

Friday 6th February 2026

Children are welcome to come to school on this day dressed as their favourite number/s, TTRS /Numbot character or as someone who uses maths within their job e.g. chef, engineer, accountant or teacher etc.

We are asking for a suggested donation of £1 per pupil, though any amount you can spare will be very gratefully received. The money raised will make an enormous difference to children today and help the NSPCC be there for children tomorrow.

We are looking forward to a fun filled day focusing on activities that feature Maths, Science, DT and Computing!