

THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ

FRIDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire,

It has been another busy and productive week at Devonshire, with children working hard across all areas of the curriculum and demonstrating many of the qualities that make our school such a special place.

On Wednesday, Mrs Byers and Miss Mack took a group of Year 4 pupils to the EE Disability Cup at Stanley Park. Team Devonshire had a fantastic day taking part in a variety of sporting activities. The children represented the school brilliantly, showing determination, enthusiasm and excellent teamwork throughout. Most importantly, they demonstrated The Devonshire Way at all times. Thank you to the staff for supporting this valuable opportunity.

Thursday saw our annual School Council Elections. Over the past few days, pupils have been nominating candidates and today every child had the opportunity to cast their vote for the class representative they believe will best represent their views. It was wonderful to see democracy in action and to witness the thoughtful way pupils approached the process. As always, the event was extremely well organised and I would like to thank Mrs Thomas for coordinating the day.

Today it was a pleasure to celebrate our Stars of the Week and Super Citizens. Hearing so many wonderful reports about the achievements, effort and positive attitudes of our pupils always makes me incredibly proud. I leave every celebration assembly reminded of just how fantastic our children are and the bright future they have ahead of them.

Looking ahead, Year 4 are eagerly anticipating our first educational visit of the academic year next week with a trip to Abbeystead Estate. This promises to be a fun and enriching experience and is just the beginning of another exciting programme of visits and opportunities planned by staff for our pupils for the year ahead.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. I hope you all have a safe, relaxing and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm
Headteacher

School Notice

A friendly reminder that head lice are very common among primary school-aged children and regular checks are the best way to spot them early and prevent them from spreading.

We kindly encourage all parents and carers to check their child's hair regularly. The best way to do this is by using a fine-toothed detection comb on wet, conditioned hair, paying particular attention to the areas behind the ears and around the nape of the neck. If you do find any signs of head lice, prompt treatment will help to prevent them from spreading to others.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us keep all children comfortable, happy and ready to learn.

Upcoming Events

- 2nd October - Y4 Trip to Abbeystead Estate
- 5th October - Reception Open Evening at 4pm
- 14th October - Parents Evening (Details TBC)
- 18th November - Individual & Sibling Photographs

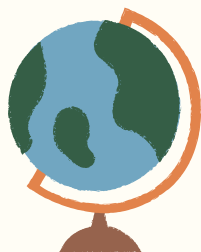
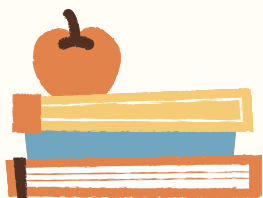
Further details about trips and events can be found on Class Dojo and Parentapps.

Weekly Attendance



1S Hamilton 100%	RM Berry 92.5%
Worker Bees 98.4%	6D Turing 92%
2AM Pankhurst 98.1%	1H Beethoven 91.5%
3P Rowling 97.2%	RG Potter 91.3%
2CM Mandela 96.8%	3S Keller 90.9%
6O Blake 96.3%	5S Johnson 90.8%
5J Churchill 94%	4B Attenborough 89.7%
4WT Nightingale 93.8%	Bumblebees 85.7%

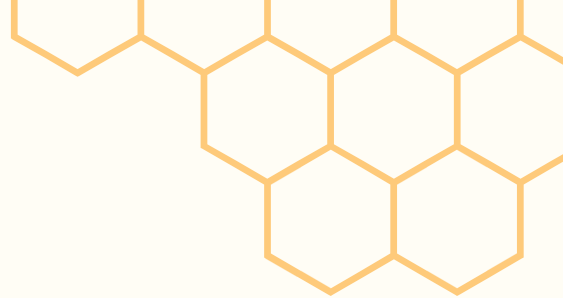




Star of the Week

Star Citizen

RG	Kiara C	RG	Arthur-John P
RM	Mia-Rose J	RM	Hunter M
1H	Sophia H	1H	Michael M
1S	Mia G	1S	Juvana J
2CM	Jenson M	2CM	Mason M
2AM	Lola H	2AM	Amelia-Rose S-F
3S	Olivia J	3S	Lucas C
3P	Tristan P	3P	Minnie A
4WT	Tia-Rose A	4WT	Nicolas L
4B	Erica M	4B	Kiara-Mae S
5J	Calvin D	5J	Scarlett S-C
5S	Aran A	5S	Lily B
6D	Britayley M	6D	Mason O
6O	Lily B	6O	Juwana M



Word of the Week

Amble

(to move or walk slowly and peacefully)

Makaton Sign



Today



Friday 25th September

National Daughters Day

ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2027

PRIMARY APPLICATIONS
If your child was born between **1st September 2022** and **31st August 2023**, you must apply for a Primary School Reception place for September 2027. (Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between **1st September 2026** and **31st August 2027**).

SECONDARY APPLICATIONS
If your child is in the final year of primary education (Year 6), you must apply for a Secondary School Year 7 place for September 2027. (Applications are required for all children who are in their final year at a primary school).

If you live in Blackpool (pay council tax to Blackpool) –

APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE ON-LINE AT:
www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

Before you complete and submit your application you are advised to read Blackpool Council's guide for parents at: www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

The on-line system offers a quick and secure means of applying for places. Paper applications and information booklets are available from schoolaccess@blackpool.gov.uk or telephone 01253 476637.

CLOSING DATES FOR APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2027
PRIMARY APPLICATIONS – BY 15TH JANUARY 2027
SECONDARY APPLICATIONS – BY 31ST OCTOBER 2026

Applications received after the closing dates will be processed after all those which are received on time. If you apply late this may reduce your chances of an offer for one of your preferred schools.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

If you pay your council tax to Wyre or Fylde then you will need to access Lancashire's on-line application system at www.lancashire.gov.uk. You can still express preferences for Blackpool schools on Lancashire's application system.

www.blackpool.gov.uk Blackpool Council

ABC 

Devonshire Primary Academy

Reception Open Evening 

Experience our nurturing and inspiring EYFS environment and meet our dedicated staff team.

We look forward to seeing you!

Monday 5th October 2026
4:00-5:00pm



