

THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ



FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER 2025

Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

On Tuesday, we were delighted to welcome Dame Vivien Duffield to our school. Dame Vivian visited the three Blackpool schools that were fortunate to receive a generous donation to support trips and visits this year. A huge thank you to Mrs Horabin and Mrs Millerick for organising this special visit and to the wonderful group of children who spoke so confidently and eloquently about their experiences so far.

On Wednesday, we celebrated Europe Day. Each class enjoyed a themed day based on a European country of their choice, with opportunities to dress in costume, sample traditional cuisine and even learn a few words in a foreign language. A huge thank you to Miss Sweeney for coordinating this fantastic event.

Also on Wednesday, creativity filled the air as every class designed and made beautiful Christmas decorations to display around school. Then, on Wednesday night, Santa's secret elves worked their magic and transformed our school into a festive winter wonderland! When the children arrived on Thursday morning, they were greeted with sparkling decorations, twinkling lights and plenty of Christmas cheer. It was a wonderful surprise that brought smiles to everyone's faces and set the perfect tone for the season ahead. Thank you to all the staff who stayed late to create this special, festive experience.

Looking ahead, on Sunday, our school choir will be performing at St Thomas' Church annual Christmas Light Switch-On. This is always a lovely community event and I'm looking forward to seeing our pupils, families and friends there. Thank you to our Chair of Governors, Reverend David O'Brien, for the kind invitation.

Wishing you all a very pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm
Headteacher

School Notice

We would like to remind all families that, for the safety and wellbeing of our pupils and staff, animals are not permitted on school grounds at any time.

This includes drop-off and pick-up points and periods.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us maintain a safe environment for everyone.

Upcoming Events

- 4 December - Reception to Gruffalo Clubhouse & Sea Life Centre (inc. McDonalds Lunch)
- 4 December - 2M Trip to Clip & Climb
- 5 December - Non-Uniform - Bring a Bottle for the Xmas Fair
- 8 December - Carols by Candlelight, 2:00-3:00
- 9 December - Reception Nativity 1st Performance, 9:30
- 9 December - Preschool Christmas Crafts, 3:15
- 11 December - Reception Nativity 2nd Performance, 2:15
- 11 December - Christmas Jumper Day (£1 for Save the Children)
- 11 December - Preschool Craft, 3:15
- 11 December - Year 1 Nativity, 9:30

Information about events can be found on Class Dojo & Parentapp.

Attendance



Whole School: 88.1%

Class: 1H (Beethoven) 92.9%

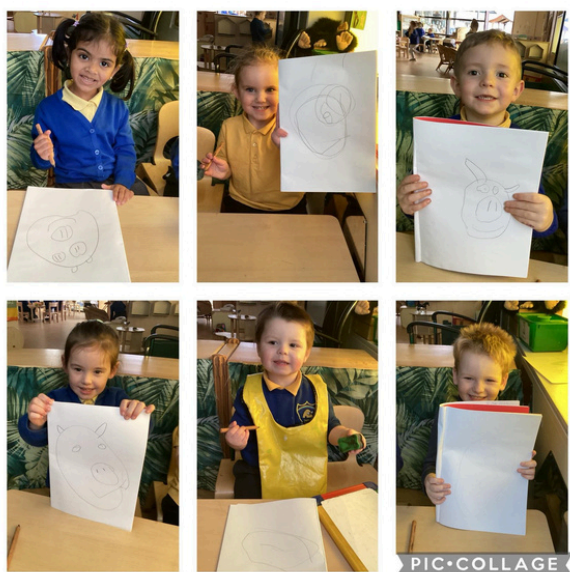


BUSY BEE BUSINESS



Jungle Class

Preschool have been learning about farms, their animals and their produce. The children were DAIRY interested to learn that milk comes from cows! MOOVellous!



Mandela + Newton Class

Year 2 took a trip to Clip-n-Climb and the children were ROPEd into racing to the top of all the climbing walls. They had a LEDGEendary day! [#ClareDuffieldFoundation](#)



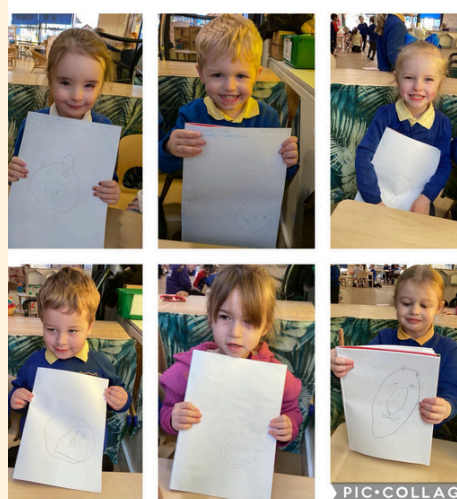
Whole School

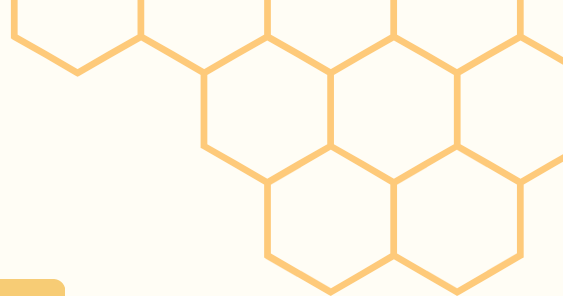
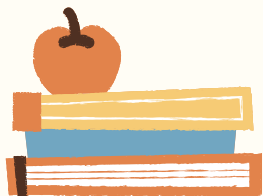
This week, Devonshire hosted a special day dedicated to learning about European countries. Each class represented a different nation, dressing in the colours of its flag and sampling traditional foods to experience its unique culture. What a EUROphoric day!



Jungle Class

Oh SNAP, what's this? Run, run, as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man! [The Way I Roll](#) has been working her creative magic again this week to paint the Preschool doors in the theme of The Gingerbread Man. What a SWEET design and the children love it! Thank you, Momo!

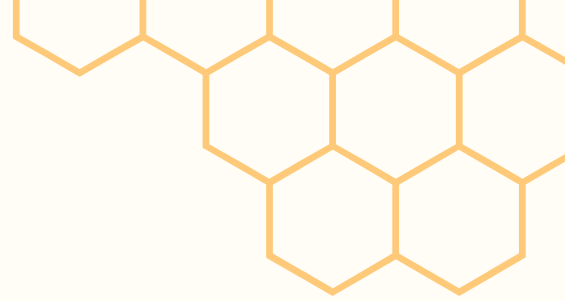




Star of the Week

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RG	Melody H	RG	Pareesa H
RM	Laura C	RM	Esmee E
1H	Tommy N	1H	Christon J
1S	Lola-Mae T	1S	Ariana W
2MS	Jake F	2MS	Erin B
2M	George A	2M	Grayson G
3P	Harlen A	3P	Abraham J
3M	Khaleesi G	3M	Leah B
4MT	Lily-Rose F	4MT	Lola D
4S	Ava M	4S	Seira S
5S	Logan-Harvey T	5S	Britayley M
5D	Poppy C	5D	Millie G
6J	Porsha N	6O	Alfie B
6O	Logan S	6J	Matilda P

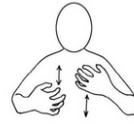




Word of the Week

Stupendous
(extremely impressive)

Makaton Sign



Exciting

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Friday 28TH November

National Buy Nothing Day

ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

The Friends of Stanley Park Blackpool

Christmas Fair

10.30 to 2.30
Saturday and Sunday
29/30th November 2025

In the Visitor Centre with Santa Family Fun

Games
Face Painting
Crafts
Tombola
Bran Tub
Stalls
Cake

We're watching you

Connect Talk to people around you Reach out for Support Listen to others Create memories	Be active Do what you can enjoy An activity of your choice Feel good about Yourself	Take notice Take notice of your thoughts and feelings Think of what brings you joy	Keep learning Embrace new opportunities Learn a new skill Rediscover an old interest Find out something new
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5 Ways... to Wellbeing.

- enjoy the moment
- ask for help
- eat enough sleep
- eat healthy
- be yourself
- take a break
- do things that enjoy
- take care of yourself
- help people
- do some exercise