

# THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ



FRIDAY 30TH JANUARY 2026

## Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire,

This week, our Year 1 children enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Walker Art Gallery and World Museum in Liverpool. They took part in a number of fascinating workshops, including storytelling, hands-on activities and engaging gallery games that encouraged them to explore and respond to the artworks around them. Taking part in these sessions, surrounded by such an impressive collection, made the experience both authentic and enriching, offering a valuable boost to our pupils' cultural capital. A huge thank you to all of the staff who supported another trip funded by the Clore Duffield Foundation grant.

This term, children in our Performing Arts Club have been working hard in preparation for the annual Schools Alive event, which will take place at the Winter Gardens on Monday 9th February. I've been fortunate to catch glimpses of their rehearsals and the children are looking and sounding fantastic! This year, the group will be performing songs and dances from Hairspray and I am very much looking forward to attending this special evening. A reminder that tickets are still available from the Winter Gardens Box Office and online for any parents and carers who would like to come along and cheer on Team Devonshire. A big thank you to Ms O'Hagan for her dedication and hard work with the group.

Next week, we will be celebrating National Storytelling Week. This year's theme is Soundtrack Your Story and we will be using exciting resources from the National Literacy Trust to bring stories to life. Children will be taking part in virtual events, including a "Rhyme, Rhythm and Wiggles" singalong for Early Years and sessions exploring storytelling through rap and rhythm for older pupils. Thank you to Mrs Guest, our Reading Subject Lead, for organising such creative and engaging activities for our children.

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Mr Simm  
Headteacher

## School Notice

*Could your child be eligible for Free School Meals?  
Have your financial circumstances changed recently?*

*It's really easy to check whether or not your child is entitled to Free School Meals. Just click on the link below and complete a very quick application. You should get the results on the same day that you submit the application.*

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims/apply>

## Upcoming Events

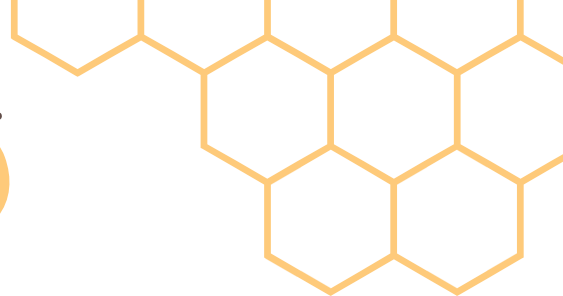
- 3rd February - Final Session of Y1 Cooking Club
- 5th February - RG to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 5th February - 6O to Clip n' Climb
- 6th February - NSPCC Number Day (Wear something 'Mathy' - £1)
- 9th February - Valentines Disco (Yr 1, 2 + 3), 4-4:45pm
- 10th February - Valentines Disco (Yr 4, 5 + 6), 4-4:45pm
- 12th February - 6J to Clip n' Climb
- 12th February - Valentines Disco (Preschool + Reception), 4-4:45pm
- 12th February - Final Session of Science Club
- 12th February - School Closes for Half Term (normal time)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February - School Re-Opens (8:40am - normal time)
- 25th February - 5S to Liverpool World Museum
- 26th February - 5D to Liverpool World Museum

## Attendance

Whole School: 92.4%

Class: 1S (Hamilton) 97%

# BUSY BEE BUSINESS



## Hamilton Class

1S PETALed their way through a whole range of brush techniques as colours BLOOMed across the page to create a floral masterpiece. Our artists really ROSE to the occasion.



## Jungle Class

I've got a BONE to pick with you! The children in Jungle Class have been spotting similarities and differences, from eye colour to hair colour, and celebrating what makes each person one of a kind. They've also been sharing their likes and dislikes, putting themselves in others' shoes and learning that even though we're all different, we're all friends. Got to HAND it to them - those paintings look superb!



## The Way I Roll

Lots of love and CARE for The Way I Roll! Our preschool doors are now painted in a BEARy sweet Care Bears theme, spreading kindness, friendship and heart-filled smiles. Because caring is how we all roll, today and every day! Thank you, MoMo, from the bottom of our HEARTS!



## Beethoven Class

1H worked in PAIRfect teams to explore how to partition numbers up to 20. By splitting numbers and sharing ideas, they showed great teamwork and maths that really ADDED up!



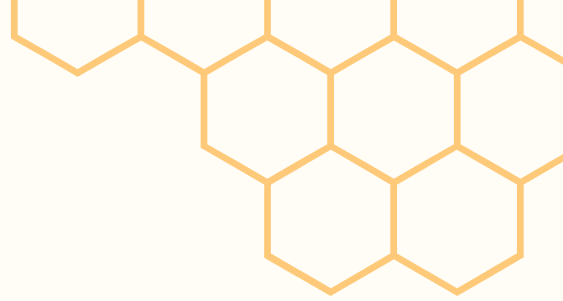


## Star of the Week

Star of the week		Star Citizen	
RG	Leia K-W	RG	Theo H-R
RM	Noah P	RM	Emily M
1H	Zunaisha A	1H	Timinia D
1S	Jaxson C	1S	Lucy E
2MS	Minnie A	2MS	Ruben C
2M	Saniya S	2M	Emily S
3P	Kenley M	3P	Sharon B
3M	Riley H	3M	Jenson M-S
4MT	Ayaan U	4MT	Teddy E
4S	Skyla-Jade H	4S	Arlo B
5S	Wyatt R	5S	Aasta F
5D	Isaac O	5D	Millie G
6J	Porsha N	6J	Noah D
6O	Dalton D	6O	Jaz D







## Word of the Week

### Trudge

(walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions)

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Friday 23rd January

National Croissant Day

# ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

MULTI-SKILLS / VOLLEYBALL / BADMINTON / TABLE TENNIS / GAMES / FREE PLAY

## SPORTS CAMP

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There's something for every age group so little ones can keep up and the older ones don't get bored!

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- Dodgeball
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