



THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ



FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER 2025



Headteacher's Notice

Hello Devonshire!

Last Sunday, Devonshire's School Choir took part in St. Thomas' Church Christmas Light Switch-On. It was a truly lovely occasion and wonderful to see so many of our families there. The children sang beautifully, filling the church with festive cheer, and everyone enjoyed the Christmas songs and carols. A huge thank you to everyone involved; especially Mrs Page for organising this special event.

On Thursday this week, Reception and Beehive pupils had an amazing trip to The Gruffalo Clubhouse on Blackpool Promenade. They explored the deep, dark wood adventure play area and enjoyed the incredible Gruffalo sensory room. For lunch, everyone enjoyed a treat at McDonald's and, afterward, the children visited Blackpool Sea Life Centre, where they discovered fascinating marine creatures. Thank you to all the staff who supported the trip and a special thanks to Mrs Millerick for planning such a fantastic experience.

Also on Thursday, Year 2 visited Clip 'n Climb Blackpool, a unique indoor climbing experience offering exciting and fun-filled challenges. The children absolutely loved it! Thank you to our staff for accompanying the trip and to the Clip 'n Climb team for making it such an enjoyable day for our pupils.

This week, we are delighted to congratulate to Miss White, who will join Miss Nicholson in the Pastoral Team in January as our second Learning Mentor. Miss White already makes a huge impact in her role as Additional Needs Teaching Assistant and we are confident she will bring the same passion and dedication to this new role. We wish her every success as she begins this exciting chapter with us.

Next week promises to be a very busy penultimate week of the half term! Please check our Countdown to Christmas planner, shared across all platforms, so you don't miss any of the festive fun. Amongst other events, we have Reception Nativities, KS1 Nativities, choir performances and Christmas Jumper Day to look forward to!

Wishing you all a pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm
Headteacher

School Notice

At Devonshire Primary Academy we have a number of job vacancies to join our fabulous team! 💙💛🐝 Please see the job advert links below for details.

✏ Teaching Assistant Level 4 (closing date 9:00am on Monday 15th December 2025 - <https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-TSVT-0257>)

✏ Additional Needs Teaching Assistant (ANTA) Level 2 (closing date 9:00am on Monday 15th December 2025) - <https://recruit.sampeople.co.uk/Jobboard/Vacancy/Details?campaignref=SCH-TSVT-0258>

Would you, or someone you know, be perfect for one of these roles?
Please share the job details! 💙💛🐝

Upcoming Events

- 8 December - Carols by Candlelight (Pupils Only)
 - 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 Christmas Craft, 3:15
 - 11 December - Year 1 Nativity, 9:30
 - 12 December - Year 2 Nativity, 9:30
 - 16 December - Year 2, 5 and 6 Christmas Party Day
 - 17 December - Preschool and Year 4 Christmas Party Day
 - 18 December - Year 1 & 3 Christmas Party Day
 - 19 December - Reception Christmas Party Day
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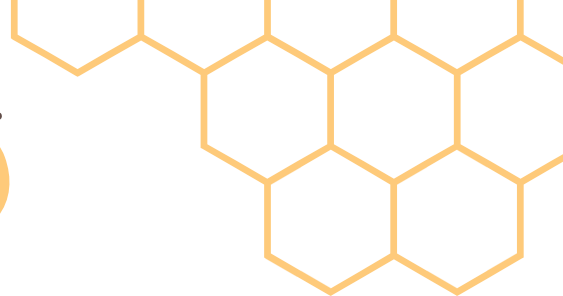
Attendance

Whole School: 86.2%

Class: 5D (Churchill) - 96.2%



BUSY BEE BUSINESS



Keller + Rowling Class

Last week, NHS nurses visited Year 3 to talk to the children about germs and how to wash their hands properly. The session was **INFECTIOUSLY** fun and the children picked up plenty of tips to help stop pesky germs from **SPREADING** their influence!



Jungle Class

Preschool have been full of Christmas cheer, **DECKING** out the classroom and **SPRUCEING** up the Christmas tree. Their decorations are enough to make Santa pause his sleigh for a closer look!



Whole School

A big well done to our first group of children who received awards for **MULTIPLYING** their mathematical skills by practicing with 'Numbots' for three minutes each day! Their hard work really **ADDED** up and they **COUNTED** themselves lucky to take home a computer-made robot toy.

Now that's **SUMthing** special to celebrate!



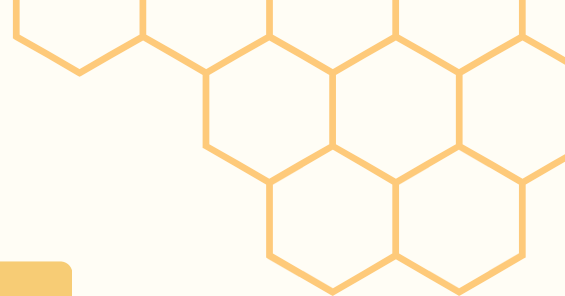
Choir

YULE be sorry if you missed the magic of Christmas come alive in St Thomas' Church last weekend! Devonshire's Choir joined the community for the Church's annual Christmas Tree Light Switch-On. Their harmonious voices filled the Church, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere for all who gathered. Families, friends and visitors sang along as the choir's performance added a special sparkle to this annual tradition. A huge thank you to Mrs Page, Miss Sweeney and Devonshire's Choir for making this year's switch-on truly unforgettable!

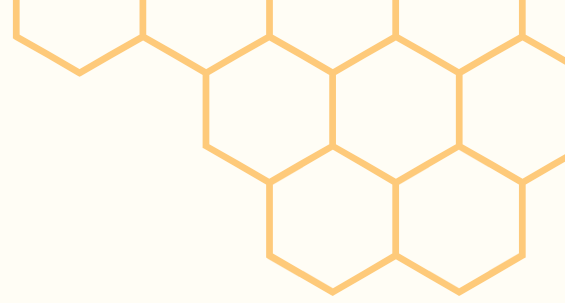




Star of the Week



Star of the Week		Star Citizen	
RG	Michael M	RG	Alfie O’N
RM	Ella-Jo T	RM	Archie M
1H	Thomas M	1H	Esmae W
1S	Dolly H	1S	Olivia K
2MS	McKenzie H	2MS	Oscar E
2M	Bobby-John E	2M	Brooklyn C
3P	Sainabou S	3P	Caleb O
3M	Thankvikah K	3M	Avy J
4MT	Aran A	4MT	Kyra B
4S	Jack E	4S	Zahra A-H
5S	Jon-Paul P	5S	Olivia W
5D	Isaac O	5D	Corben W
6J	Jana A-F	6J	Remi M
6O	Treesa R	6O	Ruby J

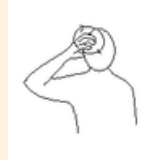


Word of the Week

Aghast

(filled with horror or shock.)

Makaton Sign



Worried



Friday 5th December

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ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS



We'd like your input on how we manage school photographs from 2026/27.

Currently, we take individual and sibling photos for all pupils (October) and class photos and Year 6 leavers photos (June). However, the process of taking the photos cause significant disruption to learning and we've noticed that most interest in purchasing photos comes from parents of children in Reception (the start of their school journey) and Year 6 (the end of their school journey).

We're proposing the following options:

- A) CHANGE IT UP: Individual photos for all children (October) and class photos for Reception and Year 6 only (June).
- B) KEEP IT THE SAME: Individual photos for all children (October) and class photos for all classes (June).

Additionally, sibling photos will change. They will now be taken in the hall either before or after school on the October date and parents will be responsible for taking their own children.

Please access the link below to cast your vote by Wednesday 10th December 2025.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BBjy6olvhkablgOoLxuzlPWXPePipw1AgpmJv8LXplTUNkxXUzdLVDhYRFYOUTdTV0tPWFdIQ1BWVyy4u>

Thank you for helping us make the best decision for our school community!

