

THE DEVONSHIRE BUZZ



FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY 2026

Headteacher's Notice

Happy New Year to all friends and families of Devonshire Primary Academy! I hope you are all well and enjoyed a peaceful and pleasant Christmas break.

It has been wonderful to welcome our pupils back to school this week. Their smiling faces and positive energy brighten our days and it has been a pleasure to see them settle straight back into learning. A warm welcome also to all our new starters and their families; we are delighted to have you as part of our community.

Recently, we have noticed that pupil attendance has been quite low. As a gentle reminder, good attendance plays a vital role in every child's learning journey. When pupils attend school regularly, they benefit from consistent teaching, strong routines and the social interactions that help them thrive both academically and personally. Even a small number of missed days can make it harder for children to stay on track with learning. We kindly ask parents and carers to support good attendance by ensuring children arrive on time each day and, whenever possible, scheduling appointments outside of school hours. Together, we can ensure every child makes the most of their time in school.

Today, we held our first Star Assembly of the Spring Term, which reminded me once again just how proud I am of our pupils. They continue to be respectful, attentive and well behaved. Each half term, we focus on one of the five 'pillars of well-being'. Our theme for Spring 1 is 'Connecting with Others'. We talked about how the people around us — friends, family and classmates — help us feel safe, supported and happier. Our wellbeing grows when we remember we don't have to navigate life alone. This week, we are all taking a moment to appreciate the relationships that help us connect with one another.

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

- 19th January – Blue Monday (Wear What Makes You Feel Happy)
- 21st January – 3P to Liverpool World Museum
- 22nd January – RM to Liverpool World Museum and Walker Art Gallery
- 22nd January – Year 2 to Eureka
- 22nd January – 3M to Liverpool World Museum
- 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 and 3), 4–4:45pm
- 10th February – Valentines Disco (Yr 4, 5 and 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: 91.9%

Class: 3M (Keller Class) 98%

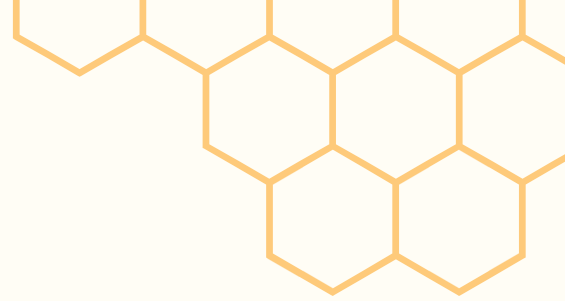




Star of the Week

Star of the week		Star Citizen	
RG	Isla-Rae C	RG	Melody M
RM	Levi S	RM	Remi-Renee B
1H	Isaac E	1H	Quinley M
1S	Leo L	1S	Skyler-Beth H
2MS	Wynter S	2MS	Max H
2M	Grayson G	2M	Saniya S
3P	Kobi M	3P	Ae'Lana L-A
3M	Libby T	3M	Scarlett H
4MT	Lottie P	4MT	Lucas F
4S	Kevin N	4S	Ozzie G
5S	Andrea E	5S	Keaton A
5D	Jacob H	5D	Graceson I
6J	Damien A	6J	Alivia W-J
6O	Inaya M	6O	Joshua W





Word of the Week

Gaze

(look steadily and intently, especially in admiration, surprise or thought)

Makaton Sign



Winter



Friday 9th January

National Apricot Day

ADVERTS & OTHER BUSINESS

**Sunday indoor
golf sessions**

10am - 11am

St Annes parish rooms

£7 session / £30 for 5 weeks
£55 for 10 weeks

Ages 4-11
Star player prizes

Fun games & Challenges
Learn the basics of putting and chipping

GolfStarZ
JUNIOR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT

Blackpool Scorpions U8's RUGBY LEAGUE

Years 2 and 3
Recruiting now for 2026

Training Thursdays 6-7
Games Sunday AM
Boys and girls of all abilities welcome

Contact us on
Facebook or on
07931222224
if you would like
to come along
or have any
questions

South Shore Cricket & Squash Club, Moss Nook, Common Edge Road, FY4 5BN