

DEVONSHIRE ___/
PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

Friday 10th January 2025

Headteacher's Notice

Happy New Year to all family and friends of Devonshire!

I hope everyone is well and had a peaceful and pleasant break over the Christmas holidays.

It has been lovely to see our pupils return to school this week and it is always a joy to see their smiling, happy faces; a warm welcome too, to all our new starters and their families.

On Monday, Reverend O'Brien visited the school to deliver a whole school assembly to celebrate Epiphany. I'd like to thank him for his time and we look forward to continuing to work closely with St. Thomas' Church in 2025.

On Thursday, we took part in 'Shakespeare Day'. The children were immersed in Shakespeare literature and workshops which were based on The Tempest, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Romeo and Juliet and Macbeth. The workshops were led by Ms O'Hagan, our 'in-house' Shakespeare expert. Please do find the time to ask your children about their experience as it was wonderful to watch them acting and recreating these famous stories. A huge thank you to Ms O'Hagan for organising this brilliant day.

This week, we have seen an influx of children arriving late at school. Please can I remind everyone that the school gates open at 8.40am and children arriving after 8.50am will be marked as late. Lateness has a significant impact on the school's attendance and children's education. Please be aware that Blackpool Pupil Welfare also screen our school's attendance daily. During cold and icy weather, please ensure you set off early and allow extra time for your journey. Thank you for your cooperation.

Finally, I hope that by now you have all had a chance to read our Ofsted Inspection Report, which was published at the beginning of this week. The link to read the report can be found on all of our platforms. We are all very proud of the extremely positive findings and we are looking forward to continuing to be 'the best we can be' in 2025 and beyond!

I hope you all have a safe and relaxing weekend.

Mr Simm Headteacher

LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN

As part of our weekly Values Assemblies, the children have been thinking about the word PRIDE. Each class was asked to think about something they are proud to have achieved. Here are some of the responses:

5 Lare proud of learning the Haka because they showed resilience in learning a new language, traditional Māori culture and took pride

6J are proud of learning the Haka because they showed resilience in learning a new language, traditional Māori culture and took pride in learning the war dance. 4S are proud of their Times Tables Rock Stars work because it can be very difficult to get rankings like the ones they have achieved. 2AM are proud of learning Makaton and other strategies to communicate with non-verbal children.



2025

Dates for the Diary

2025

January 2025

Monday 20th January - Coffee Mornings Re-Commence (Mondays at 9:00am)

Monday 20th January - Blue Monday (wear something that makes you happy)

Tuesday 21st January - Buddhism Event and Workshops in School

Friday 31st January - Pyjama Day in Exchange for Donations of Chocolate & Sweets

STAR OF





Class Attendance: 3H

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Star of the Week		Star Citizen	
RG	Connor C	RG	Dolly-Mai H
RM	Sapphire K-R	RM	Quinley M
1H	Harmony M	1H	Kingsley D
15	Matt P	15	Jan A
2CM	Harlen A	2CM	Abraham J
2AM	Eric N	2AM	Avy J
3P	Calvin D	3P	Jack D
3H	Lucas F	3H	Lisha C
4MT	Jake S	4MT	Nylah S-H
45	Rosy E	45	Andrea E
5 S	Lexi C	5 S	Adam P
5D	Hunter A	5D	Mason D
60	Liam M	60	Jaxon I

Word of the Week: Befuddle

6J



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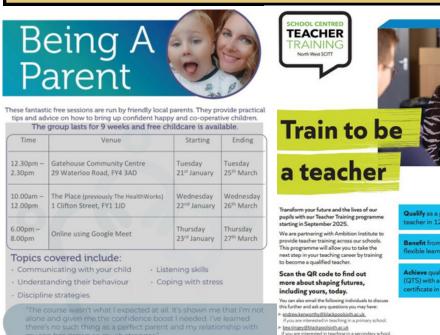
This Week's Makaton Sign: Winter





Friday 10th January: National Houseplant Day





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REAL WINTER 2023

PARENTING
ADVICE
from
Netmuns
experts

BECOME
ANATURE
DEFECTIVE

On helping families to eat better,
move more and save money in 2025

Networks

LEARN
Snowsport
skills

Uber Eats

Lilly E

Ambition Institute