



# DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

## The Best That We Can Be

Friday 6th December 2024

### Headteacher's Notice



Hello Devonshire!

This week, our Choir have been extremely busy attending performances across Blackpool! On Sunday, they performed at St Thomas' Church Carol Service and Christmas Tree Light Switch On; it was a lovely occasion and it was great to see so many of our families supporting their children at the event. On Thursday evening, they sang at Abingdon Street Market. This was the first time the Choir has been invited to perform at Abingdon Street Market; the children sang beautifully and everyone there really enjoyed listening to the Christmas Songs and Carols. Thank you to everyone involved but especially to Mrs Page and Miss Sweeney for organising the events.

On Monday, the whole school enjoyed their very own seasonal pantomime! M&M Theatrical Productions visited Devonshire and delivered a fantastic performance of Snow White. All of the children had a brilliant time singing and dancing along with the actors; it was very special to see them so engaged, excited and happy!

On Tuesday, Devonshire's Mixed Football Team attended the Football Finals Competition at Stanley Park. The team played extremely well and very narrowly missed out on winning the entire tournament! Congratulations to all of the players for their well deserved 2nd place medals! Thank you to our football coaches, Mr Dodding and Miss Hayhurst for their hard work coaching and supporting the team to 2nd place.

As part of our Enrichment Curriculum, this week has been Poetry Week in school. All year groups have been learning a poem and this morning, during Star Assembly, they recited their poems to the rest of the school. I was absolutely blown away by the creativity and confidence of the children who have clearly been working very hard! Well done to all staff and pupils and especially Mrs Guest, for arranging this rewarding week.

Next week is going to be a very busy penultimate week of the Half Term. Please make sure you look at our Countdown to Christmas planner which we have shared on all platforms. There are Reception Nativities, KS1 Nativities, more Choir performances, Christmas Jumper day and many more festive events to look forward to!

I wish you all a very pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm  
Headteacher



## LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN'

Year 1 have had a LOUVREly time learning what it's like to live in France. They learnt about local artists, tested French cuisine and practised counting from 1-10 in French! BRAVO!



Today as part of our French culture day, we painted sunsets, whined the Eiffel Tower. We looked at various sunsets and chose our favourite ones before using water colour paints to recreate it.

He's heard you chanting his name over the past month and now he's back to report to Santa who has been naughty and who has been nice! Brian has no ELF-control and has already been causing trouble in Year 6 this week! Keep an eye out on Class Dojo as you can't ELFFord to miss Brian's daily mischief!



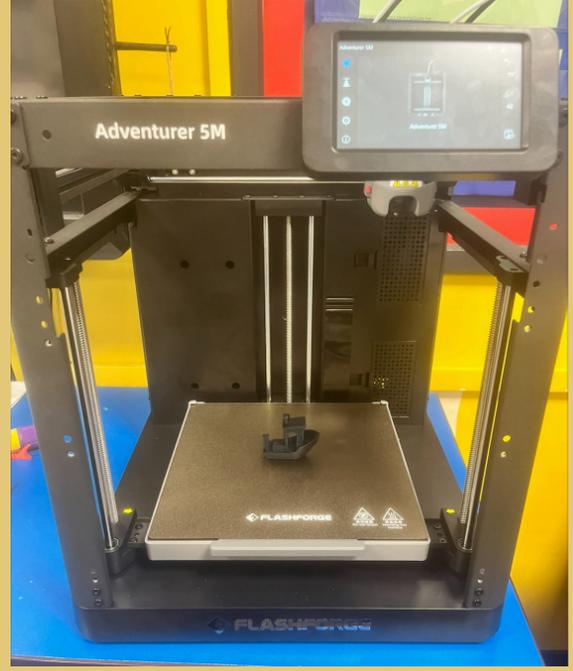
The PRESENTS of Devonshire's Choir was requested for St Thomas' Carol Service and Christmas Tree Lighting Service at the weekend. We were so proud of how they sang so beautifully, spreading joy throughout our community. A round of SANTApplause, please!



Mirror mirror on the wall, who's the fairest of them all? Children watched an APPLEsolutely amazing Snow White Pantomime by M&M Theatrical Productions this week!



Thank you to everyone who has bought a fidget toy made by our children using the 3D printer! You have helped us to raise £126.59 which will be put towards purchasing our own 3D Printer!



## School Council Christmas Competition

Would you like to enter a competition organised by your School Council? Well, this is how...

At home, make a Christmas/Winter scene and take it in to class on Monday 16th December.

All entries will then be displayed in the main corridor, ready to be judged by the School Council.

The winners will be announced on Friday 20th December during Star Assembly!

Good luck, everybody!

## What's On This Christmas

Join us this Christmas

St Thomas Blackpool

Sun	1 <sup>st</sup>	4:00pm	Tree Lighting
Thurs	12 <sup>th</sup>	6:00pm	Carol Singing Around the Streets
Tues	17 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm	Scratch Nativity
Sun	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:00pm	Carol Service
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	3:30pm	Christingle
Tues	24 <sup>th</sup>	11:30pm	Midnight Communion
Weds	25 <sup>th</sup>	10:30am	Christmas Celebration

No Need To Book, Just Turn Up. For More Info Contact [office@stthomasblackpool.org](mailto:office@stthomasblackpool.org)  
**Tel: 01253 399276**  
 135 Cannon Street Blackpool FY1 3N



### Attendance Incentive

This half-term we are trialling a new School Attendance Incentive. Children who attend school on time and without absence all week will be entered into a draw to win a £10 One4All voucher the following week. A voucher will be awarded every week for 8 weeks; the incentive will be reviewed after Christmas.

As you are already aware, regular and punctual attendance is vital for children to succeed in their educational journey. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships and building good habits that are essential for adult life.

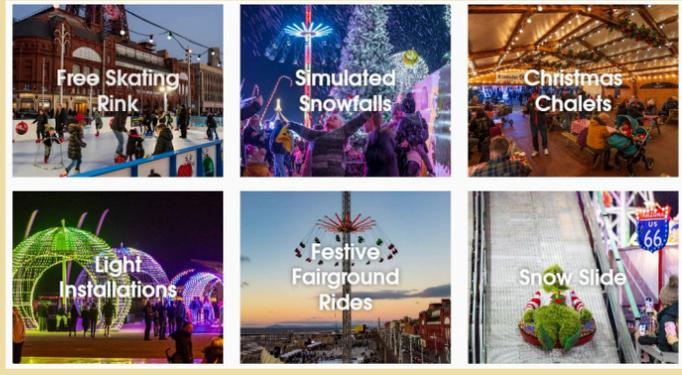
Thank you for your support.



### Blackpool School Nursing Team are here to support you and your family.

The School Nurses are based at Moor Park Health Centre, South Shore Primary Care Centre, and Whitegate Drive Health Centre.

Contact details:  
 By telephone: [01253 951740](tel:01253951740), Monday to Friday, 9am to 4.30pm  
 By email: [bfwh.blackpoolschoolnurses@nhs.net](mailto:bfwh.blackpoolschoolnurses@nhs.net)



### Christmas By The Sea!

From Friday 15th November, Blackpool Tower's Festival Headland has been transformed to a magical Christmas village, perfect for family fun!

Experience a winter wonderland with an outdoor skating rink, simulated snowfalls, cosy log cabins and giant Christmas light installations. Enjoy this festive outdoor experience from noon to 9pm daily. Plus, free Christmas ice skating until 8pm!

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 2nd session 12:30 - 2pm

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# COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 Choir Performance at St Thomas' Christmas Light Switch On, 16:00	02 Whole School Pantomime - Snow White	03	04	05 Choir Performance at Abingdon Street Market, 16:40	06 Preschool Open Evening 15:30 - 16:00	07
08	09 Carols by Candlelight, 14:15	10 Reception Nativity, 9:15 Choir Performance at BMS Christmas Festival, 18:00	11 Year 1 Nativity 09:30 Preschool Xmas Cheer, 10:30 & 14:00 Preschool Xmas Party, 09:00 & 12:30	12 Reception Nativity, 14:00 Year 2 Nativity 09:30 Christmas Jumper Day (£1 Donation)	13 House Reward Afternoon	14
15	16 Y1 Xmas Party, 9:30 Y2 Xmas Party, 13:30	17 Y3 Xmas Party, 9:30 Y4 Xmas Party, 13:30	18 Choir Performance at local Nursing Home, 13:00 Christmas Bingo, 16:00 - 18:00	19 Y5 Xmas Party, 9:30 Y6 Xmas Party, 13:30	20 Christmas Dinner Reception Xmas Party School Closes at Normal Time	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Please see Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook events for more information.

# STAR OF



# THE WEEK

**Class Attendance: 4S**

Star of The Week		Star Citizen	
RG	Jaxson W-H	RG	Lexi W
RM	Esmee T	RM	Kobi M
1H	Theo CW	1H	Joey P
1S	Gracie D	1S	Max H
2CM	Zircon L	2CM	Sonnie M
2AM	Scarlett H	2AM	Leah B
3P	Ozzie G	3P	Calvin D
3H	Patience H	3H	Kyra B
4MT	Keaton A	4MT	Alfie T
4S	Arla D	4S	Cleo C
5S	Alfie S	5S	Remi-Lea M
5D	Glory S	5D	Lincoln W
6O	Summer B	6O	Zaf L
6J	Bella S	6J	Mariya A

Word of the week: Cajole



This week's Makaton Sign: Christmas



Friday 6th December: St. Nicholas Day



**CHRISTMAS DINNER**

**MAIN COURSE**  
Roast Turkey with Pigs in Blankets  
Crispy Roast Potatoes with Seasoned Vegetables  
Sage & Onion Stuffing and a Rich Gravy

**VEGETARIAN OPTION**  
Quorn Fillet with Vegetarian Pigs in Blankets  
Crispy Roast Potatoes with Seasoned Vegetables  
Sage & Onion Stuffing and a Rich Vegetarian Gravy

**DESSERT**  
Chocolate Yule Log

Devonshire Primary Academy invites you to

**Christmas Bingos**

WEDNESDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2024  
FOOD AND DRINK | 15:30  
EYES DOWN | 16:00

IF YOU WISH TO JOIN US FOR FOOD, PLEASE COMPLETE AN ORDER FORM ON PARENTAPP BY FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER!

SURPRISE PRIZES FOR BINGO WINNERS!

**PAY ON THE NIGHT**  
JACKET + FILLING £2.00  
TEA / COFFEE £0.50  
SOFT DRINKS £0.50  
SINGLE BINGO BOOK £0.50  
FLYER TICKET OF 6 £2.00

Oasis

laytonmethodist.org.uk  
01253 310758

"Our Oasis serves light refreshments alongside a host of weekly activities"

- Monday - 9:00am - 12noon  
Free Continental Breakfast until 11am
- Tuesday - 10:00am - 1:00pm  
Free Light Lunch Served from 12noon
- Wednesday - 9:30am - 1:00pm  
Craft and IT Sessions Available
- Thursday - 9:30am - 3:00pm  
Free 0-5 Toddler Group 9:30am - 11:30am
- Friday - 9:30am - 1:00pm  
Hot Drink and Toast for £1.00
- Saturday - 10:00am - 12noon  
Hot Drink and Toast for £1.00

Worship Every Sunday @ 10:30AM

Layton Methodist Church, Blackpool FY3 7DZ  
Registered Charity: 1194986