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2023



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Weekly Newsletter

A Message from Mrs Hodge...



Welcome back everyone. I feel extremely lucky this week: returning back to work can be difficult for many people, but not for me. I really enjoyed training alongside our fabulous staff team on Monday and Tuesday and then seeing all of your faces again on Wednesday! It has been lovely to hear about your summer adventures and I was so impressed with the punctuality we have had across school this week. What a great start to our academic year.

As you will know, our children are divided up into house teams which are named after key elements of our Mission Statement:

Respect, Resilience, Inspire and Ambition.

Each year we choose different representatives for the houses. This time we have chosen musicians from different periods of history and of different genres. Next week the children will be learning about their house representative and all about how they embody Devonshire Road's mission and values. [More information on page 2.](#)

We look forward to seeing many of you in school for our Meet the Teacher sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Don't worry if you are working and can't make arrangements, we plan to put the information on our YouTube channel later on in the week [Devonshire Road Primary School - YouTube.](#)

"BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN EVERYONE"



Our House Teams



INSPIRE

Abida Parveen

Known as the 'Queen of Sufi music', Abida Parveen is seen as one of the 500 most influential Muslims of the world. She has received some of the highest civilian awards in Pakistan for her work, and sings in many different languages.

- How do you think Abida Parveen INSPIRES others?
- Why do many see her as a role model?
- Why do you think she is the 'Queen of Sufi' music?



RESPECT

Nina Simone

Nina Simone was an American musician who was also a civil rights activist. She is regarded as one of the most influential artists of 20th century jazz and R&B, and received 4 Grammy nominations for her music.

- What inspires you most about Nina Simone?
- Why is she the representative for RESPECT?
- Why do you think she was inducted into the music Hall of Fame?



AMBITION

Stormzy

Stormzy is a UK grime artist who has won many awards for his work. He funds a scholarship for black UK students at the University of Cambridge, and continues to promote education and fight racial inequality in the UK.

- How important is Stormzy's scholarship?
- Why is he the representative for AMBITION?
- Why is Stormzy a good role model for others?



RESILIENCE

Ludwig van Beethoven

Ludwig van Beethoven was one of the most influential composers of all time. He created his music despite being deaf in his later years, including symphonies and orchestral work. His life and music is studied in universities in America.

- Why do you think he is so influential?
- Why do you think he continued to play music even when he became deaf?
- How did Beethoven show RESILIENCE?



'Bringing out the best in everyone'

Be Curious!



Week Commencing 11 September 2023

Weekly Newsletter



DEVONSHIRE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

Meet the Teacher

KSI - Monday 11th September - 9.00am
KS2 - Tuesday 12th September - 9.00am



Come along to find out all about:

- Curriculum overview
- Trips and visits
- Homework
- Online Safety
- Books for the year
- Vocabulary
- Website and App
- Governor roles

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Attendance Page



We are extremely proud of our attendance levels at Devonshire Road Primary School, it is wonderful to know that so many of our pupils are keen to come to school on time, each day. This was reflected in our October 2022 Ofsted Inspection Report that stated:

'Pupils are happy. They told inspectors that they enjoy coming to school. They look forward to break times with their friends. Older pupils nurture younger pupils and children in early years in their role as play leaders.'

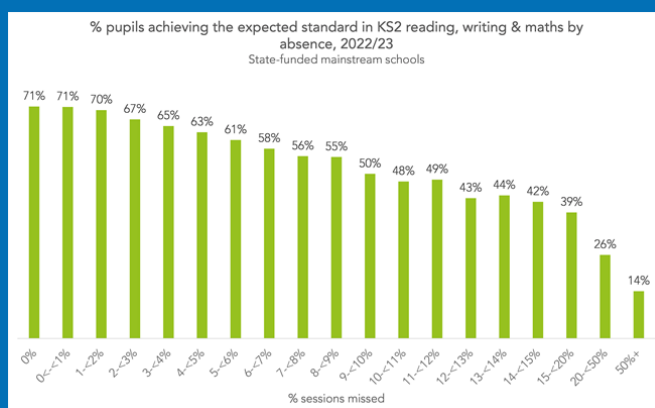
✓ For the Academic Year 2022-2023, whole school attendance was 95.1%, this was above National Average (94%) and Local Average (94.4%).

Working towards "Achieving Excellent Attendance" remains a high priority at Devonshire Road, our aim is to achieve being higher attendance for all groups than 2022-2023.

The school's expectations in relation to attendance standards are set out in our school policy 'Aiming for Excellent Attendance' which can be accessed by clicking the icon:



The impact of poor attendance on achievement can be seen on the KS2 data graph below. Attainment declines as absence increases!



The Education Hub contains lots of useful articles about school attendance:



If you need any support or advice regarding your child's attendance or if you are having difficulties bringing them to school on time, speak to Mrs Hall our Learning Mentor. Mrs Hall is available at the school main gate most mornings and via the school office.



Celebrating Excellent Attendance

We continue our termly attendance prizes this academic year. Each term, children with 100% attendance for that term will be put in a prize draw for a chance to win a £50 Amazon voucher and those with attendance above 97% will enter a draw for a £25 voucher.



'Bringing out the best in everyone'

Be the best that you can be!



Year 7 Open Evenings

Sharples SCHOOL

Open Events 2023

Open Evening
Thurs 28th Sep
4.00pm-7.00pm

Open Mornings
Tues 3rd Oct
and Weds 4th Oct
9.00am-10.30am

OPEN EVENING 2023

THURSDAY 21st SEPTEMBER
5:00pm - 7:30pm



SMITHILLS SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

THURSDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2023 [4 PM - 7 PM]

Can't Make Open Evening?
A tour and coffee with the Headteacher:
Wednesday 11th October (9.30 am - 11 am) and Tuesday 17th October (9.30 am - 11 am)
Email - c.fleming@smithillschool.net for Tour Bookings

Register Now!

Smithills Dean Rd | Bolton | BL1 6JS | 01204 842382



St Joseph's RC High School

Open Evening

Tuesday 19th September 5-7pm

Headteacher's address 5:00pm, 5:30pm, 6:00pm and 6:30pm.
www.stjosephsbolton.org.uk
facebook.com/StJosephsRCHS
01204 697456

The deadline for applying to high schools is
31 October at 11.59pm

[To apply, please click here.](#)

RIVINGTON & BLACKROD HIGH SCHOOL

OPEN EVENING

Thursday, 21st September 2023
from 5pm until 8pm

REGISTER ONLINE TO WIN A FAMILY OF 4 TICKET TO GO APE RIVINGTON
Visit www.rbhsc.co.uk for more details

Canon Slade

Join us for our
OPEN EVENING
CANON SLADE SCHOOL

For Year 7 entry in September 2024
Wednesday 27 September 2023
5.30pm to 8.30pm

Pray and Work
For Excellence in Education

Ladybridge High School

Open Evening

Tuesday 26th September 2023
5.30pm - 8.30pm

'A school at the very heart of the community' Ofsted GOOD, 2022

Bolton School

Whole School Open Morning
Saturday 7 October 2023
9:30am-1:45pm





Designated Safeguarding Leads and Safeguarding Links



Emergency Duty Team

(01204) 337777

Mrs Hodge Mr Abraham Mrs Abraham Mrs Hall

Bolton Safeguarding Children
Keeping children safe in Bolton

BOLTON SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN
CONTACT BOARD 01204 337479

REFERRAL & ASSESSMENT
01204 331500 (9AM-5PM)



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Welcome to Reception

This week we welcomed 26 of our new EYFS children to Devonshire Road Primary School. It has been wonderful to see so many new, smiling faces settling in to their primary school adventure. We are really looking forward to meeting the rest of our new children next week.



Dates for Your Diary (new events added each week)

Monday 11 September	9am	KS1 Meet the Teacher
Tuesday 12 September	9am	KS2 Meet the Teacher
Friday 15 September	1pm	Y6 Activity Weekend @ PGL
Monday 18 September	3:30pm	Extra-Curricular Clubs begin
Tuesday 20 September	am	Tooth brushing Team in EYFS
Wednesday 21 September	am/pm	Y4 Geography Trip to Burrs Country Park
Monday 2 October	pm	Y6 Vaping & Tobacco Workshop
Tuesday 3 October	pm	Y3 Football Tournament @ Man Utd
Thursday 5 October	am	National Poetry Day focused Assembly
Thursday 5 October	pm	Poetry Competition
W/C 16 October	am/pm	Scholastic Book Fair in Hall
Wednesday 18 October	am	Y2 Art Workshop @ Bolton Museum
Friday 27 October	3:30pm	School Closes for Half Term Break
W/C 6 November	all week	Parliament Week
Thursday 9 November	am	Y4 Art Workshop @ Bolton Museum
Thursday 9 November	4:30-7:00pm	EYFS Open Evening
Friday 10 November	1pm	Chris Green MP visit
W/C 13 November	all week	Switch Off Fortnight
Friday 24 November	am/pm	Y1 Welly Walk

[Click here to visit our Events Page:](#)





Notices



The deadline for EYFS 2024 applications is 15 January 2024.

If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2024 (i.e. born between 01.09.2019 and 31.08.2020), please use the link below to apply. Ms Handley in the school office is available if you need support in applying.

Apply online for a school place

We sent out data collection sheets this week to all pupils in years 1-6.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU CHECK THE INFORMATION WE HOLD IS CORRECT AND UP TO DATE.

Please make any corrections, sign the form and return it to your child's class teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support.



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**Tuesday
10-12
term time**

Family worker drop in starting Tuesday 5th September

Pop into our cafe for advice and support with housing, finance, kids' behaviour, or anything else

www.gracecentre.org.uk
office@gracecentre.org.uk

Learning Links



Digimap®



SPaG

The School Reading List

Suggested reading books for primary & secondary aged children in the UK



Curriculum Links





Free Online Safety Workshops

supporting children and parents/carers

Fortalice are delivering workshops to children and their parents/carers to raise awareness of how to keep safe online. The sessions will be interactive, fun and informative. Children will have the chance to teach the adults what they need to know!

Dates:

Monday 02.10.2023 5pm to 6.30pm

Tuesday 31.10.2023 10am to 11.30am

Thursday 02.11.2023 1pm to 2.30pm

Monday 11.12.2023 5pm to 6.30pm



For children and young people: (8-11 years)

- Learn how to keep themselves safe whilst online.
- Teach their parents what they need to know.
- Know who you can talk to if worried about something that has happened online.
- Understand the impact of online bullying.



For parents/carers:

- Know how to ask difficult questions.
- Understand the different social media platforms used by their children.
- Learn how to keep their children safe when online.
- Know how to work with their child when setting boundaries for being online.



Workshops held at Outreach Support Centre 43 Bradford Street BL2 1HT

To book on a workshop or for more information please contact

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or phone 07790776343

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