



DEVONSHIRE DISPATCH

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6th March 2025

Devonshire Diary

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Week beginning 10th March – Science week

Week beginning 10th March - Aspen class swimming

Mon 10th March – Y4 trip (Easter Experience)

Tues 11th March – Y2 trip (Leeds Castle)

Fri 14th March (9.30am/2pm) – SATs meeting (virtual) for Y6 parents/carers

Fri 14th March – PSA Discos

Weds 19th March – Y2 Castles VR workshop and Y4 Romans VR workshop

Thurs 20th March - Parents' evening (school closes early – 1.20pm Reception, Y1 and 2/1.30pm Y3 – 6)

Week beginning 24th March - Birch class swimming

Weds 26th March – Reception farm trip

Welcome and Goodbye

Welcome to Ms Gibson, who has joined the school office team.

Miss Sumner has had a baby boy – congratulations!

Mrs Simner, a member of our A-Z playworker team, retired at the end of February. We are very grateful for her hard work, over the 9 years that she has worked at the A-Z club and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

Spring is here!

Thank you to the gardening club who have planted and taken care of the daffodil bulbs that are now flowering at the front of the school, brightening up the entrance.

Gardening activities take place in the playground, every lunchtime between 12.30 – 1pm, and all children are welcome to join in.

Playground news

Following the success of our revamped mud kitchen, in the half term holidays, we extended it further to include more units. It is a really popular area of the playground at lunchtimes.

The next area that we are revamping is our water play area – look out for the changes coming soon! With the weather improving, the field will be open more at lunchtimes which will be a welcome addition to the lunchtime play space that the children can use.

Top of the Form

Devonshire's Top of the Form team won their most recent match, taking them now to the semi-final. Well done to Ella, Saanvi, Arjun and Suryansh who demonstrated excellent team work, as well as an amazing general knowledge. We look forward to hearing how they get on in their next match.

Family Support Worker news

It was lovely to welcome so many parents/carers to our recent wellbeing coffee morning. We also welcomed representatives from the Sutton Family Hub, the Parents' Hub, Sutton College, our Child Wellbeing Practitioner and our school nurse, all of whom enjoyed meeting the parents/carers and sharing details of services that they offer and help that they can provide. As a result of the coffee morning, 5 families are now working with the Sutton Family Hub and benefitting from the services that they offer. Look out for the date of our next coffee morning, they are well worth attending!

Sustainability news

Well done to all of the children who entered the eco group's sustainable valentine's decoration competition. The decorations they had designed and made were all very creative, with the children thinking carefully about how they utilised recycled materials to create their decoration. Emily and Avani created the winning creations.

Lost property

If your child has lost anything, please do have a look in lost property as it may well be in there. It is very full at the moment!



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Attendance news

Our current whole attendance is 95.3%, which is slightly lower than our school target of 96%. Well done to Eagles class who have the highest attendance of 97.9% This week we sent attendance letters to parents/carers of children who have attendance of 92% or below, alerting you to your child's attendance and reminding you that we are here to help if you have attendance difficulties.

PSA news

Discos

We are looking forward to the school discos (Y1-6) taking place on Friday 14th March. Please remember to book your tickets online via <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/devonshirepsa> by Wednesday 12th at the latest. If you are able to volunteer your time, please let us know.

Shhh! Mothers' and Others' gifts

Please return your order form and payment to your child's class teacher or the school office by Friday 21st March.

Summer Fayre

If you are a small business wishing to run a stall at our Summer Fayre on Saturday 21st June, please do get in touch

Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for our Valentine's Day sale. A wonderful £188 was raised.

If you are interested in supporting the PSA and future events, please get in touch via psa@devonshireprimaryschool.co.uk

Governor news

At the recent premises committee, the governors were interested to hear about the reduction in energy usage over the last year. This is the result of specific projects that the school has been working on. These include the installation of an increased number of LED lights and an increased use of energy saving devices in the school. It is amazing how these changes have added up and had such a positive impact on our energy usage.

Ramadan

This month is Ramadan. If your child is fasting, as part of Ramadan, please email the school office as soon as possible to let us know. Thank you if you have already done this. Attached to this Devonshire Dispatch is a newsletter, from the Education Wellbeing Service, which focuses on Ramadan.

Bus stops

The bus stops on the Brighton Road that are closest to Devonshire Avenue tend to be busy at the end of the school day because they are used by Devonshire families, as well as children from Overton Grange. This is particularly relevant to the bus stop on the opposite side of the Brighton Road to Devonshire. We appreciate that, recently, there have been delayed and/or cancelled buses which have increased the length of the queue and the time that bus users have had to queue. If this has affected you, we appreciate your patience with waiting in these queues when they are longer than you intended and possibly have delayed your journey home.

Parking

Devonshire Avenue can get very busy at the beginning and end of the school day. Please ensure that you are parking in a considerate and safe way when dropping off or collecting your child from school - this includes not using the car parks belonging to the flats opposite the school; these spaces are for the use of the residents only.

Term dates for 2025/26 – PLEASE NOTE THESE ARE THE TERM DATES FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR

Please make a note of these dates, and take them into account when booking any holidays.

Autumn term

First day of term - Tuesday 2nd September 2025

INSET day (school closed for children)- Monday 6th October 2025

Half term – Monday 27th – Friday 31st October 2025

Last day of term – Friday 19th December 2025 (school closes after lunch)

Spring term

First day of term - Tuesday 6th January 2026

Half term – Monday 16th – Friday 20th February 2026

Last day of term – Friday 27th March 2026 (school closes after lunch)

Summer term

First day of term – Tuesday 14th April 2026

Half term – Monday 25th – Friday 29th May 2026

Last day of term – Friday 17th July 2026 (school closes after lunch)

With the exception of the INSET day on the 6th October, we have ensured that all other INSET days are either at the beginning or ends of terms, so the term dates above take account of INSET days.