



DEVONSHIRE DISPATCH

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21st November 2025

Devonshire Diary

Please see the Christmas dates section of the newsletter for the dates of our Christmas shows

Week beginning 24th Nov – Cedar class swimming

Mon 24th Nov – Y2 RE Christmas workshop

Tues 25th Nov - Aspen trip

Weds 26th Nov - Birch trip

Thurs 27th Nov - Ash trip

Weds 26th – Fri 28th Nov - Y6 residential

Week beginning 1st Dec – Holly class swimming

Mon 1st Dec – Y4 trip

Mon 1st Dec – flu vaccinations

Tues 2nd Dec – Panto

Fri 5th Dec – Choir carol singing at a local care home

Mon 8th Dec – flu vaccinations catch up

Mon 15th Dec – Y5 RE Christmas workshop

Tues 16th Dec – Y3 Polar Express Day

Fri 19th Dec – Last day of term (school closes early - 1.20pm Rec/Y1/Y2 and 1.30pm Y3 – 6)

Parent partnership

It was lovely to welcome so many parents into school on parents' evening - we hope that you had a good meeting with your child's class teacher and enjoyed seeing their work.

This week, we also welcomed Year 1 parent/carers into school to see a phonics lesson in their child's class.

Ambassadors for Devonshire

Our children are always excellent ambassadors for Devonshire when they are representing the school and make us very proud. Recently:

- ✓ 10 Year 6 children represented Devonshire at the recent Belmont remembrance parade, with Summer and Humza laying the Devonshire wreath at the war memorial.
- ✓ Our sports teams have been busy playing matches – our netball team and football teams have played matches in their leagues.
- ✓ Year 5 visited the British Museum as part of the history learning. They received compliments from members of the public about their exemplary behaviour.

Christmas dates – these can all be found on the school's website

Christmas shows will be on the following dates:

Monday 8th December (2pm) - Year 1

Tuesday 9th December (9.15am) – Year 1

Wednesday 10th December (9.15am) – Reception

Thursday 11th December (9.15am) – Year 2

Thursday 11th December (2pm) – Reception

Friday 12th December (2pm) – Year 2

Monday 15th December (1.45pm, doors open at 1.35pm) – Year 3 and 4 (at Christ Church)

Tuesday 16th December (1.45pm, doors open at 1.35pm) – Year 5 and 6 (at Christ Church)

Tuesday 16th December (10.30am) – Nursery songs and craft

Other important Christmas related dates

Wednesday 17th December – Christmas dinner (whole school) – festive jumpers can be worn

Thursday 18th December - Christmas parties (all year groups) – own clothes can be worn

Sustainability

Thank you to everyone who donated clothes to our Little Recyclers collection. Together, we raised £196.50 for the school and ensured that the clothes didn't become landfill waste.

Gardening club made a fantastic poppy wreath by reusing plastic bottles. The poppies made by gardening club were used to create a large wreath which was proudly displayed at the front of the school on 11th November.

Website

A reminder that our [school website](http://www.devonshireprimary.org) is a very good starting point for questions that you may have. Our [parent portal](#) is particularly useful and easily set out to help you find information that you may need. We were really pleased to see in the parent/carers survey in the summer term how many parents/carers make use of our website.

Family Support Worker news

A reminder of the Education Wellbeing Service webinars being held in December.

We have the Early Years webinar **Building Strong Bonds: How to build Healthy and Secure Attachment/Relationships with Children** on the 8th (1pm) and 11th December (7pm) - **The webinar is for parents/carers of children that are in Nursery and Reception.**

And we have the **Understanding and supporting your child's sleep** webinar on the 9th December at 1pm and 7pm - **This webinar is for all Nursery, Reception and KS1 Primary school parents and carers**

The Education Wellbeing Service is offering lunchtime and evening parent webinars across the year to help support your child's wellbeing and mental health. The links below take you to a page that gives you further information about the webinars that they have on offer as well as how to sign up for them. This includes the links to signing up for the 2 webinars mentioned above.

Early Years:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/early-years-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-3573849?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

Primary Years:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

If you are interested in 1:1 parent sessions with our friendly in-school NHS Wellbeing Practitioners to help your child's worries or anxieties, or support with their challenging or tricky behaviour, do come and speak to Mrs Carter-Hodge.

Children in Need

Last week Pudsey paid us a visit! The children looked great in their 'mis-matched' themed clothing. Thank you to our School Councillors for organising the fundraiser. Together we raised £562

Governor news

We are delighted to welcome Anamika Yadav to the governing body as the new parent governor. We still have one remaining parent governor vacancy and will be sending out information about what the role entails and how to apply after Christmas. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions about the role.

Devonshire Avenue news

Devonshire Avenue and the surrounding roads get very busy at the beginning and end of the school day, with both cars and pedestrians. Please ensure that you take this into account when you are using the roads. We have been made aware of occasions where there has either been a near miss or cars have been damaged either by other cars or pedestrians walking to and from the school. Everyone's safety is of paramount importance - please help keep everyone safe!

Lost property

Our lost property container is overflowing, mostly with jumpers and coats. If your child has lost anything, please do take a look in it. It is a shame to see so many unnamed clothes in it, especially with the weather being so cold and the children needing to wrap up warmly. At the end of term, lost property will need to be emptied and its contents recycled so that it is ready for next term.

Smoking and Vaping

Our school, including our site, is no smoking and no vaping. We are grateful of your support with this.

Whilst it is not on the school site, we would ask you to refrain from smoking/vaping in the areas immediately outside the school gates, where families have to walk through to get to the school.

Reminder

With the weather getting colder, please ensure that your child brings a coat to school to wear when they go out at playtime and lunchtime. If they bring a hat, scarf and gloves please make sure that they are named.



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PSA news

Discos

The PSA discos are taking place on Friday, all of the tickets have sold out. A reminder that the times of the discos are as follows

Years 1 and 2 - 3.45 – 4.45pm

Years 3 and 4 – 4.55 – 5.55pm

Years 5 and 6 – 6.05 – 7.05pm

Please be prompt collecting your child from each disco as we have a small amount of time between each disco and have to clear up and set up in this time!

Raffle donations

At the end of the Reception, Year 1 and 2 Christmas shows, we will be holding a raffle. Tickets will be available to purchase at the shows, £1 per 5 tickets. If you have anything spare at home that could be donated to us to use as a prize for the raffle (chocolates, a bottle of alcohol etc), we would be very grateful to receive these. Any donations can be dropped into the school office.

Christmas jumper sale donations

On Wednesday 10th December, after school, we will be holding a pre-loved Christmas jumper sale at the front entrance. We know that everyone loves a Christmas jumper but they can be expensive so we are here to help! If you have any Christmas jumpers or glittery/sparkly clothes that your children have grown out of/no longer wear, we would love to take them off your hands and add them into our sale. Please drop any donations of Christmas jumpers into the school office. Many thanks in advance.



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