



# DEVONSHIRE DISPATCH

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## Devonshire Diary

### Week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> March

– Hawthorn class swimming

**Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> March** – Y2 – 6  
Pantomime performance

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day (wear pyjamas to school)

**Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> March**  
– Book Fair at the front of the school

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> March** - Y2  
Leeds Castle trip

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> March** – SATs virtual meeting for Y6 parents/carers (9.30am/2pm)

**Mon 16<sup>th</sup> March** – Y4  
Easter Experience trip

**Tues 17<sup>th</sup> March** – Parents' evening (school closes after lunch 1.20pm Rec – Y2/1.30pm Y3 – 6)

**Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Reception Godstone Farm trip

**Weds 25<sup>th</sup> March** - Multiplication Check virtual meeting for Y4 parents/carers (9.30am/2pm)

**Fri 27<sup>th</sup> March** – last day of term (school closes after lunch 1.20pm Rec – Y2/1.30pm Y3 – 6)

February has been a busy month. We had many whole school celebrations

### Number Day

We celebrated 'numbers' as part of the NSPCC 'number day' and enjoyed the Jelly Bean themed activities that were part of the maths lessons that day. Years 3 – 6 participated in a National Times Table Rockstar Battle. Well done to Alex (Y4) who earned the most Times Tables Rock Star points in Devonshire that day and to Cherry class who earned the most points as a class that day. The children looked great in their Jelly Bean and number themed outfits and thanks to your kind donations, we made £208 for the NSPCC.

### Safer Internet Day

We celebrated Safer Internet Day. Our digital leaders and Miss Byfield, our computing leader, introduced the theme of the day (AI) in an assembly and all classes had a computing lesson linked to this theme. Children knowing how to stay safe on line, and who to talk to if they are worried is so important. On line safety is included in our computing curriculum, throughout the year.

### Take One Picture Week

We celebrated Take One Picture week. Every child in the school created a piece of art based on the painting "A Muse (Calliope)" and it was displayed in our art gallery, which was open to parents/carers. We were delighted to welcome so many of you to the gallery - we hope you enjoyed it!

Thank you for the lovely comments that you wrote in our visitor's book and for the donations that were made to our Take One Picture Week funds. This helps us to be able to run this event each year.

### Mental Health Day

Just before half term, we went yellow to raise awareness of the importance of mental health, looking after it and ways to do this. Most importantly to remember that there are lots of people to talk to if you have a worry.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March. As part of our World Book Day celebrations, on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, children from Year 2 upwards will have the opportunity to see a performance of 'The Secret Garden' from a visiting theatre group. Children in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will have a focus on story telling.

On World Book Day, children will be doing a variety of book themed activities and can come to school wearing their pyjamas. We have asked for a donation of £1 to help us buy books for book corners in classrooms and the library.

Reading is so important. Please do read with your child regularly – listen to them read and chat to them about the book.

We will be holding a book fair after school each day between 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> March. Look out for it at the front of the school on these days.

## Governor news

Rachel Corrigan has been appointed as our new parent governor. We are looking forward to her joining the Governing Body.

### School Council news

Our school councillors visited The Houses of Parliament. They participated in a workshop about the important work of Parliament, saw a debate taking place in the House of Lords and met a Baroness who talked to them about her work in Parliament. They were excellent ambassadors for Devonshire whilst on the trip and came back to school seeing how their work on the School Council has some similarities, albeit on a much smaller scale, to the way that matters are discussed and agreed on in Parliament.

### PSA news

It was lovely to welcome parents/carers to our recent PSA AGM. At the meeting, we had a review of last year's PSA events, took time to reflect on the team's hard work and celebrate that, through these events, we raised £8380.

Michelle and Asha were elected as the co-chairs and Kate as the secretary. Mrs Love continues as the PSA treasurer. Thank you to our PSA team and the parents/carers who help at events and of course, you all for your support. The funds raised are very much appreciated. The team have already started planning the events for this year, with some coming up very shortly!

### Parent partnership

Thank you to the parents/carers who have accompanied the trips that have taken place this school year. Your help is very much appreciated and without it, we would not be able to provide these enriching opportunities to the children.

We have enjoyed providing opportunities for parent/carers to come into school to hear about and/or see their child's learning. Our most recent events include the Year 3 parent/child art lesson and our Take One Picture Art Gallery, both of which were very well attended.

Parent partnership is so important and achieving the Leading Parent Partnership Award last year recognised and celebrated the work that we do in this area. Building on and continuing this work, we have drawn up a parent/carer communication policy which can be found on our website. Do have a read, we hope you find it useful –

<https://www.devonshireprimary.org/page/?title=Policies+and+Key+Documents&pid=71>

### Parents' evening

You will have seen from the website calendar that parents' evening is coming up – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March. As normal, school closes after lunchtime (1.20pm Reception, Year 1 and Year 2/1.30pm Years 3 – 6). The teachers are looking forward to meeting with you and talking to you about your child's work.

You will shortly be receiving a letter, with a link to the booking system so that you can book your appointment with your child's teacher.

### Caterlink Competition

Caterlink have an exciting competition for pupils to help design some vibrant foodie artwork for Caterlink to use in their primary marketing.

Caterlink are inviting our pupils to let their imagination run wild and create an **A4 page of colourful, foodie-inspired landscapes**. Think broccoli trees, baguette fences, or even carrot chimneys – the more creative, the better!

#### How to enter:

- Artwork can be posted to **Caterlink Competition, Hop House, Lower Green Road, Pembury Kent TN2 4HS** or scanned and emailed to [info@caterlinkltd.co.uk](mailto:info@caterlinkltd.co.uk) (Please keep the original artwork as this may be needed if your child is selected a winner).
- Ensure you include the **pupil's name, age and school** on the back of the artwork, or as the title of the picture file. We will also require the **school's name, address and contact** so that we can contact winning entries.
- Caterlink must receive entries **by 5pm on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026**.
- Winning entries will be notified by the end of May 2026.

### Term Dates for next school year

Please make a note of the term dates for next school year and put them in your diary.

#### Autumn term

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2026 – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2026

INSET day (school closed) Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026

Half Term – Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2026 - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2026

#### Spring term

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2027 – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2027

Half term – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2027 – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2027

#### Summer term

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2027 – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2027

Half Term – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2027 - Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2027

With the exception of the INSET day on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2026, we have ensured that all other INSET days are either at the beginning or end of terms, so the term dates above take account of INSET days.