

# The Devonshire Hill Nursery and Primary School

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Monday 24th February 2025

## Welcome Back | Spring 2 Events

Dear Parent/Carer,

We hope our families and staff had a wonderful half term break. We are looking forward to Spring 2 Term, and hopefully some warmer weather. Thank you to everyone who supported our recent events, activities and opportunities, please get in touch if you would be interested in supporting any of the items listed below.

As always, remember to regularly check the school website [www.devonshirehill.com](http://www.devonshirehill.com) and your ParentMail (soon to be MyEd) notifications for updates.

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**Punctuality** - The gates open at 8:45am, the school day begins at 8:55am. This term we will continue to monitor our most improved attenders to receive an award - this includes improved punctuality and reduced lateness.

**Attendance** - In line with the school's Attendance and Absence Policy, if your child is unable to attend school for any reason, a parent/carer must contact the school before the start of the school day on each day of absence. You can report your absence either by telephone or email:

**Telephone:** 0208 808 2053

**Email:** [attendance@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk)

Our attendance webpage has lots of useful information for our families:

[www.devonshirehill.com/parents/attendance/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/parents/attendance/)

**Breakfast Club & After School Clubs** are available to those requiring an earlier start and/or later finish time.

**NEW for Spring 2: Netball Club** is now available to book and will take place every Tuesday starting Tuesday 25 February. Please book your place directly with **Dalmage Active** using the links provided on the school website: [www.devonshirehill.com/parents/after-school-clubs/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/parents/after-school-clubs/)

**Y1 & Y2 Boosters and Year 6 Tuition** will continue as usual with selected children invited to booster and all of Year 6 encouraged to attend tuition. Please ensure your child arrives in time for the start of their session.

**Uniform/Forest School/PE Kit** - Children should wear suitable clothing for their daily timetable and for the current weather conditions. Please remind yourself of your child's timetable by visiting the school website:

[www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/the-school-day/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/about-us/the-school-day/)

**Y3 - Y6 require a change of Footwear** for our new lunchtime trial on the school field. Children must change into old trainers/footwear for these sessions which take place every Tuesday and Thursday in the first instance.

**School Lunch Menu** is provided by our catering company Olive Dining and the new Spring Term menu is available on the school website: [www.devonshirehill.com/parents/school-meals/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/parents/school-meals/)

**Open Day Tours** will continue fortnightly on Tuesday at 11am. Prospective families are encouraged to [get in touch and book a tour](#). If you have local family and friends please invite them to attend.

**Parent/Carer Volunteers** are welcomed warmly to support any of this term's events. Please get in touch if you are able to help. Our school can always benefit from the support of our fantastic families!

**Celebration Assembly** continues to take place on Monday (KS2) and Friday (KS1) at 9.05am. Parents/Carers are very welcome to join us and help us to celebrate our achievements.

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## MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY - Spring 2 First Day - Welcome Back



### **Celebration Assembly - Y3, Y3, Y5 & Y6** | Every Monday | [parents/carers invited - 9.05am](#)

Families are invited to our weekly Celebration Assembly to help us acknowledge the children's success. Awards will include curriculum and Anchor achievements, star awards, reading awards, weekly attendance and house points.

Join us from **9.05am** every Monday. Note the final assembly of the term will be a special Home Learning celebration.



### **Y6 Geography Trip** | [Walthamstow Wetlands - £4.50 contribution via ParentMail Shop](#)

As part of their geography learning journey, children in Year 6 will attend a trip to the Walthamstow wetlands. During their visit they will learn about reservoirs as a link to their geography topic about California and the importance of irrigation.

## THURSDAY 27 FEBRUARY



### **Haringey Shed Performing Arts Workshops** | [Year 4 for 3 weeks](#)

Children in Year 4 will participate in a series of three workshops held by Haringey Shed performing arts company. Children will celebrate their success with a special assembly for their parents/carers on the third week:

**Thursday 13 March at 12pm.** We hope you will join us.



### **Shoemaker Production** - ticketed event | Millfield Theatre | [Y3 & Y4 ticket holders only](#)

Ticket holders in Year 3 and Year 4 will attend the 'Shoemaker' performance at Millfield Theatre. This powerful hip-hop production is based on the tale of 'The Elves and the Shoemaker'. Through dance, song, music and rap this Streetz Ahead production covers topics such as ADHD, fear, and identity.

## FRIDAY 28 FEBRUARY



### **Celebration Assembly - Y1, Y2** | Every Friday | [parents/carers invited - 9.05am](#)

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## MONDAY 3 MARCH

### **The Big Easter Raffle - purchase your 'e-ticket' in the ParentMail Shop from - 1 entry for £2 / 3 entries £5**

*In line with our eco schools ethos and to support efficient sales, we will use an electronic system which enters your name into the draw and therefore you will not receive a physical ticket.*



### **Call for Donations** | [Whole School](#) | 'E-tickets' available from today

All families are encouraged to make a donation for The Big Easter Raffle table. Last year we had a fantastic contribution from so many families and the prize hampers were incredible. Please bring your donations to the Office for our raffle table or donate directly to your class teacher. The more donations we have the more prizes we can give.

*If you are a parent/carer who would be able to offer your time to support with decorating the raffle table or creating some amazing hampers please speak with Ms Hayley.*

## TUESDAY 4 MARCH



### **Y5 IntoUniversity Workshop** at IntoUniversity Centre - Tower Gardens | [full school uniform](#)

Children in Year 5 will attend a special Into University workshop all about 'What is University?'. Each class will take part in half a day of activities aimed at introducing higher education opportunities.

*Note children will be required to wear full school uniform, including black school shoes and a waterproof coat for this event. They will have lunch at school.*

## WEDNESDAY 5 MARCH

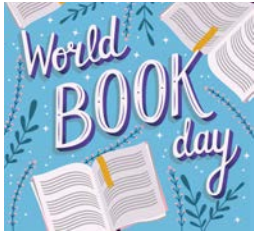


**Flatford Mill residential trip** - selected Y6 children | 8.30am arrival

**Wednesday 5 March at 8.30am - Friday 7 March at 3.15pm**

Children in Year 6 who have booked a place on the Flatford Mill trip will attend their residential trip to Flatford Mill in Colchester. A full kit list and schedule can be accessed on the [recently circulated letter](#). During their stay, children will take part in geo detecting, rivery surveys, campfires, bushcraft, orienteering and map reading.

## THURSDAY 6 MARCH



**World Book Day** | Whole School | £2 Donation

Children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character for a donation of £2 this World Book Day. We will take part in a number of exciting activities including a book character parade, best homemade outfit award, a special themed lunch, free book tokens and a Jungle Book themed workshop!

*All funds raised will go towards new resources for our fantastic library.*



**Jungle Book Workshop** in school | Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

As part of our World Book Day celebrations, children in Year 1 to Year 6 will take part in Jungle Book themed activities with performing arts company One Day Creative. Events Across two days children will explore through drama and dance; characters from this classic story, examining thoughts and feelings associated with growing up, jungle life and human interaction.

## FRIDAY 7 MARCH



**Author Visit** at Mulberry Academy | selected children

Selected children will attend a special 'meet the author' event at Mulberry Academy. During this event children will meet children's author Clare Povey, they will enjoy snippets from her series of books 'Bastien Bonlivre Adventures'. Participants will be selected and informed closer to the time of the event.

Full school uniform will be required for this local trip and children will have lunch at school before they attend.

## MONDAY 10 MARCH



**Science Week** - Change and Adapt | Whole School Competition | £2 Donation

Children across the school are encouraged to take part in the 2025 Science Week competition by creating a poster for the 2025 theme '**Change and Adapt**'.

There are lots of different topics to explore including... 'how plants and animals adapt to changing seasons or surroundings...how humans have adapted to changing technology...how we can adapt our behaviours to protect the environment from climate change... how your favourite science experiment shows change.' The judges will be looking for three qualities: **creativity, content, effective communication**.

All entries must be submitted by morning registration on **Monday 10 March**.

**Ten KS2 winners** will be awarded with a special trip to [Wonderlab](#) at the science museum. **Four EYFS & KS1 winners** will be awarded a special science book.

**Five outstanding entries** will be submitted to the official Science Week competition to be judged by members of the British Science Association.



**Cambridge University Trip** with London Academy of Excellence | selected Y6 children

London Academy of Excellence have offered 15 Year 6 children on a trip to Cambridge University. Children will visit St Catherine's College for a tour of the campus, attend a lecture-style activity and have a Q&A session with university students.

## TUESDAY 11 MARCH



### Happy School Bag Collection - FINAL COLLECTION DAY | **Main Office** collection point

Please remember to collect your good quality, unwanted clothing for our Happy School Bag Collection. The final collection date will be on Monday 10 March.

Additional donation bags can be collected from the Main Office.

## THURSDAY 13 MARCH



### Year 4 Class Assembly - **Haringey Shed** | **Year 4** | parents/carers welcome 12pm

Year 4 will perform in a special assembly for their parents/carers following their recent participation in the Haringey Shed workshops. We hope you will be able to join us.

## MONDAY 17 MARCH



### Y1 Toy Workshop - Bruce Caste | **Amethyst Class** | £2.50 donation

Children in **Amethyst** class will attend a special workshop at Bruce Castle Museum. During the workshop children will explore life in the past and how toys have changed over time. There will be an opportunity to handle objects as well as ask and answer questions relevant to our current history lessons.

## TUESDAY 18 MARCH



### Toy Workshop - Bruce Caste | **Emerald Class** | £2.50 donation

Children in **Emerald** class will attend a special workshop at **Bruce Castle Museum**. During the workshop children will explore life in the past and how toys have changed over time. There will be an opportunity to handle objects as well as ask and answer questions relevant to our current history lessons.

## FRIDAY 21 MARCH



### Comic Relief 40th Birthday Bake Off | all families, N, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

To celebrate 40 years of Comic Relief, our school will be hosting a 'bake off'. Families are encouraged to enter their baked goods for this special competition.

£2 entry - all bakes are welcome, from cupcakes and biscuits to muffins and full size 12" rounds (or squares). May the most creative and delicious bakes win!

We encourage no nuts but can not guarantee that any bakes are nut free.

Parents/Carers, we need you to help to sell all of our fantastic entries at an after school bake sale. Please speak to Ms Hayley about your delicious bakes and availability to support this fantastic cause.

## MONDAY 24 MARCH



### Y4 IntoUniversity Workshop - 'Carers in Action' - in school | **Y4**

Children in Year 4 will attend an educational workshop by IntoUniversity.

IntoUniversity offers an innovative programme that supports young people to consider their future and develop an awareness of their long term educational goals, including further and higher education, employment and work-based training.

## TUESDAY 25 MARCH



### Trumpet Concert | **Y4 Garnet** | parents/carers welcome at 10am

Children in Garnet Class and continuers in Year 5 and 6 have worked extremely hard in their trumpet lessons. To celebrate their efforts we would like to invite their families to a sharing concert where the children will perform some pieces from their repertoire.

We hope you are able to join us.

## THURSDAY 27 MARCH



**Violin Concert** | Y4 Crystal | parents/carers welcome at 2.30pm

Children in Crystal Class and continuers in Year 5 and 6 have worked extremely hard in their violin lessons. To celebrate their efforts we would like to invite their families to a sharing concert where the children will perform some pieces from their repertoire. We hope you are able to join us.



**Wonderlab Trip** - Science Museum | 10 winners of the Science Week competition (Y3-Y6)

Ten winning designs will be chosen from Year 3 - Year 6 entries to the Science Week competition. The creators of these top ten designs will attend a fantastic interactive trip to the Wonderlab at the Science Museum **on Thursday 27 March**. More information about the wonderlab can be found at [www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/wonderlab](http://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/see-and-do/wonderlab)

## FRIDAY 28 MARCH



**Home Learning Projects due** | Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6

All children must bring at least one completed home learning project to school on this day. During the Spring Term stars will be awarded for incredible home learning efforts. A printed copy of your child's Home Learning Passports will be sent home during the first week back, they are also available on the school website:

[www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/home-learning/](http://www.devonshirehill.com/our-learning/home-learning/)

Parents/Carers are invited to attend the relevant Home Learning Assembly:

**Y3,Y4, Y5, Y6**

**Monday 31 March** at 9.05am

**Y1, Y2**

**Friday 4 April** at 9.05am



Please note that as of next term (Summer 1 Term) children in Reception will also receive a Home Learning Passport as part of their transitions to Celebration Assemblies and Year 1.

**FRIDAY 4 APRIL - Last Day of Term** School will finish at 3.15pm unless you have an after school club



**Lost Property** | Whole School

All lost property is available in the front playground and must be collected before the end of today. Any items which have not been collected on the last day of term will be disposed of or donated over half term.

## Important dates ahead of Spring 2

**MONDAY 7 APRIL -  
FRIDAY 18 APRIL**

Easter Holiday - School Closed

**MONDAY 21 APRIL**

Bank Holiday - School Closed

**TUESDAY 22 APRIL**

Summer 1 First Day Back

**FRIDAY 25 APRIL**

Inflatable Obstacle Course for children with 100% Attendance and in Winning House. *Most Improved Attendance activity to be announced soon.*

**MONDAY 5 MAY**

Bank Holiday - School Closed

**Tuesday 6 MAY**

Class Photo Day

**MONDAY 12 MAY -  
THURSDAY 15 MAY**

Year 6 SATs exams - No Celebration Assemblies this week

We are very excited for the events of Spring 2 Term and look forward to updating you in our next newsletter.

Yours sincerely,

Julie D'Abreu | Headteacher

