



# SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

## NEWSLETTER

### SPRING 2 - FEBRUARY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you are all well and that you've had a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

I am delighted to share with you some highlights from the past half-term at Sherwell Valley.

Our children have been fully immersed in a range of exciting Science Learning Enquiries, which have allowed them to explore various concepts, from sound and light to the wonders of the animal kingdom. Through hands-on experiments and engaging activities, our children have demonstrated remarkable curiosity and enthusiasm for their learning. It was truly inspiring to witness them problem-solving, reasoning and discussing their ideas with such passion and vigour.

Furthermore, we were fortunate to have had the opportunity to enrich our curriculum with visits from Shaldon Zoo and the Space Dome, providing our students with real-world connections to their studies and igniting their imaginations even further.

As we transition into a new learning experience focused on Art, I am thrilled to see how our students are already drawing upon their previous knowledge and skills to engage with this new subject matter.

On another note, I am pleased to introduce Mrs. Choules as our new Family Support Worker. She will be a valuable addition to our Sherwell Valley family, providing support and assistance to both students and parents. Please feel free to stop by and say hello to her on the school gates throughout this week.

Lastly, I want to extend my gratitude to all of you for your support during the recent visit from Ofsted Inspectors. Your involvement in our school is hugely important to us and I look forward to sharing our report with you as soon as it becomes available.

Thank you once again for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Best Wishes

Cristy Nelson





# Our Science Learning Enquiry

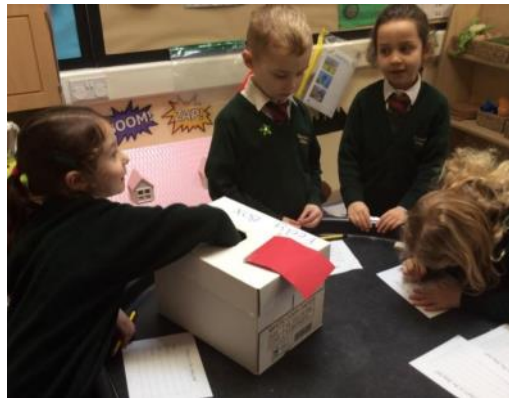
Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6





# Notice Board



## Parking Around Sherwell Valley Primary School

Since returning to school following the Christmas Holidays, we have had a number of residents contact the school with concerns around parking. We understand that parking to drop-off and collect children is always tricky at any school. We also understand that due to time constraints and poor weather, we all want to park as close as we can to school.

Please can we continue to be respectful to our neighbours and not park over driveways or on the zig-zag lines around school. We want to ensure that we keep our community as safe as we possibly can and that we think about others.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

## NSPCC

The NSPCC has recently released some support for parents following a recent study on parental anxieties. The majority of parents (57%) think parenting is harder now than it was when they were growing up.

We know that there are overwhelming and often contradictory messages about how to manage family life and what's best for children.

This is why their campaign aims to remind everyone that we've got advice and support for all parenting concerns.

For further information, please follow the link.

[https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents?utm\\_campaign=Public%](https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents?utm_campaign=Public%20)

## Whole School Attendance 22nd January - 16th February 2024

<b>Reception</b>	<b>94.75</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>96.14</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>94.55</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>94.65</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>95.35</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>94.98</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>95.23</b>

Well done Year One!





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## Family Support Worker—Jasmine Choules

I am very excited to start my journey at Sherwell Valley. I started off working with EYFS child care settings upon leaving school and developed my skills with older children during my time as an Assistant Manager at a trampoline park for 6 years. I have worked in a specialist school for the last 3.5 years, starting off classroom based as a TA and then moving into the HLTA and Pastoral roles. I have vast experience with SEN and SEMH needs, supporting students and families across many areas including challenging behaviours and school avoidance. I am trauma informed trained and pride myself in an understanding, non-judgemental approach to any situation or need. I am looking forward to getting to know the Sherwell families and how best I can help support them. If you have any questions, please do contact me through the school office.



## School Uniform.

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow students to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare students for life after primary school. At present we have noticed a number of adaptations appearing within our school uniform. Please see our website for further guidance on our uniform.

<https://www.sherwell-valley-primary.torbay.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=56>



## Assessment week

Our school assessment week will be starting on the 4th March. This is an opportunity for the children to show of all that they have learnt in maths and reading. The assessments form part of our everyday learning. If you did want any further information, please do contact your class teacher. This will be the following week for our Y6 children.

## Calling All Builders / Carpenters / Electricians!

We have a number of projects, both big and small, that we are looking to complete around school and need some fantastic skilled workers to help us. If you are able to help or support or know of anyone who might, please contact the school office.



Thank you





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## Sherwell Valley Primary School



### NURSERY TOURS



Excellent facilities situated in spacious grounds with a forest school on site



Excellent teaching and support for children with additional needs



Wrap around care for all ages including nursery

### We welcome you to come and visit our wonderful school

Our Nursery provides Early Education for two, three and four year olds. We strive to inspire a child's curiosity through exciting learning environments where they are able to develop positive relationships with all around them. Please contact [SVPSnursery@SVPS1.com](mailto:SVPSnursery@SVPS1.com) or 01803 613296

[sherwell-valley-primary.torbay.sch.uk](http://sherwell-valley-primary.torbay.sch.uk)

### Volunteer recruitment event

We are recruiting Peer Champions...

If you have knowledge or experience of:

- Breastfeeding
- Parenting
- Wellbeing
- SEND

Monday 11th March  
The Beehive  
Paignton, TQ3 3DZ  
1pm-2pm

and want to help others, we would love to meet you!

Come along to our volunteer recruitment event to find out more.

Contact us on 01803 210200 or visit our website: [www.torbayfamilyhub.org.uk](http://www.torbayfamilyhub.org.uk)

Familyhub TORBAY



### UPTON ATHLETIC JUNIORS

**LOOKING FOR PLAYERS**

- ✓ U8S - CURRENT YEAR 3
- ✓ U10S - CURRENT YEAR 5

### BABBACOMBE WATERSPORTS ACADEMY

Learn to Kayak and SUP like a PRO

Over the 6 weeks you will learn on our Junior Crocodile Kayaks, Sea Kayaks, SUP on our hard-boards and paddle as a team on our Mega SUPS!

Only 8 places available on each course!

Summer Term 6 week courses (Sundays 1000-1200)  
21st April—26th May  
9th June—21st July

May Half Term 6 Day course (Tuesday to Sat 1000—1200)  
28th May—2nd June  
SUMMER HOLIDAY options available

FMI use the QR Code or call 01803 912963

6 Week Course Costs £95 per place. Ages 9—11



# Online Safety

## Safer Internet Day

### Inspiring change?

**Be aware of who you are contacting. Do you know them?**

**Everyone does not need to know personal information so keep it safe.**

**Think before you click online.**

**Tell a responsible adult or teacher if something or someone makes you feel unhappy online.**

**Enjoyable. You should feel happy, secure and comfortable online.**

**Reliable. Make sure you check the information is true and accurate.**



**This will make for a better internet**

February 6th was internet safety day. We spent time throughout the week thinking about how we stay safe online.

**Please see the link for parents / carers below:**

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers>





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## SVPS TERM DATES 2023 - 2024



Sep-2023					
Monday		04	11	18	25
Tuesday		05	12	19	26
Wednesday		06	13	20	27
Thursday		07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22	29
Saturday	02	09	16	23	30
Sunday	03	10	17	24	

Oct-2023					
02	09	16	23	30	
03	10	17	24	31	
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08	15	22	29		

Nov-2023					
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05	12	19	26		

Dec-2023					
Monday		04	11	18	25
Tuesday		05	12	19	26
Wednesday		06	13	20	27
Thursday		07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22	29
Saturday	02	09	16	23	30
Sunday	03	10	17	24	31

Jan-2024					
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Feb-2024					
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Mar-2024					
Monday		04	11	18	25
Tuesday		05	12	19	26
Wednesday		06	13	20	27
Thursday		07	14	21	28
Friday	01	08	15	22	29
Saturday	02	09	16	23	30
Sunday	03	10	17	24	31

Apr-2024					
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May-2024					
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Jun-2024					
Monday		03	10	17	24
Tuesday		04	11	18	25
Wednesday		05	12	19	26
Thursday		06	13	20	27
Friday		07	14	21	28
Saturday	01	08	15	22	29
Sunday	02	09	16	23	30

Jul-2024					
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Aug-2024					
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04	11	18	25		

School Holidays
Bank Holidays
Inset Days
25 Dec 2023 (Christmas)
26 Dec 2023 (Boxing Day)
1 Jan 2024 (New Years Day)
29 Mar 2024 (Good Friday)
1 Apr 2024 (Easter Monday)
6 May 2024 (May Day)
27 May 2024 (Spring Bank Holiday)
26 Aug 2024 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Term Lengths		
Sept to Oct half term	34	69
October to Christmas	35	
Jan to Feb half term	29	58
Feb to Easter	29	
Easter to June half term	29	68
June to end of term	39	
	<b>195</b>	
Training Days	-5	
	<b>190</b>	



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## DIARY DATES 2023 - 2024

<b>February 2024</b>	
Wednesday 28th February	SEND Parents Evening
<b>March 2024</b>	
Monday 4th March	Assessment Week
Monday 4th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 6th March	Parents Evening
Friday 8th March	World Book Day
Monday 11th March 2:45pm	Y5 Maths Parent Workshop
Monday 18th March 2:45pm	Y6 Maths Parent Workshop
Monday 18th March—Friday 22nd March	Y5 Bikeability
Tuesday 19th March 3pm	Y2 SATs Parent Meeting
Thursday 21st March 2.40 pm	Y3 Art Gallery (in classrooms)
Friday 22nd March 2:30pm	Y1 Curriculum Sharing Event
Sunday 24th March	FOSV Easter Extravaganza!
Monday 25th March	1J Occombe Farm Trip
Monday 25th March 2:30pm	RW Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 26th March 2:30pm	Y6 Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 26th March	1CJ and 1MS Occombe Farm trip
Tuesday 26th March 2:30pm	RGP Curriculum Sharing Event
Wednesday 27th March	Nursery, Reception and KS1 Easter Bonnets to school
Wednesday 27th March 2:30pm	RB Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 28th March 2:30pm	Y2 Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 28th March	Break up for Easter Holiday







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## DIARY DATES 2023 - 2024

<b>April 2024</b>	
Monday 15th April	Return to school
Wednesday 17th—Friday 19th April	Year 4 Beam House Residential
Wednesday 24th April	School Production
Thursday 25th April	School Production
Friday 26th April	School Production
Tuesday 30th April 10:30pm	RGP visiting Cricketfield Community Garden
Tuesday 30th April 1:45pm	RB visiting Cricketfield Community Garden
<b>May 2024</b>	
Thursday 2nd May 1:45pm	RW visiting Cricketfield Community Garden
Monday 6th May	Bank Holiday
Monday 13th May	Y6 SATs week
Monday 20th May	Y2 SATs week
Thursday 24th May	Y3 School Sleepover
Friday 25th May	Break up for half-term. Return to school on Monday 3rd June.



**Pupil Voice** - *This week in our school council meeting we have been thinking about British Values and what they mean to us.*

**What our pupils have to say...**

*'It's ok to have different opinions and we all respect that of others and ourselves'*

*'Be yourself around your friends, not someone else'*

*'Rules help to keep us safe, there are different rules for different places, but they all help us'*