



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2 - MAY 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The return of sunshine at last has brought great joy to the children and staff alike with children relishing outdoor play on the school field during lunchtimes. Additionally, children have been enthusiastically practicing for our upcoming sports days, showcasing their athleticism and team spirit. We can't wait to see them shine on the field!

Our Year 6 students embarked on their SATs this week and we couldn't be prouder of their confidence and determination. They have worked diligently throughout the year, and we have full faith in their abilities to excel in their assessments. Let's continue to support and encourage them during this important milestone.

Earlier this term, we received the wonderful news of a positive outcome from our recent OFSTED inspection. This achievement reflects the dedication and hard work of our entire school community - staff, children and families alike. Thank you for your continued support and collaboration in making our school a thriving learning environment. Our report can now be found on our school website.

Last week, we revisited our core school values of Aspiration, Collaboration, Responsibility, Resilience and Respect. These values serve as guiding principles in our daily lives, shaping our interactions and behaviours within the school community. Let's continue to uphold these values as we continue to strive for 'excellence in all we do'.

We hope you enjoy reading about our recent activities and achievements. As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

Wishing you all a wonderful month ahead!

Best wishes,

Cristy Nelson

Headteacher





Our Geography Learning Enquiry

Nursery



Reception



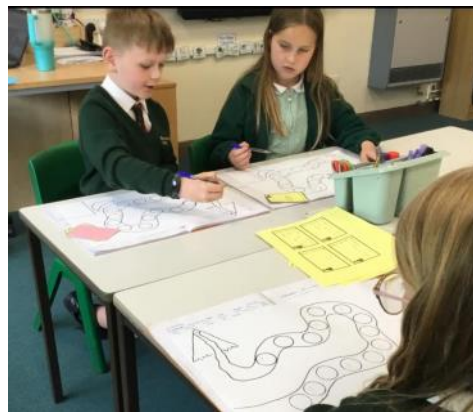
Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



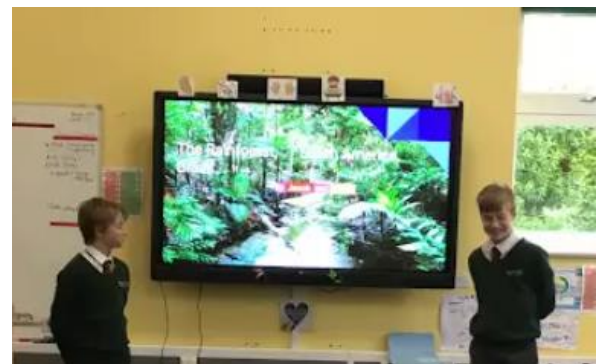
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6





Notice Board

A message from our Governors;

We hope you have all enjoyed the recent Bank Holiday weekends and are back into your routines, not long until the next one! As a governing body, we are always looking for new members to join us. It is a rewarding role, knowing that you are helping to shape the future of the school, not only for your children, but also for those coming of school age. We are currently looking for members to join our team who have knowledge around Finance or Human Resources.

If you are interested in joining us, please let Mrs Nelson know or contact one of our Co-chairs on: chair@svps1.com



Summer Time Sunshine

Sun hats and sun lotion are recommended. Sun lotion can be applied at home before school. If necessary, children can bring in their lotion in a named bottle and re-apply at lunchtime.

Water is also an essential as the weather improves so please make sure the children have water bottles at school. These can be refilled throughout the day.

Picnic Blankets

Our children have loved being outside on the school field this last week enjoying the sunshine!

If you do have any picnic blankets / blankets that you no longer use, we would love to give them a new home here at school!

Thank you.

Whole School Attendance 22nd March - 10th May 2024

Reception	94.89
Year 1	95.71
Year 2	94.91
Year 3	94.42
Year 4	95.11
Year 5	95.21
Year 6	95.41

Well done Year 1





Notice Board

Our School Banner

We were so sad to see that our school banner had been cut last weekend. If you do have any information regarding this, please share this with the school office. Thank you.



School Drop-Off

As we continue to promote the independence of our pupils, can we kindly request that parents, who drop off their children at Hawkins Avenue, please leave them at the school gate to walk independently to class unless your child is in Nursery.

This supports the children taking ownership of their daily routines and foster a sense of independence as they make their way onto the school grounds.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.



Sports Days

After half term, we will be holding our Sports Days! This is a really exciting time and an opportunity for the children to support their house teams. We ask that the children wear a t-shirt of their house colour for this. If you are unsure of your child's house team, please contact your class teacher via Dojo or Tapestry and they will let you know.



Family Support

Next half term, Miss Choules, our Family Support Worker, along with Mrs Gaywood and the Mental Health Team, will be running 2 workshops for parents.

On the **22nd May**, we are holding a parent workshop on managing meltdowns at **2:45pm - 3:15pm**.

If you would like any more information, please contact Mrs Gaywood or Miss Choules via the school office.

On **June 11th**, Miss Choules and Mrs Gaywood will be holding a Parent/Carer drop in session at **5:30pm - 6:30pm**. This session will look at how to support your child with mental health needs. We will look at what support we can offer as a school, how to approach mental health at home and signposting.

Come along for a chat, biscuits and meet other parents/carers.

We look forward to seeing you there!

If you would like any more information, please contact Miss Choules via the school office.





Notice Board

Nursery and Reception spaces available!



Our children say,
"The best thing about school is the learning"



Come and Join Us...

All welcome



Come, make friends. relax, continue Postnatal education and have fun!

During term time

Every Monday 9.30 -11.30am

At St Mary's Church Hall, St Marys Square, Milton St, Brixham TQ5 0BU

Every Tuesday 9.30 -11.30am

New From 16th April St Martin's Church, Barton Hill, Rd, Torquay TQ2 8JA

Every Wednesday 9.30 -11.30am

At Preston Baptist Church, 62 Old Torquay Rd, TQ3 2RB

Every Thursday 9.30 -11.30am

At St Boniface Church, Belfield Rd, Paignton TQ3 3UZ

Every Friday 9.30-11.30am

At St Matthias Church, Wellswood, Babbacombe Rd, Torquay TQ1 1HW

For further details call - Lena Fearnley on 0790 337 6340



Torquay (MAY HALF TERM) - Day Booking

📅 Wednesday, 29 May '24 8:15am – 5:15pm BST

📍 Torquay Boys' Grammar School, Shiphay Manor Drive, Torquay,



Notice Board



University of Exeter

PARENTS AND CARERS

WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE PART IN RESEARCH EXPLORING MATHS AT HOME?

What is the research about?

This research is part of my doctoral studies in Education, Child and Community Psychology at the University of Exeter. I aim to explore how parents support their children with maths at home.

Who can take part?

Parents or carers of children in reception, year 1, 2 and 3. We know that as children move into these year groups maths learning in school becomes more formalised, so we want to understand how parents and carers support this at home.

What would I need to do?

An online questionnaire via Microsoft Forms where you will be asked questions about how you support your children with maths at home and how confident you feel to do so. This will take around 15 minutes.

SCAN ME



How to take part?

If you would like more information and to take part in this research please scan the QR code to the left or follow this [link](#).

If you have any questions please contact me, Katie Jackson, by emailing kj381@exeter.ac.uk

Thank you for taking the time to read this poster!

Educational Psychologists Maths Support

Our Educational Psychologist has asked if parents from Reception to Year 3 are able to complete a quick questionnaire around supporting children at home with maths.

Following the feedback, she will be able to plan bespoke workshops to be held at Sherwell Valley .

Please scan the QR code for the questionnaire.

Achieve4All **10% SIBLING DISCOUNT**

MAY HALF-TERM HOLIDAY CAMPS

FROM £21

Dodgeball
Archery
Nerf Games
Frisbee Golf
And Much More



Book now at:
www.Achieve4All.co.uk

Sherwell Valley + St Michael's

Tues 28 May
to Fri 31 May

9-3:30 - £21
Extend to 8-5:30 - £6.50

OFSTED Registered

Community Sharing

If you have any notices that you would like us to add to the school newsletter, please send them through to the school office.

admin@svps1.com

ONLINE SAFETY



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

...MSG ME...

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

With more than two billion active users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, as well as making voice and video calls, WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service. Its end-to-end encryption only allows messages to be viewed by the sender and any recipients: not even WhatsApp itself can read them. This privacy issue has been in the spotlight recently, as the UK's Online Safety Bill proposes to end such encryption on private messaging; WhatsApp is unwilling to do so and has reportedly considered withdrawing its service in the UK should this legislation go ahead.

EVOLVING SCAMS

WhatsApp's popularity makes it a lucrative hunting ground for scammers. Recent examples include posing as the target's child, requesting a money transfer because of a spurious 'emergency'. Plus a scam where fraudsters trigger a verification message by attempting to log in to your account, then (posing as WhatsApp) call or text to ask you to repeat the code back to them, giving them access.

CONTACT FROM STRANGERS

To start a chat, someone only needs the mobile number of the WhatsApp user that they want to message. If your child has ever given their number out to someone they don't know, that person could then contact them via WhatsApp. It's also possible that your child might be added to a group chat (by one of their friends, for example) containing other people that they don't know.

FAKE NEWS

WhatsApp's connectivity and ease of use allows news to be shared rapidly – whether it's true or not. To combat the spread of misinformation, messages forwarded more than five times on the app now display a "Forwarded many times" label and a double arrow icon. This makes users aware that the message they've just received is far from an original ... and might not be entirely factual, either.

ONLINE

'VIEW ONCE' CONTENT

The facility to send images or messages that can only be viewed once has led to some WhatsApp users sharing inappropriate images or abusive texts, knowing that the recipient can't re-open them later to use as evidence of misconduct. People used to be able to screenshot this 'disappearing' content – but a recently added WhatsApp feature now blocks this, citing increased privacy.

CHAT LOCK

Another new option allows users to store certain messages or chats in a separate 'locked chats' folder, saved behind a passcode, fingerprint or face ID authentication. The risk here is that this function creates the potential for young people to hide conversations and content that they suspect their parents wouldn't approve of (such as age-inappropriate material).

VISIBLE LOCATION

WhatsApp's 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, which can be helpful for friends meeting up or parents checking that their child's safely on the way home, for example. However, anyone in your child's contacts list or in a mutual group chat can also track their location – potentially letting strangers identify a child's home address or journeys that they make regularly.

Advice for Parents & Carers ...TYPING...

EMPHASISE CAUTION

Encourage your child to treat unexpected messages with caution: get them to consider, for example, whether the message sounds like something a friend or relative would really send them. Make sure they know never to share personal details over WhatsApp, and to be wary of clicking on any links in messages. Setting up two-step verification adds a further layer of protection to their WhatsApp account.

THINKING BEFORE SHARING

Help your child to understand why it's important to stop and think before posting or forwarding something on WhatsApp. It's easy – and all too common – for content to then be shared more widely (even publicly on social media). Encourage your child to consider how an ill-judged message might damage their reputation or upset a friend who sent something to them in confidence.

ADJUST THE SETTINGS

It's wise to change your child's WhatsApp settings (go to 'Privacy', then 'Groups') to specify which of their contacts can add them to group chats without needing approval; you can give permission to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except ...'. Additionally, if your child needs to use 'live location', emphasise that they should enable this function for only as long as they need – and then turn it off.

CHAT ABOUT PRIVACY

Some parents like to check in with their child about how they're using WhatsApp, explaining that it will help to keep them safe. If you spot a 'Locked Chats' folder, you might want to talk about the sort of chats that are in there, who they're with and why your child wants to keep them hidden. Also, if your child has sent any 'view once' content, you could discuss their reasons for using this feature.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



...HEY
OSU #WakeUp
Wednesday®

The National College®



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

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	
04	11	18	25		
05	12	19	26		
06	13	20	27		
07	14	21	28		
08	15	22	29		

Nov-2023					
	06	13	20	27	
	07	14	21	28	
01	08	15	22	29	
02	09	16	23	30	
03	10	17	24		
04	11	18	25		
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					
01	08	15	22	29	
02	09	16	23	30	
03	10	17	24	31	
04	11	18	25		
05	12	19	26		
06	13	20	27		
07	14	21	28		

Feb-2024					
	05	12	19	26	
	06	13	20	27	
	07	14	21	28	
01	08	15	22	29	
02	09	16	23		
03	10	17	24		
04	11	18	25		

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					
01	08	15	22	29	
02	09	16	23	30	
03	10	17	24		
04	11	18	25		
05	12	19	26		
06	13	20	27		
07	14	21	28		

May-2024					
	06	13	20	27	
	07	14	21	28	
01	08	15	22	29	
02	09	16	23	30	
03	10	17	24	31	
04	11	18	25		
05	12	19	26		

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					
01	08	15	22	29	
02	09	16	23	30	
03	10	17	24	31	
04	11	18	25		
05	12	19	26		
06	13	20	27		
07	14	21	28		

Aug-2024					
	05	12	19	26	
	06	13	20	27	
	07	14	21	28	
01	08	15	22	29	
02	09	16	23	30	
03	10	17	24	31	
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	
	195	
Training Days	-5	
	190	



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

DIARY DATES 2023 - 2024

May 2024	
Monday 20th May	Y2 SATs week
Tuesday 21st May 10:30am / 5:30pm	New Reception Parents meeting
Wednesday 22nd May	Y1 Animal Fancy Dress Day
Wednesday 22nd May 2:45pm	Parent workshop - Managing Meltdowns
Thursday 23rd May	Y3 School Sleepover
Thursday 23rd May 2:30 pm	Y4 Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 24th May	Y3 trip to Cockington
Friday 24th May	Break up for half-term.
June 2024	
Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd June	F.O.S.V Circus
Monday 3rd June	Return to school
Monday 3rd June	Y6 Eden Project Trip
Tuesday 4th June	Y5/Y6 Sports Day
Wednesday 5th June	Y3 Artist visits (Laura Wall)
Tuesday 11th June	Y3/Y4 Sports Day
Tuesday 11th June 5:30 - 6:30pm	Parent Drop in session - Supporting Children's Mental Health
Thursday 13th June	Reception Sports Day
Monday 17th June	RW Goodrington Beach Trip
Tuesday 18th June	RGP Goodrington Beach Trip
Tuesday 18th June	Y1/Y2 Sports Day
Wednesday 19th June	RB Goodrington Beach Trip





SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO

DIARY DATES 2023 - 2024

June 2024 (continued)	
Friday 21st June	RNLI to visit Nursery and Reception
Monday 24th - Friday 28th	Y6 London Residential
Wednesday 26th June	Y6 Woodlands trip
Friday 28th June	Fire Safety talk for Y2 and Y5
July 2024	
Monday 1st July	Y1 trip to Paignton Zoo
Monday 1st July	2MS trip to Stover Park
Tuesday 2nd July	2TS trip to Stover Park
Tuesday 2nd July	Nursery Sports Day
Wednesday 3rd July	2F trip to Stover Park
Thursday 4th July	Class Swap (transition) Day
Friday 5th July 2:30pm - 5:30pm	FOSV Summer Fayre
Monday 8th - Friday 12th July	Y5 Okehampton Residential
Friday 19th July 3:30pm	Children break up for the Summer Holidays



Pupil Voice -

What our pupils have to say...

This week we have been thinking about all of the things we are looking forward after the half term. Here are some comments from the Year 3 children.

'I am looking forward to our new learning experiences and the different subjects that we will be doing'

'Sports day! The opportunity to compete for my house team.'

'I love having lunch outside and being able to play on the field in the sunshine.'