



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM MARCH 2025

Dear Parents / Carers

As we approach the Easter break, it has been a very busy term for our children and staff and we look forward to this chance to relax, re-energise and enjoy the sunshine!

The children have worked hard over the term and have produced some wonderful outcomes from their learning experiences. Over the last few weeks the children have been working hard on the Design and Technology experiences. They have been extremely practical carrying out various investigations to create the best pasta dish, tallest towers and strongest bridges. The children's knowledge and modelling of the school values have gone from strength to strength, we have been blown away by how well they are able to articulate the school values and how they are able to give such fantastic real life examples as they progress through the school.

Thank you to all of those who have attended our Curriculum Sharing Events and Parents' Evenings, your support is invaluable and we know that the children thoroughly enjoy sharing what they have been learning about with you. We have plenty more opportunities to welcome you into school next term as we look forward to sports days, our music festivals, Aladdin Jr and Curriculum Sharing events.

We hope that you have a wonderful Easter break.
Best wishes
Cristy Nelson



OUR DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Reception

Nursery



Year 1



Year 2

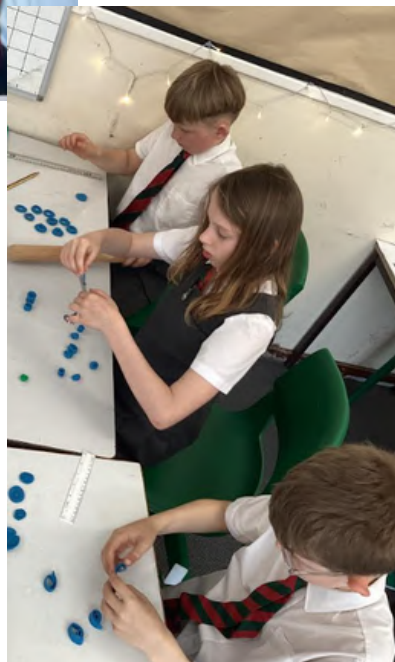
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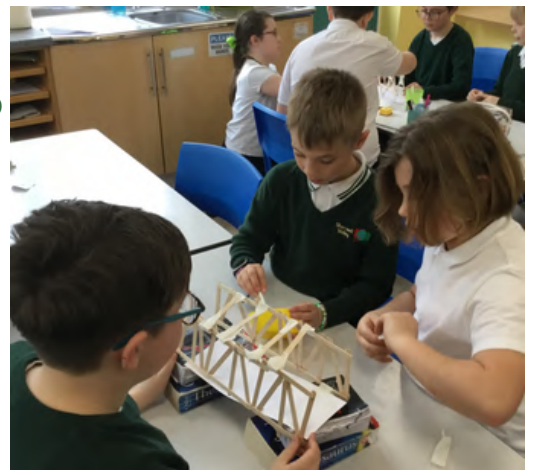
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



NOTICE BOARD

ATTENDANCE

3rd February – 28th March

Reception	95.67%
Year 1	97.61%
Year 2	97.73%
Year 3	96.52%
Year 4	95.68%
Year 5	96.63%
Year 6	94.94%



HOMEWORK

Homework guidance is available on the school website under your child's year group.

Doodle, spellings, reading and other homework set are designed to support the children in their learning.

REMINDERS

Our school uniform policy is available on the school website. We request that children wear the correct uniform to school.

After the Easter holidays, we will be starting our new trial morning provision. This is part of the Government's Early Adopters Scheme. Our Carebears Breakfast Club will continue in the usual way, but at a reduced cost. This is from 7:45am until 8:40am (Children must stay with their adults before this time and cannot be dropped earlier).

For families wishing to take advantage of the Early Adopters Scheme, our 'Bagel Bites Club', children can sign in between 8:15am and 8:25am and meet in the Music Room. Please go to the last pages for the FAQ's which should answer any of your queries. This is a pre-book only service, please book via the school Gateway via clubs.

Thank you

**BREAKFAST CLUB AND
BAGEL BITES CLUB**

COMMUNITY

TORBAY PARKS TENNIS 

JUNIOR EASTER CAMP
AT 'ABBEY PARK' TORQUAY



Come and enjoy a fun and structured Easter camp led by fully licensed LTA tennis coaches. Learn new skills, get active and make new friends. Enjoy many different drills, created by the 'Parks' LTA coaches.

MONDAY 7TH, WEDNESDAY 9TH
MONDAY 14TH & WEDNESDAY 16TH OF APRIL 2025

RED BALL / ORANGE BALL (5-9yrs) - Group 1 (coach leading)
GREEN BALL / YELLOW BALL (10-18yrs) - Group 2 (coach leading)

PLEASE ARRIVE COURTSIDE 5 MINUTES BEFORE THE SCHEDULED START TIME.

Timing: 10:00am - 13:00pm
£15.00 PER SESSION

TO BOOK ALL COACHING SESSIONS PLEASE BOOK ONLINE ON OUR WEBSITE
www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/torbayparkscoaching
You will need to create a Free LTA Membership when you book your sessions

Tennis Development Officer and Head LTA Licensed coach:
Terry Bird - Mobile: 07754 727324
LTA Licensed Tennis Coach: Tom Standerwick
Email: torbayparkstennis@gmail.com





Join us on
Sunday 27th April
for our
Hop into Spring Trail!

10am-2pm

 Every ticket includes 

 Fun crafts 

 Personal snack box 

 A treat from the Easter Bunny 

 Spring trail 

£7 a ticket!



Tickets
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available
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DANCEWITHDANNI@GOUTLOOK.COM

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SHINE

Sherwell Valley Primary School. 16+
Tuesday @6:30pm- £6.00 per class.
All welcome.

The Holiday activity and food programme is now up on our Torbay Council website
at <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/children-and-families/home-learning-environment-and-early-years/holiday-activity-and-food-programme/>

 Yoga,
Meditation &
Relaxation



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY

Affordable one hour classes to suit all ages, competencies and fitness levels:

Monday 6:15pm Meditation & Relaxation
Wednesday 6:10pm Hatha Yoga
Wednesday 7:15pm Gentle Yoga



Contact Hannah to book:
07729 477672
unwindyourselfyoga@gmail.com

TORQUAY LIBRARY

Kids Art Space – Wednesday 2nd April 16:15–17:00

Join artists Jo Waterhouse and Allegra Galvin as they transform the library into a fine art studio for children. Spend some pleasurable time exploring materials with the young artists in your life and come away with new ideas about nurturing creative confidence in those you love. Free to attend, but please book via Eventbrite or at Torquay Library.

Romeo & Juliet – Tuesday 8th April 10:30–11:30

Come along to Torquay Library and watch the South Devon Players Theatre perform excerpts from one of Shakespeare's most famous plays. Please note some content may be unsuitable for children under 8 years of age. Tickets £2 per person including crafts and refreshments. Book at Torquay Library.

Bunny Tails and Trails – Wednesday 9th April 10:30–11:30

An Easter event at Torquay Library with Grace from Torre Abbey with stories, activities and much bunny fun!

£2 per child. Book at the library.

The Story of Sir Humphry Davy and his lamp! – Thursday 10th April 10:30–11:30

Join author Jennifer Davy in this fun and interactive storytime session. Discover all about mining, gases and Jennifer's ancestor, Sir Humphry Davy's crucial invention of the safety lamp. Suitable for ages 5 years and up. Tickets £2 per child. Adults also welcome!

Murder Whodunnit – Double Elephant print workshop

Saturday 12th April first workshop 11:00–12:30 second workshop 13:00–14:30

Family friendly event to celebrate the unveiling of the new Agatha Christie statue. This will be an opportunity to create a picture that reflects one of Agatha's great murder mysteries in the form of printing. 2 workshops on offer one at 11 and the second at 13:00

Tickets £3 each for 1 workshop – book via Eventbrite or through Torquay Library.

Be More Bernard! Storytelling and Crafts– Wednesday 16th April 10:30–11:30

Bernard has decided that he's not going to be like all the other bunnies any more.... Hop on down and be you at this story and craft event and make Easter special.

Suitable for children 3 years and up. Tickets £2 per child, book in advance at Torquay Library.

Celebrate 100 years of Torquay's children's Library services with esteemed local picture book author Clare Helen Welsh – Wednesday 30th April 16:00–17:00

Author Clare Helen Welsh will help us launch our 100 year's celebrations reading her fantastic book "The Space Between", there will be a draw-a-long too and the chance to make a moving butterfly craft plus take part in a group activity to create supersize butterfly wings which will then provide an ideal photo opportunity as everyone gets to try them on!

What better way to get Spring and the 100 years celebrations underway?

Suitable for children 3+ Tickets £2.50 per child

Also on over Easter is the Peter Rabbit trail at Torquay library grab a leaflet when you are there – it is free to take part and everyone who completes the entry can be in with a chance to win a giant Easter basket including a Peter Rabbit soft toy. This prize is on display at Torquay Library.

Please remember to book to secure your place on any of our events. Either through Eventbrite if specified or through Torquay Library – call 01803 714452 or email Torquay.Library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Online safety tips for children in primary school

What are children doing online?

Children in this age group spend most of their online time using video sharing platforms, watching TV or films and using messaging sites or apps with many also playing games and using social media.

Source: Ofcom Media Use and Attitudes 2022

Online safety issues that children can come across:



Cyberbullying: this is behaviour meant to hurt another person that happens more than once. Cyberbullying happens online, at school or at home.

Grooming: this is when an adult or usually older child builds trust with your child to trick them into doing something sexual, illegal or extreme.



Misinformation: when fake information is shared online, your child might not realise it isn't true. This could harm them, especially if it is a dangerous experiment they do at home.

Inappropriate content: videos, images and games that might be violent or have sexual content are not appropriate from primary school children.



Screen time: children sometimes spend too long on their devices without taking breaks. Or they might not know how to use their devices in healthy ways. This can lead to sleep, behaviour and other problems.



If your child has special educational needs or disabilities (SEND), they may need extra support to stay safe online. These resources can help:

- Learn more about the harms they might face and how to support them at internetmatters.org/inclusive-digital-safety
- See how to help them face different online safety issues at internetmatters.org/connecting-safely-online

Stay safe checklist to support children:



Talk about their online lives: ask them what kinds of apps they use or games they play and what they like to do online. If your child knows you're interested in their online life, **they are more likely to come to you if something goes wrong.**



Set boundaries: together, **decide what your child can and can't do online.** Think about what times they can go online, how long they can spend online and what kinds of app/platforms/sites they can use to stay safe.



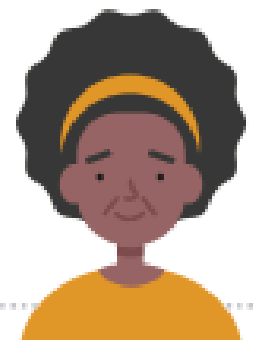
Set parental controls: parental controls help **manage who can talk to your child online, what content they can see or how much time they spend online.** Setting them can help keep them safe. Set parental controls on different devices, including broadband and mobile networks.



Explore features together: if your child wants to play a new game or use a new app, first use it together. See what they can do on the platform to check if it's **suitable for their age.** Check to **see if there are safety settings or parental controls you can set.** This will also show them you're interested in their online lives.



Show them safety features: to help them stay safe online, apps and platforms have different ways to stop online hate or inappropriate content. Get familiar with **report, block and other features** to help your child stay in control of their online safety.



Other helpful resources:

- Learn how to set parental controls at internetmatters.org/parental-controls
- Learn more about online safety issues at internetmatters.org/issues
- Find where you can get help or report online safety issues at internetmatters.org/report-issue
- See more advice for your child's age at internetmatters.org/apps
- Get advice sent to your email at internetmatters.org/digital-family-toolkit

DIARY DATES

April 2025	
Tuesday 1st April 2:15pm	Y6 Curriculum Parents Sharing Event
Tuesday 1st April 2:30pm	RPN Curriculum Parents Sharing Event in the Woodlands
Wednesday 2nd April 2:30pm	RD Curriculum Parents Sharing Event in the Woodlands
Thursday 3rd April	1J and 1IS trip to Ocombe Farm
Thursday 3rd April 2:45pm	Y4 Curriculum Parents Sharing Event
Thursday 3rd April 3:30am	Y4 Residential Meeting
Tuesday 1st April	Reception and Y6 class photos
Friday 4th April 9:00am	Y3 Trip to Barton Hall
Friday 4th April 5:30pm	Y3 Sleepover
Friday 4th April 3:25pm	Break Up for Easter
Saturday 5th April 9:30am	Y3 children collected from school
Monday 21 st April	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 nd April	School Opens at 8:40am
Wednesday 23 rd April	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 Easter Bonnet Parade
Sunday 27 th April - 10am - 2pm	FOSV Spring Trail
May 2025	
Friday 2 nd May	School Inset Day (School Closed for Children)
Monday 5 th May	Bank Holiday
Tuesday 6 th May	School Opens at 8:40am
Tuesday 6 th May	RW visiting Cricketfield Garden
Wednesday 7 th May - Friday 9 th May	Year 4 Residential to Osmington Bay
Thursday 8 th May	Osborne Book Fair
Thursday 8 th May	RD visiting Cricketfield Garden
Friday 9 th May	Osborne Book Fair
Monday 12 th May	Year 6 SATs week begins
Monday 12 th May	Reception's Gruffalo Day
Thursday 15 th May	Peekaboo Nursery visiting Reception
Thursday 15 th May - 2:45pm	Year 4 Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 20 th May - 1pm	Year 5 and 6 Humanist Visitor
Tuesday 20 th May 9am - 12:30pm	Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Tournament at Plainmoor
Thursday 22 nd May 10am - 2pm	Year 5 and 6 Girls Cricket Competition
Thursday 22 nd May 2:15pm - 3:15pm	SEND Parent Drop In Session

DIARY DATES



June 2025	
Monday 2 nd June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checker Begins
Thursday 5 th June 10am - 2pm	Year 5 and 6 Boys Cricket Competition
Week Beginning 9 th June	Year 2 visits to Bay Church
Wednesday 11 th June - 6pm	Aladdin Jr. Production
Thursday 12 th June - 6pm	Aladdin Jr. Production
Friday 13 th June - 6pm	Aladdin Jr. Production
Monday 16 th June - Friday 20 th June	Year 6 London Residential
Tuesday 17 th June - 9:15 start	Year 3 / 4 Sports Day
Wednesday 18 th June - 9:15 Start	Year 1 and 2 Sports Day
Thursday 19 th June - 9:15 start	Reception Sports Day
Tuesday 24 th June	Year 4 RE Exeter Trip
Wednesday 25 th June	Year 4 RE Exeter Trip
Wednesday 25 th June	Nursery Sports Day - 9:15 Start
Thursday 26 th June 9:15 start	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
Friday 27 th June	Peekaboo visiting Reception
July 2025	
Tuesday 1 st July	Year 4 RE Exeter Trip
Tuesday 1 st July 2:15pm - 3:15	SEND parent Drop In Session
Friday 4 th July	RNLI to visit Nursery and Reception
Friday 4 th July 2:45pm	Y5 Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 7 th July - Friday 11 th July	Y5 Residential to Ashbury Manor
Monday 14 th July - 2:45pm	Reception Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 18 th July - 9:15 start	School Music Festival
Friday 18 th July - 3pm start	FOSV Summer Fair
Tuesday 22 nd July 3:25pm	Break up for Summer Holiday
Wednesday 23 rd July	School Inset Day (School Closed for Children)



Proposed Torbay School Term Dates: 2024-25 Academic Year

	Sep-2024				
Monday	02	09	16	23	30
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	Dec-2024				
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	Apr-2025				
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	Jun-2025				
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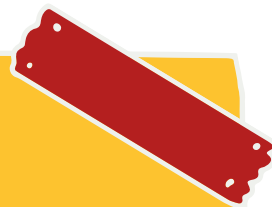
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Training Days	
School Holidays	
Bank Holidays	
25 Dec 2024 (Christmas)	
26 Dec 2024 (Boxing Day)	
1 Jan 2025 (New Years Day)	
18 Apr 2025 (Good Friday)	
21 Apr 2025 (Easter Monday)	
5 May 2025 (May Day)	
26 May 2025 (Spring Bank Holiday)	
25 Aug 2025 (Summer Bank Holiday)	

Term Lengths		
Sept to Oct half term	39	74
October to Christmas	35	
Jan to Feb half term	30	60
Feb to Easter	30	
Easter to June half term	23	61
June to end of term	38	
	195	
Training Days	-5	
	190	

BAGEL BITES



Frequently Asked Questions – Free Breakfast Club Trial (Bagel Bites Club)

1. What is the free breakfast club trial?

The trial is part of a government initiative to provide a free, nutritious breakfast for primary school children before the school day starts. Sherwell Valley Primary is taking part in this trial ahead of a planned nationwide rollout next year.

Our free breakfast club will be called the Bagel Bites Club and will run alongside Carebears, which remains an option for families who need earlier childcare.

2. Will there still be a club from 7:45am?

Yes! Carebears will continue to run as usual from 7:45 am (please do not drop children before this time), and we are pleased to share that it is included as part of the trial. As a result, the cost will be reduced to £2 per session during the trial period.

3. Who is eligible to attend?

All children in Reception to Year 6 at Sherwell Valley Primary are eligible to attend the free breakfast club trial. There are no income or eligibility criteria—this is open to all families.

4. What time does the Bagel Bites Club start?

Bagel bar runs for 30 minutes before the school day starts, from 8:15 am to 8:45 am. The gate will be open from 8:15am to 8:25am. Admittance after 8:25am will be refused. Children in Reception to Year 4 must be accompanied by an adult to sign in.

5. Where will the Bagel Bites Club be held?

The Bagel Bar will be separate from the Carebears provision and will be based in the junior hall and dining room. Entrance to Bagel Bites Club will be via the music room, where the children will need to sign in.

6. What food will be provided?

Children will receive a healthy breakfast, which may include cereals, bagel, fruit, yogurts and drinks such as milk or squash. The menu follows government nutritional guidelines.

7. How do I sign my child up?

To book a place, please use the booking system on the school gateway which is now available.

To ensure we operate safely and efficiently ALL children must pre-book a space by the booking deadline which is 10 days in advance.

8. Will there be supervision?

Yes, staff will be present to supervise and support children throughout the session.

9. Can my child attend every day?

Yes! Children can attend daily, but you must sign up in advance to secure a place.

10. What happens after the trial?

The trial is designed to evaluate the benefits of free school breakfasts. If the government decides to continue the program, more details will be provided about ongoing access. However, the school also may decide to pull out of the initiative at any time if it is deemed unsuccessful.

11. My child has allergies or dietary requirements—can they still attend?

Absolutely! Please ensure you keep us up to date on your child's dietary needs via the school office and we will ensure suitable options are available.

12. Who can I contact for more information?

For any further questions, please contact admin@svps1.com.



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WE DEVELOP STRONG
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WORK TOGETHER.



RESILIENCE
WE KEEP GOING
WHEN THINGS ARE
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