



Assistant Headteacher's News

We are almost at the end of the first half-term at school so thought it would be a good idea to introduce myself to those parents who have seen me around the school grounds in my 'Rupert the Bear' trousers but were unsure of who I am.

My name is Matt Briant and I am one of the Assistant Head Teachers here at school. I have been teaching here for 7 years, with a further 7 years' experience at Barton Hill Academy. During my teaching career, I have mainly taught in Upper Key Stage 2, in years 5 and 6.

I currently teach for two days a week in year 5, and lead on 'Developing Middle Leadership' during the remainder of my time within school, along with many other responsibilities. I give up many hours a week in providing opportunities for the children at Sherwell Valley to participate in sport. I run and organise clubs based around football, athletics, cricket, rounders and other sports through the academic year. Sport is a passion of mine which plays a huge part in my personal life.

Away from school, I play many different sports which include golf, swimming but most importantly football. I currently play for Buckland Athletic, a very successful team in South Devon. I'm also a huge Manchester United fan, which at the moment isn't something to shout from the roof tops – take the rough with the smooth some may say!

I have two daughters, one of which is lucky enough to attend Sherwell Valley. Hope, my eldest, is in RJ and loves coming to school and has settled in wonderfully to her new class. My youngest daughter, Harper, is 3 months old and is all about milk, sleep and crying. This would explain my tired eyes if you see me at the school gates! My fiancé is a councillor at Torquay Academy, but is currently on maternity leave until April.

Feel free to chat in the morning or the afternoon if you see me. I am very much a people person and really do enjoy a good chat. If you would like a more formal meeting then please make an appointment through the school office.

Best wishes

Matt Briant,
Assistant Head Teacher.



Upcoming Events

Thurs 11th October

School Council Elections

Fri 2nd November

Yr R – Occombe Farm

Fri 9th November

Yr 5/6 Cinema Trip

School Clubs

Mon: Yr 5/6 Girl's Football

Tues: Yr 5/6 Boy's Football
Yr 5/6 Netball Club
Yr 1 Tennis Club
Shakespeare Club

Weds: No clubs

Thurs: Yr 3/4 Boy's Football
Homework Club
Athletots (Yr2)

Fri: No clubs

Term Dates

Autumn 1:

Wednesday 5th September –
Friday 19th October

Autumn 2:

Monday 29th October – Friday
21st December

Inset Day: Mon 10th Dec

Spring 1:

Monday 7th January –
Friday 15th February

Spring 2:

Monday 25th February –
Friday 5th April

Summer 1:

Tuesday 23rd April –
Friday 24th May

Summer 2:

Monday 3rd June –
Friday 19th July

Open Classrooms – this half term

We have now finalised the dates for open classrooms:

Nursery – Tuesday 16th October
Year 1 – Wednesday 17th October
Year 3 – Monday 15th October
Year 5 – Wednesday 31st October

Reception – Tuesday 16th October
Year 2 – Thursday 18th October
Year 4 – Wednesday 17th October
Year 6 – Monday 15th October



Attendance this week:

Congratulations to the classes who top the attendance charts this week:

3L: 99.6% 4SB: 99.0% 5B: 99.0%

Beat the Street

Mrs Adderley had a nice cycle from Torquay to Goodrington last weekend earning 330 points for the Sherwell Valley cause – if you want to contribute this weekend please visit: <https://beatthestreet.me/torbay> to see where the fob sensors you need to scan are.



Can anyone beat Mrs Adderley's 330 points in one trip?

Wear Yellow Day – Wednesday 10th October

Next Wednesday (10th October) we are asking children to wear yellow for the Young Minds Mental Health Awareness Campaign.

The issue of children's mental health is one that we consider more and more in schools and the impact of it on children's overall wellbeing and ability to learn is clear. The scale of the issue is also becoming clearer: recent studies have shown that one in four adults and one in ten children are likely to have a mental health problem in any year – this statistic shows how important it is that we are all aware of issues around mental health.

This isn't a general Mufti Day but if children have a yellow t-shirt, trousers or skirt, they can wear this with their school trousers/skirts.

If they don't have anything yellow to wear please can they wear their uniform as usual. We would appreciate it if you can make a £1.00 donation on the day which will go to Young Minds Mental Health Charity. Many thanks. **Mrs Keller**

Message from the Friends of Sherwell Valley

We are holding our annual Christmas Trail on Saturday 8th December this year – we're always on the look-out for any stalls who might want to set up for the day to make our trail as exciting and interesting as we can. If you know anyone who might be interested please let the School Office know and they'll pass the details on to us.

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Sherwell Valley Primary School is committed to safeguarding children.

Our Designated Safeguarding Lead is: Mr J Kingston

Our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads are: Mrs D Gaywood, Mr M Briant and Mrs C Jones

Our Named Governor for Safeguarding: Andrew Martin