



# SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## NEWSLETTER

### AUTUMN 1 - OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we head towards half term, we want to celebrate all of the children's hard work so far. They have already completed their history and art learning enquiries and have had some fantastic outcomes. It has been a real pleasure to talk to the children about their learning. Year 2 children have shared lots of facts about Agatha Christie, while our Year 6 children solved a murder case and decided on a fitting punishment for the criminal! The children have been enthusiastic and shown great pride in their work, sharing their achievements with others. Next week, we will be starting our science learning enquiry where the children will become scientists and investigate their learning questions. We have thoroughly enjoyed sharing the outcomes with our families so far and want to thank you for your support and involvement with our curriculum events. These will be continuing into the next half term where we have much more to share with you.

Some of our Year 6 children have also applied for positions as prefects across our school over the last two weeks and attended an interview for their new role. As a leadership team, we were extremely impressed with how well the children were able to talk about our school values and the ways in which they modelled these to others. They will soon be beginning their training as young leaders across our school.

We hope that you all have a fantastic half term break.

Best Wishes

Cristy Nelson

Head teacher



#### ***Pupil Voice What our children have to say about our school...***

*'Teachers make our learning fun and we get to learn about different subjects each term which we like.'* Bella Y5

*'We have lots of opportunities to show responsibility by having jobs in school like play leaders or school councillors'* Leah Y5



# Did you know???



## Family Support Worker

My name is Fran Steer and I am part of the Pastoral Team here at Sherwell Valley. As part of my role, I am also the Family Support Worker.

Here at Sherwell Valley, we understand that children can only achieve their best when they feel safe, happy and secure. Consequently, we work hard to ensure our children's pastoral needs are considered as carefully as their academic needs.

My main aim is to work with you to support wellbeing (for you and your family) and address any pastoral concerns that you may have. I will be open and honest and am here for a coffee and chat. I may not have all of the answers but hopefully I can help you to work out how to find them!

Support can include:

- Advice to encourage good attendance and punctuality.
- Promoting self esteem, confidence and positive behaviour.
- Providing support with life changes and difficulties including anger, emotions, bereavement and separation.
- Advice on how to manage particular home situations as a parent, enabling your child to be ready and prepared to learn.
- Offering your child support and someone to talk to.
- Ways to establish boundaries or routines.

If you have something on your mind and are looking for some advice, help or just a listening ear, then please contact me.

I will be available every Thursday morning between 9am and 12pm if you want to drop in. If you would like to meet at another time, please contact the school office on 01803 613296 or [admin@svps1.com](mailto:admin@svps1.com) and we will arrange a convenient time to meet.









# Notice Board

## Community

As well as the clubs that are on offer after school, we also have clubs running from our site in the evenings and weekends including Theatre Train, Taekwondo and Football. The school site is also available for hire. For further information, please contact the school office.

## We need you!

Can you spare any time to become part of our incredible FOSV team?

Please email [admin@svps1.com](mailto:admin@svps1.com) to find out more.

## School Uniform

We ask that all children wear the full school uniform.

Guidance for this can be found on our school website. We also ask for PE kits to be in school from Monday to Friday. Thank you.

**We have preloved uniform available in the school office.**

## RWI in School

RWI books need to come to school everyday. We also need to make sure they are returned on a Friday once they have been finished, allowing other children to use the books.

If you would like to volunteer to listen to children read in school, we would love to welcome you. Please contact the school office for more details.

## Whole School Attendance 4th September - 6th October

<b>Reception</b>	<b>95.90%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>96.60%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>95.59%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>95.53%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>95.50%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>95.37%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>95.88%</b>





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## Parents Evenings

Next half term, we will be holding our parents evenings. These will be held on Monday 13th November and Wednesday 15th November. These are an opportunity to meet with the class teachers to look at your child's work and discuss their progress. A sign-up sheet will be sent out the week before allowing you to book a 10 minute slot.

We will also be holding parent meetings the week before for all of our parents with children with SEND to discuss Personal Learning Plans and progress.

## Parking

We have been contacted by several residents from around the school requesting that parents are mindful when dropping off and collecting their children.

We know this is a very busy time and parking can be incredibly challenging, but we ask all our parents to be respectful when parking around the school site. If you can also please be mindful about our residents during other school events such as school discos it would be greatly appreciated

Thank you for your support.

## Pupil Premium

If you think your child may be eligible for Pupil Premium, please do contact the school office. They would be happy to help.



## Applying for School Places

The deadline to apply for a secondary school place is 31st October. For further information please follow the link.

**<https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/secondary-applications/>**

If you or anybody you know is thinking of applying for a place in Reception here at Sherwell Valley, the deadline for applications is 15th January. We will be continuing school tours during the second half of the Autumn Term. Please contact the school office for details.



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## Christmas

Our amazing FOSV have already been planning our Christmas Fayre!

The trail will be based around the Polar Express. If you are able to help in anyway, please do let the school office know.

This year we will be holding our Christmas performances at Upton Vale Baptist Church. This is a great venue that we hope will get everybody in the mood for the Christmas celebrations. Dates for all of these events can be found in the dates section of the newsletter.

## School Website

We are really excited to be launching a new website over the next 2 weeks.

We hope that this will be more user friendly and contain lots of information about our school and all that we have to offer.

## School Times

Our school gates open at 8:40 in the morning with a 'soft start' until 8:50 when lessons begin. Our school day ends at 3:25pm.

We encourage the children to come into school independently. At the end of the day, parents can collect from outside the classroom doors.

Thank you for your support.

With the current cost of living, what better way to save money and get your little ones everything they need! 🧑🏻👶🏻

Free entry with a suggested donation of £2 is welcomed

Join us for a morning of shopping, then relax and enjoy a cuppa & cake in our pop up café! 🍰☕

We will also have demonstrations from local baby classes - one not to miss!

Make it a morning and we will see you there! ❤️



## BABY & CHILDRENS MARKET

**SATURDAY  
11TH NOVEMBER**

At Medway Centre, Torquay  
10 am to 12pm



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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	
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		
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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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	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		
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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
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Sunday	02	09	16	23	30

	Jul-2024				
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	Aug-2024				
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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	



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## DIARY DATES 2023 - 2024

### October 2023

Monday 16th October	RW visiting Armada Park
Tuesday 17th October	RGP visiting Armada Park
Thursday 19th October	RB visiting Armada Park
Thursday 19th October	FOSV Halloween Discos
Friday 20th October	Reception Superhero Day
Friday 20th October 2:30pm	2F Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 20th October	Break up for Half-term
Monday 30th October	Return to School
Monday 30th October	4WN swimming (continuing for 6 weeks)

### November 2023

Wednesday 1st November 3:00pm	Meet the Mental Health Team (parent event)
Sunday 5th November	FOSV Fireworks Display
Monday 6th November	Y6 Height and Weight checks
Tuesday 7th November– 10am / 1:30 pm	Open event for Prospective Parents (Reception 2024)
Tuesday 7th November	Y5 and Y6 Cinema Visit
Wednesday 8th November	SEND Parents Evening
Thursday 9th November	Y1 and Y2 Cinema Visit
Friday 10th November	Y3 and Y4 Cinema Visit
Monday 13th November	Parents Evening
Tuesday 14th November	Tempest Photography in school (individual and sibling photos)
Wednesday 15th November	Parents Evening
Friday 17th November	Non-uniform day - Children in Need







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Thursday 23rd November	Y4 visiting Torquay Academy kitchens
Wednesday 29th November	Flu vaccinations
Wednesday 29th November 2:30pm	Y5 Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 30th November 2:30pm	Y4 Curriculum Sharing Event
<b>December 2023</b>	
Friday 1st December	INSET DAY (school closed)
Tuesday 5th December 10am / 1:30pm	Open event for Prospective Parents (Reception 2024)
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 7th December 2:30pm	Reception Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 7th December	FOSV Christmas Discos
Friday 8th December 2:30pm	Y1 Curriculum Sharing Event
Saturday 9th December	FOSV Christmas Fayre
Monday 11th December 2:30pm / 5pm	Reception Nativity (Junior Hall)
Tuesday 12th December	RB visiting Kents Cavern
Tuesday 12th December	Y1 and Y2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 13th December	RW visiting Kents Cavern
Wednesday 13th December	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14th December	RGP visiting Kents Cavern
Thursday 14th December	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Performance
Friday 15th December	Last day of term