



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2 - DECEMBER 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that this newsletter finds you all safe and well. It's hard to believe that we are already on the cusp of completing the first term of the academic year – time truly has a way of flying by when we're busy!

As we reflect on the past few months, it's evident that our school community has been bustling with energy and enthusiasm. Children have been actively engaged in their education, and the hallways have been alive with the hum of learning and creativity. Now, with Christmas just around the corner, there's an extra touch of magic in the air.

I wanted to take a moment to express my gratitude for your unwavering support throughout the year. A positive partnership between parents, teachers, and staff is vital to ensuring the best for our children, and I am truly grateful for the collaboration we've experienced. Getting to know so many of you over the past year has been a genuine pleasure. Your involvement and active participation in school life has contributed to the supportive community we have at Sherwell Valley. It's heartening to see our shared commitment to the well-being and success of our children.

I want to acknowledge the exceptional efforts of our dedicated staff. They work tirelessly to create a nurturing learning environment for every child, their commitment is fantastic and I feel privileged to be part of our school community.

As we approach the Christmas holiday. I want to extend my warm wishes to you and your families. I hope you have a wonderful break with joy, laughter, and precious moments of togetherness.

Cristy Nelson

Headteacher

Pupil Voice What our school council have to say...

'Our teachers ensure we can be the best we can be, there are things on the walls which help us if we are ever stuck.'

'I like it when my teacher breaks up the learning so that it is more understandable'



Our Curriculum

SVPS D and T Learning Enquiry



Nursery



Reception



Year 1



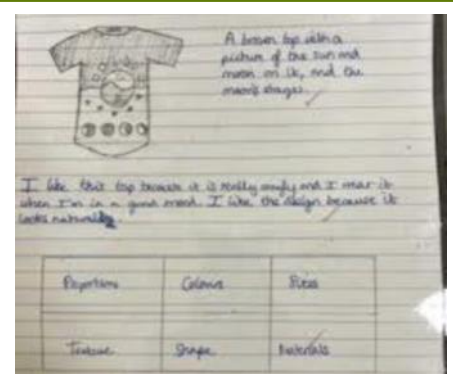
Year 2



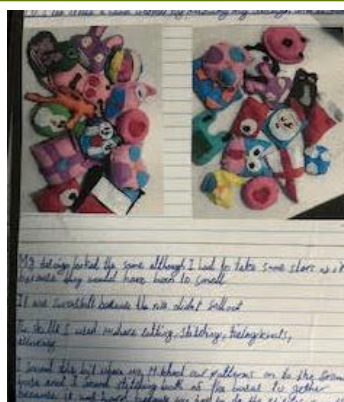
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6





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Christmas

Christmas lunch will be served at school on Friday 15th December. If you would like your child to have this, please book and pay for this in the usual way on the school gateway.



Our Christmas Performances are being held at Upton Vale Baptist Church in the last week of term for Year Groups 1 –6.

Please can the children be there for 6:00pm allowing you time to find your seats ready for a 6:15pm start. We are really looking forward to entertaining you as we head towards the Christmas break.

Well Done Suraya-Rose!!

Suraya-Rose has managed to raise **£12,415** for the Little Princess Trust, and cut 12 inches of her beautiful long hair, she was very happy to be able to do this and help all the young children. Well done Suraya-Rose!



Whole School Attendance 9th October - 30th November

Reception	94.68%
Year 1	95.55%
Year 2	93.94%
Year 3	93.40%
Year 4	95.89%
Year 5	95.28%
Year 6	95.85%



Please find our updated Attendance Policy on the school website. If your child has an attendance figure of 90% or below, and is going to be off school due to illness please speak to a member of staff rather than leaving a message on the school answerphone.



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Parking around School

On 24th November, Sherwell Valley hosted a meeting for some residents who live in close proximity to the school site, local councillors, including Kevin Foster our local MP, and Torbay Council employees to discuss the issues of parking around the school site. The meeting was well attended and allowed all to think further about how to make the roads around school as safe as possible for our pupils and their families.

Lots of our families drive to school, which is completely understandable, especially as the cold weather sets in, but if you are able to walk, this helps to reduce the amount of traffic around the school. If driving we ask that you please be mindful of where you park, please do not park over driveways and on double yellow lines, these are there for a reason and when parked over reduce the visibility for pedestrians and other drivers.

We understand that school is a busy place and this can be frustrating however safety is paramount, along with thinking about our community.

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 primary school place is the 15th January. If you or anybody you know is thinking of applying for a place in Reception here at Sherwell Valley, we are running school tours. Please contact the school office or follow the links on the school website for further details.



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School Website

As many of you will have noticed, we have a new school website. We hope that this is informative and has everything you need. You are able to sync with the school calendar here so that you are up to date with all school events.

Energy Drinks

As a reminder, please do not send the children to school with energy, this includes Prime. Guidance states that these are not suitable for children under the age of 18.

Consent forms

Thank you to those who have returned the images consent forms. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If you ever need to adjust your consent choices, please contact the school office who will be happy to ensure it is amended.

For more information on how we handle personal data, check our Privacy Notice on our school website <https://www.sherwell-valley-primary.torbay.sch.uk/page/?title=Data+Protection&pid=24>

FOSV News

A heartfelt thanks to Millie Davis and Anna Moxham

As the Christmas Fayre approaches, we find ourselves at a poignant moment, bidding farewell to two extraordinary individuals who have been the driving force behind our Friends of Sherwell Valley (FOSV) team. With a mix of gratitude and nostalgia, we express our deepest appreciation for the incredible journey they have led us on.

The upcoming Christmas Fayre serves as a fitting backdrop to recognise and celebrate the indelible mark they have left on our hearts and the enduring impact they have had on the lives of our children. Their hard work, countless hours, and unwavering commitment have not only enriched our school but have also inspired all of us.

As Millie and Anna step down from their roles as Chair and Vice Chair, we want to express our sincerest gratitude for the many sacrifices, creative initiatives, and collaborative spirit that they have brought to the FOSV team.

Thank you Millie and Anna



Online Safety

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TOP TEN TIPS TO STAY SAFE ONLINE

- 1** Don't share your personal information
- 2** Only talk to people that you know
- 3** Don't meet up with anyone you have only met online
- 4** Only accept friend requests from people you know personally
- 5** Always think carefully about what you post
- 6** Make use of the privacy settings on all of your social media accounts
- 7** Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are
- 8** Report inappropriate content immediately
- 9** Only share images that you'd be comfortable with your friends and family seeing
- 10** Never share your passwords

Please see some useful links below:

<https://swgfl.org.uk/magazine/tiktok-checklist-updated-for-2023/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>



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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				
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	Nov-2023				
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	Dec-2023				
Monday		04	11	18	25
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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
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Wednesday		05	12	19	26
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	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

December 2023

Saturday 9th December	FOSV Christmas Fayre
Monday 11th December 2:00pm	Nursery 1 Christmas Event
Monday 11th December 2:30pm / 5pm	Reception Nativity (Junior Hall)
Monday 11th December	4IB Swimming (start of 6 week block)
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 2:30	RB - Christmas Curriculum Event
Wednesday 13th December	Y3 and Y4 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14th December	RGP visiting Kent's Cavern
Thursday 14th December	Y5 and Y6 Christmas Performance
Friday 15th December	Last day of term

January 2024

Tuesday 2nd January	Return to school
Friday 5th January 10:00	Open event for prospective parents (Reception 2024)
Monday 8th January	Dentist visiting Nursery and Reception
Thursday 11th January	Y5 Bikeability Talk to children
Friday 12th January	Y2 and Y5 Fire Prevention Visit
Monday 15th January 2:45pm	Reception Maths Parent workshop
Monday 22nd January	Y3 visiting Torquay Museum
Monday 22nd January 2:45pm	Y1 Maths Parent Workshop





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Wednesday 24th January 2:30pm	5LR / 5RB Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 25th January 2:30pm	Y3 Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 26th January 2:30pm	5HB Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 29th January 2:45pm	Y2 Maths Parent Workshop
February 2024	
Monday 5th February 2:45pm	Y3 Maths Parent Workshop
Tuesday 6th February 2:45pm	Y4 Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 6th February 3:30pm	Y4 Beam house Parent meeting
Thursday 8th February	FOSV Valentines Disco
Friday 9th February	Break up for Half term
Monday 19th February	Return to school
Monday 19th February	4BN Swimming (start of 6 week block)
Monday 19th February 2:45pm	Y4 Maths Parent Workshop
March 2024	
Monday 11th March 2:45pm	Y5 Maths Parent Workshop
Monday 18th March	Y6 Maths Parent Workshop
Monday 25th March 2:30pm	RW Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 26th March 2:30pm	Y6 Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 26th March 2:30pm	RGP Curriculum Sharing Event
Wednesday 27th March 2:30pm	RB Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 28th March 2:30pm	Y2 Curriculum Sharing Event