



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2 - NOVEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We began this half term with a fantastic fireworks display, beautifully organised by our Friends of Sherwell Valley (FOSV) team. It was a wonderful event, attended by so many of you. A big thank you to FOSV for all your hard work! If anyone is interested in joining the team, please contact the school office or send a message via the Facebook page.

In addition to supporting our amazing FOSV, we kicked off this half term with three events. For the first, we came together as a whole school for Remembrance, marking the occasion with the 'The Post' being played on the bugle, the two minute silence and hearing the cannon firing from Torquay Seafront. We also celebrated Odd Socks Day on the 12th of November, which raised awareness for anti-bullying under the theme "Choose Respect." This day encouraged everyone to express themselves, celebrate individuality, and appreciate what makes us all unique. It also aligns beautifully with our school value of respect – reminding us to be kind to ourselves and others.

Our school values are something we are incredibly proud of at Sherwell Valley. Hearing the children talk about and strive to embody these values is always heartwarming. The children work hard to earn their badges and it's a joy to celebrate their achievements. Recently, we recognized two children who earned all five value badges and received their special pins. Many others are well on their way, which is a true testament to their dedication and character. We ended the week with a non-uniform day, raising £549 for Children In Need.

The Christmas season is always such an exciting time, and as it approaches, we're thrilled to begin planning our celebrations. You'll notice from the selected dates that we have plenty of wonderful activities lined up. More details about these events will be shared soon. We look forward to welcoming our families to join in some of our festive activities.

Warm regards,
Cristy Nelson
Headteacher



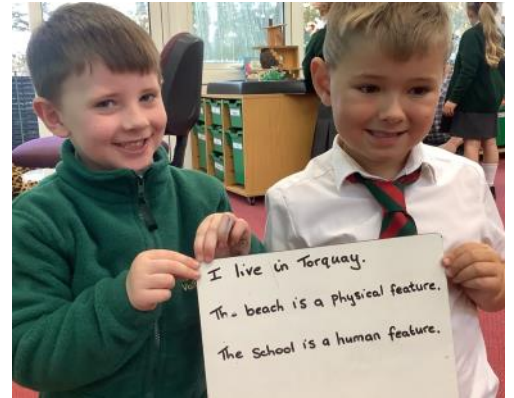


Our Geography Learning Enquiries

Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



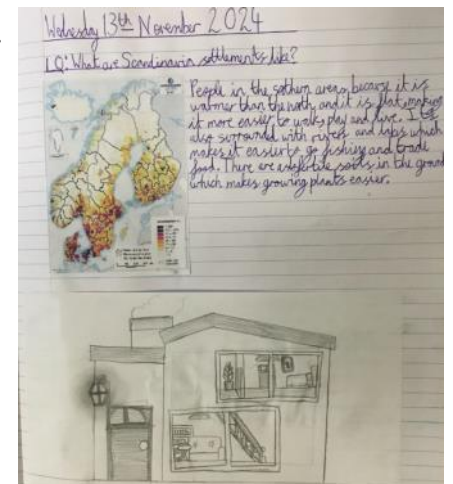
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6





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Parking around School

Over the past few weeks, we have had a number of local residents contacting the school due to families parking over their driveways. We know that parking at key times on the school run can be challenging, especially when we are all busy with places to be. We ask that we are respectful to our neighbours and do not cause an obstruction.

Calling all Parents and Carers....

Do you struggle with challenging behaviour at home?
Stuck with what to try?
Want to talk to other parents and carers in the same boat?

Come along to our drop in session on Tuesday 3rd December at 3:30-4:30pm in the Community Room to share, listen and maybe take home a new strategy to try.
(Biscuits included!)

Please send Miss Choules a Dojo message or let the office know if you would like to come along.

'Gate Buddies'

At Sherwell Valley, we run a 'Buddy Programme.'

This is where some of the older children in the school buddy up and work alongside some of our younger children, introducing them to life at Sherwell. If you come into school through the Hawkins Avenue gate, you will spot our 'Gate Buddies' ready to walk up to class with some of the younger children.

Picnic Blankets

We are currently setting up a quiet area outside from some of our children. If you have any old blankets, cushions etc that you no longer need, we would be very grateful. Thank you

Reception	95.59
Year 1	95.09
Year 2	95.41
Year 3	95.57
Year 4	96.87
Year 5	96.94
Year 6	95.99

Whole School Attendance September 3rd to November 15th 2024





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Sherwell Jobs

If you are interested in joining the team at Sherwell Valley, we encourage you to regularly check the vacancies page on our school website. We are always on the lookout for enthusiastic individuals who are passionate about education and making a positive impact on our children.

Are you eligible for Pupil Premium

Please take one of the leaflets for more information.

If you think you might be eligible for Pupil Premium, please scan the QR code. If you need any help or have any questions, please speak to Kate Sharp via the school office.

Benefits of Pupil Premium for children at Sherwell Valley:

- Free School Meals throughout your time at Sherwell Valley.
- Support with funding for trips, residentials and visits.
- Free extra-curricular clubs.



Please scan the QR code

Clothing

As the cold and wet weather approaches, please can we remind all children to bring coats into school. The children will be outside during the school day.

Please can we also remind families to ensure clothing is named. We have a lot of lost property and it makes it difficult to return without names.

Applying for Primary School

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 they should start school in September 2025.

What do I need to do?

Applying for primary school - it's as easy as 1-2-3!
Read the TIPS & booklet on our website. Email or phone us to request a printed copy.
Apply online from 1 November 2024. Email or phone us to receive an electronic form.
Submit your application by 15 January 2025 <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/admissions/> E: pupil.services@torbay.gov.uk T: 01803 208908

You still have to apply for a place for your child even if:

- You already have an older child at school
- Your child attends a nursery attached to a primary school
- You have completed a registration form at a primary school
- You have sent in a supplementary form to a primary school.

Admissions TORBAY COUNCIL

School Places

If you are looking for a Reception school place for September 2025 and would like a tour, please contact the school office and book in.

We would love to show you around our wonderful school!



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



Friends of Sherwell Valley Primary School are proud to
present our 2024 Christmas Trail

candy cane Lane

Saturday 7th December
10am-2pm

Come along to walk Candy Cane Lane filled with fun
crafts to make and treats to take home, plus a visit to
Father Christmas in his Woodland Grotto with a gift.

**Tickets for the trail are £7 per child and
only available to purchase on Ticket Source**

Our very own 'Elfridges' where children can
purchase a gift or two will be returning for just
£2 a gift (no parents allowed!)

We will also have **FREE ENTRY** to our Christmas
Market.

Festive food and drink on sale with all proceeds
going to the school.



Here at Sherwell Valley Primary School, our first
priority is making sure we are able to give all our
students the tools they need to learn and grow.

To help in our fundraising efforts, we are
looking for donations for our Christmas raffle
taking place at our Christmas trail and fair
event on
Saturday 7th December.

Please get in touch via our Facebook
page Sherwell Valley PTA - FOSV
Or email admin@svps1.com



ONLINE SAFETY

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators CREATING FAMILY RULES FOR USING DEVICES

A set of family rules agreed on with children can promote the safe, responsible use of devices like tablets, smartphones, gaming consoles and computers. By developing rules around technology, it opens the conversation regarding boundaries and expectations, ensuring a healthy balance of screentime. This guide will help you to develop an age-appropriate family agreement to suit your household.

1 WORK TOGETHER

Collaborating with children when setting rules around the use of technology is a valuable task that can encourage them to take more ownership. It's important to make rules which reflect your family and are age appropriate. Think about what you all enjoy doing online and what apps, games or devices children use most frequently.

2 AGREE TIME LIMITS AND SUITABLE TIMES

Be realistic when setting screen time limits. These can vary depending on the child's age, whether it's a weekday or weekend, and what they're actually doing online. If they're conducting research for homework, that might require more time than if they were playing games. Consider when screen time begins: does it come after chores and homework? Agree times when technology and phones must be put away.

3 ENCOURAGE HONESTY

Family rules ensure that everyone can have fun with their devices and be safe while doing so. Nonetheless, children may make mistakes as they learn to navigate the online world. Emphasise that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or upset about something they've done, sent, said or received, they should tell you immediately so you can help them resolve the problem.

4 CHARGING AND OVERNIGHT STORAGE

To ensure children get the downtime they need overnight, it's important that devices – especially smartphones – are kept in a common space, where possible. This reduces the chance of pointless late-night scrolling or sleep being disturbed by calls, messages or notifications. There are charging boxes you can purchase, or all gadgets could be charged in the kitchen overnight to avoid distractions.

5 REVIEW RULES REGULARLY

Anything you agree on isn't set in stone. These rules will likely alter as children get older and the way they use technology changes. Take time to review these as a family; discuss what's working, and what isn't. Communication is key – so by doing this, you involve the child in their own online safety while promoting an open dialogue.

6 PROTECT PERSONAL INFO

Discuss and demonstrate the importance of protecting your personal information. Talk about what details you share online and who with. Use parental controls to block children from connecting with strangers, so that any information they do share is among their real friends. Ask a child's permission before posting any photos of them on social media, as this demonstrates positive online behaviour that they should learn and remember.

7 BE RESPECTFUL

Highlight the importance of showing respect to others when using technology. Encourage children to speak kindly to others online – such as on social media, when playing multiplayer games or in group chats (which can often lend themselves to teasing behaviour). Explain that if they aren't treating others considerately, they might be made to stay away from their devices for a while.

8 "NO TECH" ZONES

Designating spaces in the house where technology isn't allowed (for example: bedrooms, bathrooms and at the dinner table) lets you keep an eye on what children are viewing and who they're communicating with. It gives you some quality, screen-free time with them, too. It also helps reduce any impulses to potentially engage with inappropriate content, as they're unlikely to do so in a common space within the home.

9 AGREE ON CONSEQUENCES

As a family, discuss why the rules are important: to balance their screentime, to ensure everyone enjoys gaming or interacting online, and that they are safe when doing so. Therefore, if these rules are broken, there has to be a consequence. Discuss what would be fair for certain breaches of the rules, as this can prevent a disproportionate response in the future.

10 KNOW ALL PASSWORDS

To protect children from inappropriate content, parents should have access to all passwords. Parents should also make it clear that they will check children's devices, should they have any concerns about their use. Emphasise that this isn't due to a lack of trust but is an extra way of keeping them safe.

Meet Our Expert

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



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SVPS TERM DATES 2024 - 2025



Sep-2024					
Monday	02	09	16	23	30
Tuesday	03	10	17	24	
Wednesday	04	11	18	25	
Thursday	05	12	19	26	
Friday	06	13	20	27	
Saturday	07	14	21	28	
Sunday	08	15	22	29	

Oct-2024				
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Nov-2024				
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	05	12	19	26
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	07	14	21	28
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Dec-2024					
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Tuesday	03	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	04	11	18	25	
Thursday	05	12	19	26	
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Sunday	08	15	22	29	

Jan-2025				
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Feb-2025				
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Mar-2025					
Monday	03	10	17	24	31
Tuesday	04	11	18	25	
Wednesday	05	12	19	26	
Thursday	06	13	20	27	
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Sunday	09	16	23	30	

Apr-2025				
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May-2025				
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Jun-2025					
Monday	02	09	16	23	30
Tuesday	03	10	17	24	
Wednesday	04	11	18	25	
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Jul-2025				
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Aug-2025				
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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	



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DIARY DATES 2024 - 2025

November 2024	
Wednesday 27th November	School photos (any missed form 12th November)
Thursday 28th November	Y1 Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 29th November	Non-Uniform Day - Bring a gift for 'Elfridges'.
December 2024	
Tuesday 3rd December 3:30pm – 4:30pm	Parents Drop-In sessions Managing Challenging Behaviours
Wednesday 4th December	Year 5 / 6 Maths workshop
Thursday 5th December	Reception height and weight checks
Friday 6th December	Year 6 height and weight checks
Friday 6th December	Prospective Reception 2025 tours
Saturday 7th December	FOSV Christmas Event—Candy Cane Lane
Monday 9th December 4:30pm - 6:00pm	Reception Nativity - Upton Vale Baptist Church
Tuesday 10th December 2:15pm - 3:15pm	SEND Parent Drop in with educational Psychologist
Tuesday 10th December 5:00pm - 7:30pm	Year 1 /2 Christmas Performance - Upton Vale Baptist Church
Wednesday 11th December	Year 3 / 4 Maths workshop
Friday 13th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 13th December	Year 5 Curriculum Sharing Event





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December 2024	
Monday 16th December 5:00pm - 7:30pm	Year 3 / 4 Christmas Performance - Upton Vale Baptist Church
Tuesday 17th December 5:00pm - 7:30pm	Year 5 / 6 Christmas Performance - Upton Vale Baptist Church
Tuesday 17th December	RW visiting Kents Cavern
Wednesday 18th December	RD visiting Kents Cavern
Wednesday 18th December	Nursery Christmas Party - In School
Wednesday 18th December	Year 1 / 2 Christmas Party - In School
Wednesday 18th December	Year 3 / 4 Christmas Party - In School
Thursday 19th December	RNP visiting Kents Cavern
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Lunch
Thursday 19th December	Year 5 / 6 Christmas Party - In School
Thursday 19th December - 2:15pm	Nursery Christmas Craft Session
Thursday 19th December 3:25pm	Break up for Christmas Holidays
January 2025	
Monday 6th January 8:40am	Return to school

