



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM **OCTOBER 2025**

Hello Sherwell Valley Families,

We hope you've all had a wonderful few weeks! It feels like just yesterday we were welcoming the children back to school following the summer holidays, and already our school is buzzing with activity, learning, and laughter as we reach our first half-term break.

This has been a busy half term, ending with a week of trips and visits and exciting outcomes for our current learning experiences. Our Reception children have settled into school life beautifully and have already visited Armada Park within our local community on their first school visit. Year 1 children have been working hard completing works of art, learning about holidays and thinking about the changes in the weather. Year 2 are having a very busy week this week with a visit to Lyme Regis where they will be fossil hunting and sharing their learning in the woodlands with their families. Year 3 have also welcomed their families into school, teaching them about Barbara Hepworth and creating some fantastic soap sculptures. Year 4 children have visited Torquay Museum where they learnt about the Romans. Year 5 children have also been out and about within our local community, visiting the Girls' Grammar School to watch a production of Mary Poppins. Our Year 6 children started the year with a learning experience around crime and punishment. Along with their families, they found Mr Robinson guilty of theft!

We hope that the children have thoroughly enjoyed all of their learning experiences this half term, and we look forward to the excitement and magic that next half term brings as we approach the festive season.

We will be ending this half term with our Halloween discos, hosted by our fabulous FOSV team. We hope that you all have a lovely half term and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 3rd November, or Sunday 2nd November as we celebrate Bonfire night with the incredible SVPS Fireworks Display.

Best wishes
Cristy Nelson



OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCES -

Nursery



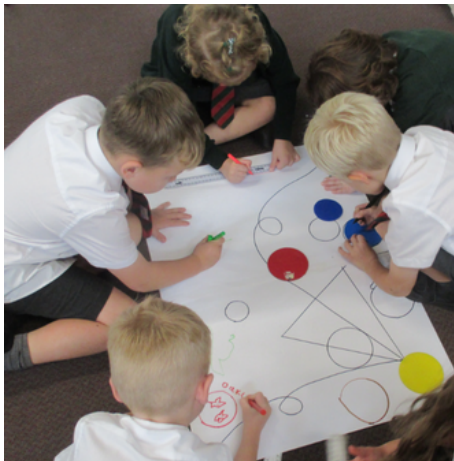
Reception



Year 2



Year 1



Year 3



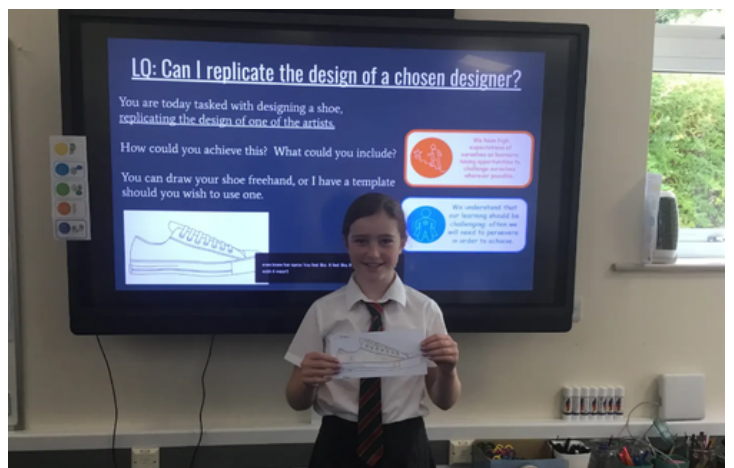
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Year 5



Year 6

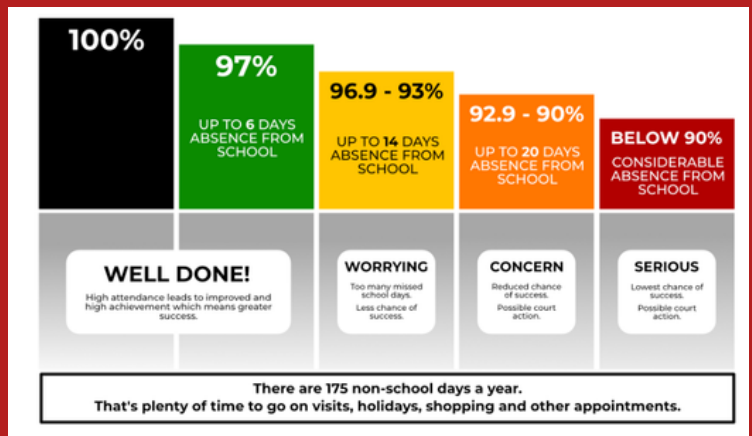


NOTICE BOARD

ATTENDANCE

3rd September – 20th October

Reception	96.21%
Year 1	97.41%
★ Year 2	★ 97.95%
Year 3	96.97%
Year 4	96.72%
Year 5	96.38%
Year 6	96.33%



MORNING DROP OFF

Over the past half term, all of our children have done a wonderful job settling in and getting to know their way around school.

After the half-term break, we will be encouraging the children to walk into school independently. There will be a number of adults at the Hawkins Avenue Gate ready to support and walk the children to their classrooms.

We're also excited to have our 'Gate Buddies' starting their roles — some of our Year 6 children who will be on hand to help younger pupils walk safely to their classroom doors.

COATS AND WINTER WEAR

We love to spend as much time outdoors as possible during the school day — whether it's at break and lunchtime or on our trips to Bowden Woods. With the weather starting to change, please make sure your child has a coat in school each day. We'd also really appreciate your help in making sure all coats are clearly named.

Thank you for your support!



PARKING AROUND SCHOOL

Parking and Safety Reminder

We've had a few reports of cars parking on the pavements, which means children and families are having to step into the road to get by. Please help us keep everyone safe by parking considerately and legally — even if it means parking a little further away.

If you can, try a quick 'Park and Stride' or walk the whole way. It really helps reduce congestion and keeps our school community safe. Thanks so much for your support!



NOTICE BOARD

OUR YEAR 3 AND 4 TOILETS ARE REFURBISHED!



We've got some great news! The refurbishment of our school's toilet facilities is now complete, and they look fantastic! The new areas are bright, modern, and have been designed to be a much more pleasant and hygienic space for all the children. We're really proud of this investment and know it will make a big difference to the school day.

Over this week, we have chatted with the children about keeping these a healthy and hygienic environment for the children to use, your support with any conversations at home will be greatly appreciated. We have talked through things like washing our hands, flushing the toilets, and making sure we use the toilets appropriately. We have shared the poster which is in the toilets at school.

Teachers try hard to ensure the children use the toilet at the end of the school day, however if your child leaves school and suddenly needs to go, they are welcome to head back and use the toilets nearest to their classroom. Unfortunately, we are not currently in a position where we can open our outside toilets as these can't be monitored, ensuring safety is paramount for all. The end of the school day can also be very busy for our office staff meaning they can't always escort families to the toilets.

Thank you for your continued support.

PREFECTS AND BUDDIES

At the start of this half term, a number of our Year 6 children applied to become Prefects. They went through a full application and interview process, and we were so impressed by their maturity and enthusiasm.

We were overwhelmed by how confidently they spoke about our school values and the difference they hope to make within our school community — we are incredibly proud of them all.

Over the past few weeks, our new Prefects have been training hard and will soon begin their various roles across the school.

All of our Year 6 children will also be buddying up with our Reception children very soon. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to support our younger pupils and to demonstrate all of our school values in action.

SHERSHOP

Get ready for the biggest uniform sale of the year! Our pre-loved uniform shop, SherShop, is going MEGA this Friday from 2:00 PM!

We're expanding into the Community Room for the afternoon, bringing out our entire stock so you can easily find everything you need for your children.

It's the perfect opportunity to grab a bargain and top up on school essentials.

We'll have a massive range of items available, including PE Kit, Backpacks & Summer Dresses as well as all the usual jumpers, shirts, skirts and trousers.

Come and join us in the Community Room this Friday at 2:00 PM! We can't wait to see you there!

COMMUNITY

LINE DANCERS ATTENTION!

WANTED

FOR HAVING TOO MUCH FUN
IN HER DANCE CLASSES

£6 PER CLASS **ADULTS ONLY CLASS**



DANCE WITH DANNI
★★★ REWARD ★★★
1 HOUR OF PURE FUN & FITNESS

JOIN DANNI EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30PM AT
SHERWELL VALLEY SCHOOL, TORQUAY.

TO BOOK YOUR PLACE, PLEASE VISIT
WWW.BOOKWHEN.COM/DANCEWITHDANNI

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
DANCEWITHDANNI@GOUTLOOK.COM

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SHAKE



SHINE

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

EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO



Sherwell Valley Primary School

Reception 2026 Intake Tours Available





Excellent facilities situated in spacious grounds with a forest school on site

Excellent teaching and support for children with additional needs

Wrap around care for all ages including nursery

We welcome you to come and visit our wonderful school

Reception 2026 Intake - Tour Dates

Thursday 18th September 9:30am
Friday 10th October 9:30am
Thursday 6th November 9:30am
Friday 5th December 9:30am
Thursday 8th January 2026 9:30am



Please call 01803 613296 or scan the QR code to book.

FRIENDS OF SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT OUR LEGENDARY,
BEST IN THE BAY

FIREWORKS DISPLAY

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2025

GATES OPEN 4.30PM, FIREWORKS STARTING 6.45PM

DRINKS, TUCK SHOP AND LIGHT SALES WITH ALL
PROCEEDS GOING TO SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

AS WELL AS A VARIETY OF HOT FOOD VENDORS ON SITE

TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLY ON TICKET SOURCE

ADULTS £7.50

CHILDREN OVER 4YRS £4 (UNDER 4YRS FREE)

FAMILY OF 4 (2 ADULTS & 2 CHILDREN) £20




THE REEF

A BRAND NEW AFTER SCHOOL CLUB FOR THE FAMILIES OF TORBAY.

A PLACE TO MAKE FRIENDS, TRY OUT NEW THINGS AS A FAMILY AND HAVE FUN!

FREE DINNER TO TAKE AWAY AND EAT AT HOME!

LAUNCHING THURSDAY 9TH OCTOBER
EVERY THURSDAY DURING TERM TIME
3.15PM-4.45PM

BAY CHURCH, PAIGNTON, TQ4 6HA



Bay Village Bay Village Bay Village Bay Village



ONLINE SAFETY

Online safety means helping children enjoy the internet and devices safely. This includes protecting personal information, using age-appropriate content, communicating safely, managing screen time, and knowing how to report anything worrying. Talk to your child regularly about their online experiences and encourage safe, responsible use.

Please see the tips to help with this.



10 INTERNET SAFETY TIPS FOR PARENTS

- 1 Don't block all access to technology. Help your child learn to use tech **safely** and **positively**.
- 2 Take an **interest** in your child's favourite apps or sites. Co-view or co-create at times.
- 3 Be the parent. You're in charge. Set **boundaries** and consider using filtering software.
- 4 Create a family media **agreement** with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.
- 5 Teach your child what **personal information** they should not reveal online (YAPPY acronym).
- 6 Help your child learn to **filter** information online and navigate fact from fiction.
- 7 Navigate digital **dilemmas** with your child. Avoid using devices as rewards or punishments.
- 8 **Balance** green time and screen time at home. Focus on basic developmental needs.
- 9 Don't support your child to sign up for sites with **age restrictions** (e.g. 13+) if they're underage.
- 10 **Learn more:** Explore reliable resources for parents so you can educate yourself.

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SAFEGUARDING

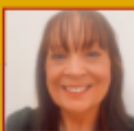


SAFEGUARDING IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM



DSL
Cristy Nelson



DDSL
Fran Steer



Safeguarding
Governor
Maria Beer

Our Safeguarding Team includes a Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads (DDSL), and a Safeguarding Governor who oversees our procedures to ensure all children are safe and supported.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM



DDSL
Matt Briant



DDSL
Debbie Gaywood



DDSL
Andy Robinson



DDSL
Hannah Sennett

PASTORAL TEAM



Provision Lead
Debbie Gaywood



Pastoral Support
Lead
Janine Lane



Family Support
Worker
Ella Dix

At Sherwell Valley Primary School Wellbeing is a priority. All of our support staff are able to support our children in a variety of ways. Our Pastoral Team help support and coordinate this with our families.

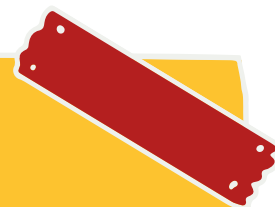
Safeguarding at Sherwell Valley Primary School
Safeguarding is our top priority at Sherwell Valley Primary School. We have a dedicated team to support all the children in our care.

If you have any concerns or would like to speak to the team, please contact:
safeguarding@svps1.com.

If you believe a child is in immediate danger, you can contact the Torbay Safeguarding Team directly on:
01803 208100.



DIARY DATES



October 2025	
Wednesday 22 nd October	2C Lyme Regis Trip
Wednesday 22 nd October 2:30pm	2H Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 23 rd October	2F Lyme Regis Trip
Thursday 23 rd October 2:30pm	2C Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 23 rd October	FOSV Halloween Discos
Friday 24 th October 2:30pm	2F Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 24 th October 2pm - 4pm	Shershop open
Friday 24 th October	Break Up for Half-Term
November 2025	
Sunday 2 nd November	FOSV Fireworks display
Monday 3 rd November	Return to School 8:40am
Wednesday 5 th November	SEND Parents Evening
Thursday 6 th November	Reception 2026 School Tour 9:30am
Monday 10 th November	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 12 th November	Year 3 and 4 Cinema Trip
Wednesday 12 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 12 th November	Parents' Evening
Monday 17 th November	School Photos
Tuesday 25 th November	Year 5 and 6 Cinema Trip
Friday 28 th November	FOSV Christmas Jumper Swap Shop
December 2025	
Tuesday 2 nd December 2:30	SEND Parent Café - Community Room
Wednesday 3 rd December 2:45	Year 4 Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 5 th December	Non-uniform day
Saturday 6 th December	Christmas Trail
Monday 8 th December 5pm	Reception Christmas Performance (Upton Vale Church)
Tuesday 9 th December 6pm	Year 1 and 2 Christmas Performance (Upton Vale Church)
Thursday 11 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 11 th December 2:30pm	Reception Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 12 th December 2:45pm	Year 5 Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 15 th December 6pm	Year 3 and 4 Christmas Performance (Upton Vale Church)
Tuesday 16 th December 6pm	Year 5 and 6 Christmas Performance (Upton Vale Church)
Tuesday 16 th December	RW visit to Kents Cavern
Wednesday 17 th December	RJ visit to Kents Cavern
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Lunch Day
Thursday 18 th December	RNP visit to Kents Cavern
Thursday 18 th December	Break up for Christmas Holiday
Friday 19 th December	INSET Day

TERM DATES



SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL
EXCELLENCE IN ALL WE DO



Torbay School Term Dates: 2025-26 Academic Year

	Sep-2025				
Monday	01	08	15	22	29
Tuesday	02	09	16	23	30
Wednesday	03	10	17	24	
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	Oct-2025				
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	Dec-2025				
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	Mar-2026				
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	Apr-2026				
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Training Days
School Holidays
Bank Holidays
25 Dec 2025 (Christmas)
26 Dec 2025 (Boxing Day)
1 Jan 2026 (New Years Day)
3 Apr 2026 (Good Friday)
6 Apr 2026 (Easter Monday)
4 May 2026 (May Day)
25 May 2026 (Spring Bank Holiday)
25 Aug 2026 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Term Lengths		
Sept to Oct half term	39	74
October to Christmas	35	
Jan to Feb half term	30	59
Feb to Easter	29	
Easter to June half term	24	62
June to end of term	38	
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Training Days	-5	
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