



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - AUTUMN TERM DECEMBER 2025

Hello Sherwell Valley Families,

As we come to the end of this term, we wanted to take this opportunity to send you our warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a happy New Year.

The end of the Autumn term is always a time for reflection, and as we look back on the year so far, we are filled with immense pride for our children and deep gratitude for your continuous support. It has been an incredibly busy and successful term. Our children really do live our school values and show these in all they do.

We've seen fantastic progress across all year groups, with children tackling new concepts in Maths, being creative in their writing, and exploring the world through Science, History, Geography and Design and Technology, as well as creating masterpieces in art! Wow!

One of the highlights of the term has undoubtedly been our annual Christmas productions at Upton Vale Church. From the Nativity plays put on by our youngest children to the Key Stage 2 concerts, the children performed with confidence and enthusiasm. Thank you to the staff for their dedication in bringing these shows to life and to the fabulous audiences supporting the children on each night. We would also like to thank you for your incredibly kind donations at the end of each evening.

Christmas is a time for family, friends, and rest. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved break and get to spend some quality time together. Thank you once again for your partnership this term. Your commitment to your child's education and your support for our school are invaluable.

We look forward to welcoming the children back, refreshed and ready for a new term, on Monday 5th January 2026.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

Best wishes
Cristy Nelson

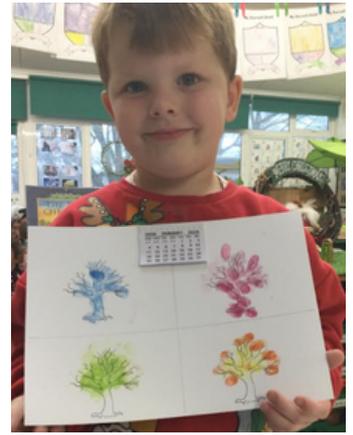


OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCES -

Nursery



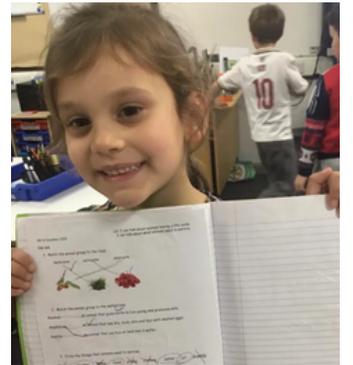
Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



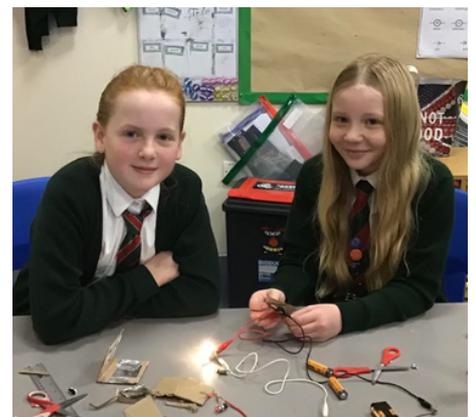
Year 4



Year 5



Year 6



NOTICE BOARD

ATTENDANCE

3rd September – 20th October

Reception - 94.59

Year 1 - 96.18

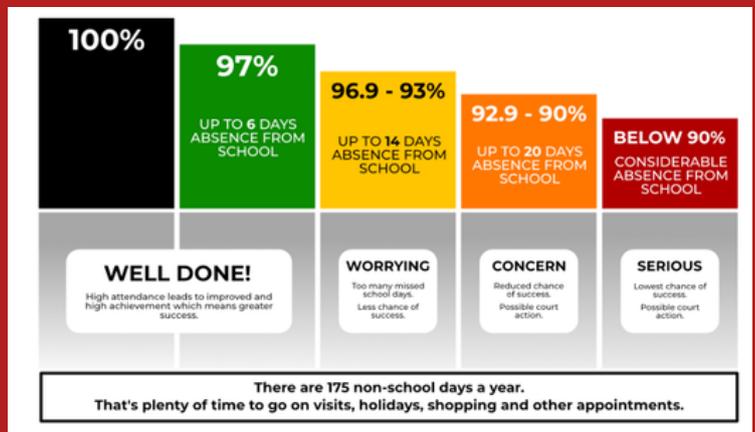
★ Year 2 - 96.68 ★

Year 3 - 96.36

Year 4 - 95.68

Year 5 - 95.62

Year 6 - 95.92



SCHOOL CHOIR

The choir put on their first official show last week. They performed a number of Christmas songs to their parents. It was wonderful to see them smiling and giving it their all. They all sang beautifully! We will continue in the new year with lots of exciting events planned.



SUDS VISIT



We are excited to announce that several planters and water butts have been installed across the site as part of our new Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) initiative.

To celebrate the launch, we were joined by a member of the Our Rainwater team for a fascinating special assembly. Our Key Stage 2 pupils dived into the science of water management and learned how these small changes on our school site help protect the wider environment.

SCHOOL SPORTS

This term has brought huge success for our sports teams.

Our year 3/4, year 5/6 girls and year 5/6 boys football teams have all remained unbeaten and sit at the top of their football leagues at Christmas. The 5/6 teams have also qualified for the county finals competition next term and have already brought silverware back to school.

The table tennis team have also been crowned Southwest champions and will compete at the county finals stage next term.

Finally, our boccia team were also successful qualifying for the county finals next term.

What a term of success we have had! :)



CHRISTMAS AT SVPS



Merry Christmas

CHRISTMAS AT SVPS



**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**



COMMUNITY

Bring Playtime to Life!

Donate LEGO & DUPLO to our School



We are currently looking for lego and duplo to enhance our breaks times at school. We would be very grateful if you have any that you no longer use. Thank you,

Drop off at the school front office anytime!

SHERSHOP





Find us inside the Year 5 doors. Next to the Community Room.

Shershop is here to help you get ready for the term ahead with high-quality, affordable uniform items for all ages. It's the perfect way to save money, support sustainability, and ensure your children have everything they need.

Our opening hours are:
Every morning: 8:40 am - 8:50 am
Monday & Friday afternoons: from 3:00 pm onwards

Supporting the Shop

We rely on your generosity! While we keep uniform affordable, running the shop involves operational costs (cleaning, storage, etc.). We are grateful for all uniform donations and purchases. Any financial donation you can make, large or small, helps cover these costs and ensures the shop remains a valuable resource for our community.



SHOP SAVE CONNECT



Helping to build a community that values and empowers togetherness

Is the cost of a weekly shop causing financial strain to you or someone you know?

Turning Heads has created a social supermarket full of surplus food, local donations and purchased food, available for you at a fraction of the cost.

Our social supermarket will reduce food waste, save you money every week and help the environment.

We will also be providing members with access to a wide range of free support services that can help improve your overall situation. This support could be for debt advice or mental health and wellbeing.

Becoming a member is a simple process. You will need to complete a self-assessment form, come in for a quick chat, meet the team and then start shopping!

To download a self-assessment form visit: www.turningheads.org.uk or call in to see us where a friendly member of staff will help you.

We are situated at: **1b Parkfield Road, Torquay TQ1 4AL T: 01803 921366**

Turning Heads is a local community interest company that is helping to build a community that values and empowers togetherness.

Company Number: 11735723

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 6:45PM AT SHERWELL VALLEY SCHOOL, TORQUAY.

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

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL DANCEWITHDANNI@OUTLOOK.COM



ZUMBA

STRUT

SHAKE

SHINE



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

ONLINE SAFETY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

STAY SAFE ON NEW DEVICES

Whether you're an internet newbie or a pro at surfing the web, it's always important to keep online safety in mind. We've pulled together a list of top tips to make it easier for you to protect yourself and your devices in the digital world - helping you steer clear of hazards like misleading information and vicious viruses. There's never a bad time to refresh your internet safety knowledge, but it's an especially smart thing to do before you start using any shiny new devices!



NOS National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

DIARY DATES

January 2026	
Monday 5 th January 8:40am	Return to school
Wednesday 7 th January 9:30am	Year 5 Bikeability Talk for children
Thursday 8 th January 9:30am	Prospective 2026 Reception School Tour
Friday 9 th January	Prospective 2026 Reception Open Day
Tuesday 13 th January 2:15pm	Understanding Anxiety - Parent workshop
Monday 19 th January 10 am	Peekaboo Visiting School
Friday 23 rd January	Year 3 Egyptian Workshop
Tuesday 27 th January	Space Dome visiting Year 2
Friday 30 th January 2:15pm	Year 3 Curriculum Sharing Event for families
February 2026	
Tuesday 3 rd February 2:30pm	SEND Parent Café
Monday 9 th February	Muslim visitor to Year 2
Thursday 12 th February 2:30pm	Year 5 Curriculum Sharing Event for families
Friday 13 th February 2pm	Mega- SherShop
Friday 13 th February 3:25pm	Break up for Half-Term
Monday 23 rd February 8:40am	Return to school
Tuesday 24 th February 9:30am	Jewish visitor to Year 1
Thursday 26 th February	Animal HQ visiting Reception
March 2026	
Tuesday 3 rd March	5H visiting Exeter Cathedral
Tuesday 3 rd March	South West Water visiting Year 4
Wednesday 4 th March	5RB visiting Exeter Cathedral
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day
Monday 9 th March 10am	Peekaboo visiting Reception
Tuesday 10 th March	5J visiting Exeter Cathedral
Tuesday 10 th March	Jewish visitor to Year 3
Monday 16 th March - Thursday 26 th March	Year 5 Bikeability
Wednesday 25 th March 2:30pm	2H Curriculum Sharing Event for families
Thursday 26 th March 2:30pm	2F Curriculum Sharing Event for families
Friday 27 th March 2:30pm	2C Curriculum Sharing Event for families
Monday 30 th March 2:30pm	RW Curriculum Sharing Event for families
Tuesday 31 st March 2:30pm	RNP Curriculum Sharing Event for families
Tuesday 31 st March 2:15pm	Year 6 Curriculum Sharing Event for families
April 2026	
Wednesday 1 st April 2:30pm	RJ Curriculum Sharing Event
Wednesday 1 st April 2:45pm	Year 1 Curriculum Sharing Event for families
Thursday 2 nd April 2:45pm	Year 4 Curriculum Sharing Event for families
Thursday 2 nd April 3:20pm	Break up for Easter
Monday 20 th April 8:40am	Return to school

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	
Thursday	04	11	18	25	
Friday	05	12	19	26	
Saturday	06	13	20	27	
Sunday	07	14	21	28	

	Oct-2025				
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	Nov-2025				
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	Dec-2025				
Monday	01	08	15	22	29
Tuesday	02	09	16	23	30
Wednesday	03	10	17	24	31
Thursday	04	11	18	25	
Friday	05	12	19	26	
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Sunday	07	14	21	28	

	Jan-2026				
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	Feb-2026				
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	Mar-2026				
Monday	02	09	16	23	30
Tuesday	03	10	17	24	31
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	

	Apr-2026				
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	May-2026				
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	Jun-2026				
Monday	01	08	15	22	29
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Wednesday	03	10	17	24	
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	Jul-2026				
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	Aug-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	
	195	
Training Days	-5	
	190	



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Monday		07	14	21	28		05	12	19	26	02	09	16	23	30
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October to Christmas	35	
Jan to Feb half term	30	54
Feb to Easter	24	
Easter to June half term	34	69
June to end of term	35	
	195	
Training Days	-5	
	190	