



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SPRING TERM MARCH 2026

Dear Sherwell Families,

As we reach the end of a busy and incredibly rewarding Spring term, I want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful achievements of our children and the vibrant spirit of our "Sherwell Family." It has been a term defined by our core values: Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Collaboration and Aspiration.

Our pupils have truly embodied Aspiration and Resilience this term, particularly in our sporting endeavors. We are bursting with pride for both our boys' and girls' football teams, who have successfully progressed through their recent tournaments. They are now preparing for the next stage in Woking and—with a bit of luck—onwards to Wembley! This success is a testament to their teamwork and their refusal to give up when faced with a challenge.

Inside the classroom, our children have been working harder than ever. We have been focusing on the concept of Integrity—doing the right thing even when no one is watching. Whether it is "tracking the learning" during a lesson or showing responsibility by keeping our cloakrooms tidy, the children are proving that they are becoming true role models. It has been a joy to see them embrace challenging learning experiences. We teach them that it is okay to find things difficult; using resilience to find a new strategy or collaborate with a friend is how we grow.

You may have noticed some exciting new developments across the school site! We are thrilled to announce the completion of the new KS2 picnic area. This space was designed to foster Collaboration and Respect for our environment, giving our older pupils a dedicated space to socialise and enjoy the fresh air. Taking pride in our school grounds is a shared responsibility, and it is wonderful to see the children using the new area so respectfully.

As we head into the Easter break, we have so much to look forward to in the Summer term. I would like to thank you all for your continued support and for working in partnership with us. I wish you all a peaceful and happy Easter break filled with joy and relaxation. We look forward to seeing everyone back refreshed and ready for a spectacular final term of the year.

Best wishes, Cristy Nelson



OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCES -

Nursery



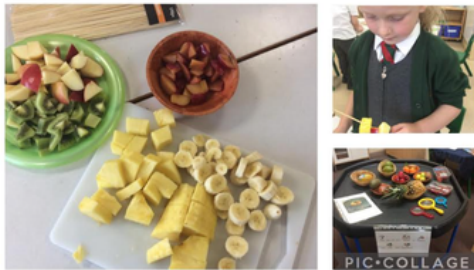
Reception



Year 2

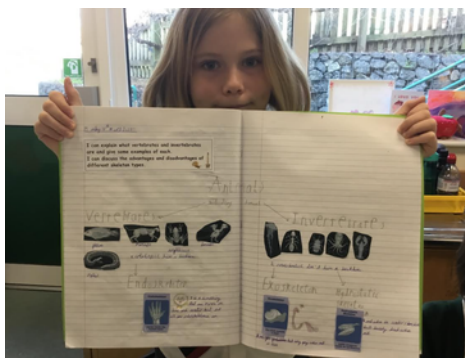


Year 1



Year 4

Year 3



Year 6

Year 5



NOTICE BOARD

ATTENDANCE

6th February – 2nd April

Reception	93.44%
Year 1	92.79%
Year 2	95.51%
Year 3	97.00%
Year 4	93.73%
Year 5	95.05%
Year 6	96.24%

Attendance: We are proud to share that our attendance remains among the highest in the Local Authority. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring "Every Second Counts."



FAMILIES AND FRIENDS OF SHERWELL VALLEY

Our school thrives because of the incredible support from our families. A huge thank you to everyone who has supported our recent events, from the World Book Day Wonka Bar sales to weekly Sherbucks visits. Our FOSV (Friends of Sherwell Valley) team has been working tirelessly. The Shershop has been a great success in providing affordable uniforms, and we are so grateful to the volunteers who make this happen. We are always looking for new faces to join the FOSV team—if you have a little time to spare and want to support the school, please do get in touch! A special mention must go to those helping with the Easter Train this Sunday. Your dedication to creating magical memories for the children is what makes Sherwell Valley so special.



THE LION KING JR.

AN SVPS PRODUCTION

Don't miss out on the hottest ticket in town! The children have been working so hard and we're very proud to present our yearly production shortly. The Pridelands of The Lion King will be coming to our school hall on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Due to popular demand, an extra row of seats have been added for each night but we expect these to sell fast and there will be no more seats available after this. Come and celebrate the children's incredible achievements.



SAFEGUARDING

If you have an urgent safeguarding concern over the Easter Holidays, please do not wait for the school to reopen or for an email reply.

You can contact the Torbay Safeguarding team on 01803 208100 (9am-5pm, Mon-Fri) or email mash@torbay.gov.uk

Details for local children's services and emergency support can be found on our dedicated safeguarding page: www.sherwell-valley-primary.torbay.sch.uk



EASTER AT SVPS



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THURSDAYS
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Tuesday @ 6:30pm - £6.00 per class.
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Chakra Course:

A Deep Dive into Your Chakras!

- Explore your energy flow through mind, body and spirit.
- Release energetic blocks and old patterns.
- Shadow work and trigger exploration through the lens of your chakras.
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Using the following modalities (and more!)
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- * Chakra Dancing
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- * EFT
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- * Activities and Crafts
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- * Much more!

April – Oct 2026
For more information or to book please contact Serin:
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07566 871183

Collaborating with the following wonderful Healers:
'Spirit Tree Holistics', Elle Bracknell, 'Klear', 'Swim Aquatics', 'Rezenance', 'Mellorate'.

OLDWAY GARDENS VOLUNTEER GROUP

DO CHICKENS MAKE YOU LAUGH?

THEY DO AT OLDWAY!

Join us for an Easter trail, everyday from
Friday 3rd April to Sunday 19th April
10am - 4pm
(last trail sheet at 3:15pm)

Wellies Recommended!

£1 per trail sheet!

Oldway Gardens, Oldway Road, Paignton
TQ3 2TD

Limited Parking!

Park in side roads if possible!

**SHERWELL VALLEY
PRESENTS...**



GAMES

COMING SOON

JOIN US! SAVE THE DATE

**2PM FRIDAY
17TH JULY**

COMMUNITY



Easter Egg Trail and Illuminations 28th March – 19th April 2026

Hop, skip, and jump your way to Babbacombe Model Village this Easter for an egg-citing adventure! During daylight, follow the Easter Egg Trail and see if you can spot all the brightly coloured miniature eggs hidden throughout our beautiful gardens. Crack the trail and every young explorer will be rewarded with a small gift, suitable for Children 3 to 12 years. Not available on a Free Return visit and after dark on illumination days.

ONLINE SAFETY

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

YOUTUBE

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Almost anyone with an Internet connection knows YouTube. The Google-owned site lets anyone upload videos to be shared around the world, and as a result, it's an incredible resource with instant free access to material covering every conceivable topic. But with over 500 hours of video uploaded every minute, not all of it will be appropriate for young eyes.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

YouTube is free and can be accessed via numerous devices, even without creating a YouTube account. Some content is flagged as 'age-restricted' (requiring the user to be logged into an account with a verified age of 18), but children can still view some mildly inappropriate content. This can include profanity and violence, which some young users may find upsetting.

CONNECT WITH STRANGERS

YouTube recommends videos related to what the user has previously watched on their account, aiming to provide content that will interest them. This is intended to be helpful but it can also lead to binge-watching and screen addiction – especially if 'auto-play' is active. Users without an account are shown popular videos from the last 24 hours, which might not always be suitable for children.

RADICALISATION

YouTube's algorithm tends to promote content that's getting the most traffic – a lot of which can be quite extreme. This can be fine for harmless topics, but YouTube isn't regulated like television, and that means that conspiracy theories, fake news and hateful ideologies can occasionally surface to warp impressionable minds all too easily. Remember – the more they watch, the more they'll be recommended.

CONNECTING WITH STRANGERS

YouTube is a social media platform which allows people to interact with other (usually unknown) users. Account holders can leave comments on any video they have access to, as well as message other users directly. Connecting with strangers online can potentially lead to children being exposed to adult language, cyberbullying and – in the worst cases – online predators, if a child is creating content themselves, this can increase the likelihood of them becoming a target.

TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

YouTube is teeming with trends and challenges, some of which are fun to watch and join in with. Children often find these immensely entertaining and might want to try them out. Most challenges tend to be safe, but many others may cause physical or emotional harm: children who watch or copy them. The painful 'salt and ice challenge' – where people use these two ingredients to burn their skin – is just one of many examples.

SNEAKY SCAMMERS

The comments sections of popular content creators regularly have scammers posing as that influencer, attempting to lure users into clicking on their phishing links. Scammers impersonate YouTubers by adopting their names and profile images, and often offer cash gifts or 'get rich quick' schemes. Children may not realise that these users aren't who they claim to be.

Advice for Parents & Educators

APPLY RESTRICTED MODE

For older children, Restricted Mode is an optional setting that prevents YouTube from showing inappropriate material (such as drug and alcohol abuse, graphic violence, and sexual content) to underage viewers. To prevent children from chancing across age-inappropriate content on the platform, we would recommend enabling Restricted Mode on each device that they use to access YouTube. It's worth also turning the auto-play feature off, to prevent YouTube's algorithm automatically recommending something inappropriate.



TRY GOOGLE FAMILY

Creating a Google Family account allows parents and carers to monitor what their child is watching, uploading, and sharing with other users. It will also display their recently watched videos, searches, and recommended videos. In general, a Google Family account gives a parent or carer oversight of how their child uses sites like YouTube and helps to ensure that they are only accessing appropriate content.



MONITOR ENGAGEMENT

YouTube is the online viewing platform of choice for billions of people, many of them under 18. Younger children will watch different content to older ones, of course. You may want to keep an eye on how children interact with this material – and, if applicable, with content creators – to understand what they're interested in. Remember that creators often share content outside of YouTube, so don't ignore their web presence elsewhere!



CONSIDER YOUTUBE KIDS

It's possible to sidestep most inappropriate content completely via Google's own YouTube Kids app for Android handsets and iPhone. This lets you filter content by 'preschool' (4 and under), 'younger' (ages 5 to 8) and 'older' (ages 9 to 12). This isn't a perfect substitute for personal supervision, as the app's filtering system is automated, and Google can't manually review all videos.

CHECK PRIVACY SETTINGS

YouTube gives users the option of uploading videos as 'private' or 'unlisted' – so they could be shared exclusively with family and friends, for example. Comments on videos can also be disabled and channels that a child is subscribed to can be hidden. If the child is only uploading videos set as 'private', they are far less likely to receive direct messages from strangers.



LIMIT SPENDING

Although YouTube is free, it does offer some in-app purchases. For example, users can rent and buy TV shows and movies to watch. If you'd like to avoid children purchasing content online, limit their access to online payment methods. Many parents have discovered the hard way that a child happily consuming a paid-for series quickly leads to an unexpected bill!

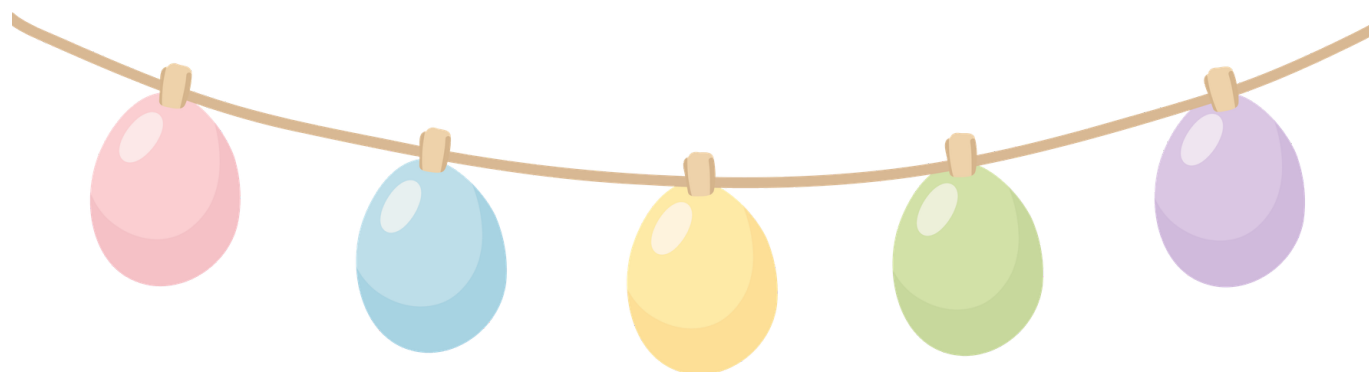


DIARY DATES

April 2026	
Wednesday 1 st April 2:30pm	RJ Curriculum Sharing Event
Wednesday 1 st April 2:45pm	Year 1 Curriculum Sharing Event
Wednesday 1 st April	Egg decorating judging
Wednesday 1 st April	KS1 Easter Bonnet Parade
Thursday 2 nd April	Year 3 trip to Barton Hall and Sleep Over
Thursday 2 nd April 2:45pm	Year 4 Curriculum Sharing Event
Thursday 2 nd April 3:25pm	Break up for Easter
Friday 3 rd April 10am	Year 3 children to be collected from school (those staying for the sleep over)
Monday 20 th April 8:40am	Return to school
Tuesday 21 st April 10am	RW visiting Cricketfield Garden
Tuesday 21 st April 1:30pm	RNP visiting Cricketfield Garden
Wednesday 22 nd April 6pm	The Lion King Junior Production
Thursday 23 rd April 10am	RJ visiting Cricketfield Garden
Thursday 23 rd April 6pm	The Lion King Junior Production
Friday 24 th April 6pm	The Lion King Junior Production
May 2026	
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday
Wednesday 6 th May – Friday 8 th May	Year 4 Residential
Friday 8 th May	Year 3 South West Water Talk
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SAT's week
Monday 11 th May	Reception Gruffalo Day
Friday 15 th May 2:45pm	Year 3 Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 18 th May – Tuesday 19 th May	Book Fair
Friday 22 nd May 3:25	Break up for Half Term
June 2026	
Tuesday 2 nd June 8:40	Return to School
Wednesday 3 rd June	Space Dome visiting Year 6
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 2 visiting Plymouth Aquarium
Thursday 4 th June 2:45	Year 4 Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 8 th June – Friday 12 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 8 th June 10am	Year 2 Dental visit
Tuesday 9 th June 1:30pm	2H (half class) visiting Bay Church
Tuesday 9 th June 5pm – 6pm	New Reception Parents Visit
Wednesday 10 th June 1:30pm	2H (half class) visiting Bay Church
Thursday 11 th June	Reception visiting Plymouth Aquarium
Monday 15 th June 9:15am	Year 3 / 4 Sports Day
Tuesday 16 th June	Year 4 visiting Exeter Cathedral
Wednesday 17 th June 9:15am	Year 1 / 2 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 th June	Year 4 visiting Exeter Cathedral
Thursday 18 th June	Year 4 visiting Exeter Cathedral
Thursday 18 th June 9:15	New Reception children stay and play session
Thursday 18 th June 2:45pm	Year 1 Curriculum Sharing Event

DIARY DATES

June 2026 continued	
Monday 22 nd June – Friday 26 th June	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 23 rd June	2C (half class) visiting Bay Church
Wednesday 24 th June	2C (half class) visiting Bay Church
Friday 26 th June 2:30pm	Year 2 Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 30 th June	2F (half class) visiting Bay Church
Tuesday 30 th June 9:15am	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 30 th June 2:30pm	SEND Parent Cafe
July 2026	
Wednesday 1 st July 9:15am	Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 1 st July	2F (half class) visiting Bay Church
Wednesday 1 st July 2:45	Year 5 Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 3 rd July	Nursery / Reception RNLI visit
Tuesday 7 th July – Friday 10 th July	Year 5 Residential
Monday 13 th July - Friday 17 th July	Sherwell Valley X Games
Monday 13 th July 2:45	Reception Sharing Event
Friday 17 th July 2pm	Families invited to X-games
Monday 20 th July	Year 6 leavers events for children
Tuesday 21 st July 10am	Year 6 leavers assembly
Tuesday 21 st July 3:25pm	Break up for the Summer Holidays



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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	Nov-2025				
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	Dec-2025				
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	Feb-2026				
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	Mar-2026				
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	Apr-2026				
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	May-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	



Term Dates: 2026 - 2027 Academic Year

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June to end of term	35	
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Training Days	-5	
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