



## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SUMMER TERM MAY 2026

Dear Sherwell Families,

Welcome to the start of the summer term! It is so lovely to see everyone back at school, and there is already such a great buzz of aspiration and energy in the air as we head into these warmer months. Our classrooms are already bursting with fantastic learning experiences, and it has been wonderful to see the children diving into their new topics with such a strong sense of collaboration and responsibility.

We also have to give a massive shout-out to the children for their incredible performance of the Lion King Jr. They did such a brilliant job bringing the story to life, and we are all still buzzing from seeing how much talent and hard work they put into it. There is so much more to look forward to, with plenty of sports days, school trips, and visits on the horizon, not to mention the excitement building for the Sherwell X games where I'm sure we'll see plenty of resilience on display. Our Year 4 children have just returned from the residential to Osmington Bay. They have truly lived our school values, showing remarkable resilience during their first nights away from home. Meanwhile, the children who remained at school showed a huge amount of responsibility and creativity, producing fantastic artwork, enjoying woodland adventures, and working hard as wizards to create magical wands. We still have our Year 5 and Year 6 residential to look forward to later in the term.

With our school values in mind, these values were modeled perfectly by our football teams who travelled to Woking earlier this week. Reaching the finals of the Southern Area National League Trophy was a massive achievement, and being the only school in our entire area to get that far is something to be really proud of. Even though we were so close to heading to Wembley, the result doesn't take away from how well they played. The team showed a huge amount of resilience and respect as sportspeople, acting as amazing role models for everyone else there. Well done Team, we are all immensely proud of you for representing our school so well. It is going to be a busy and fun term, and we can't wait to see every child continue to show respect for one another as we make this our best term yet.

Best wishes, Cristy Nelson



# OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

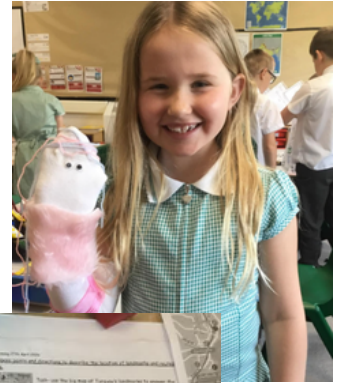
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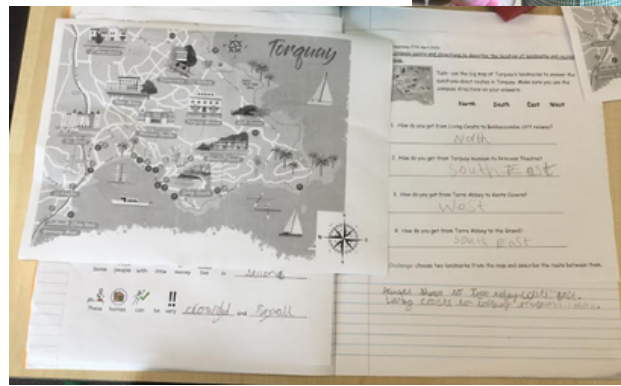
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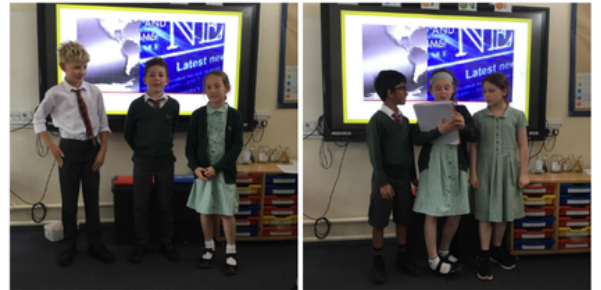
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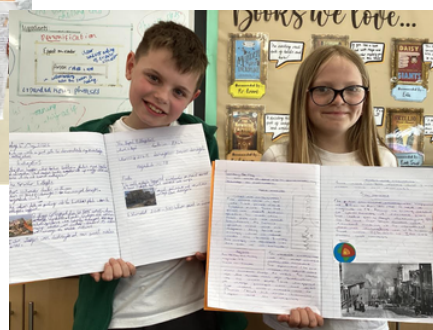
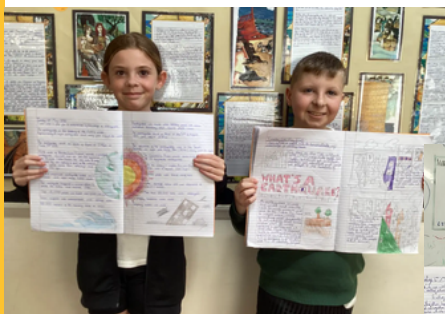
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## Year 3

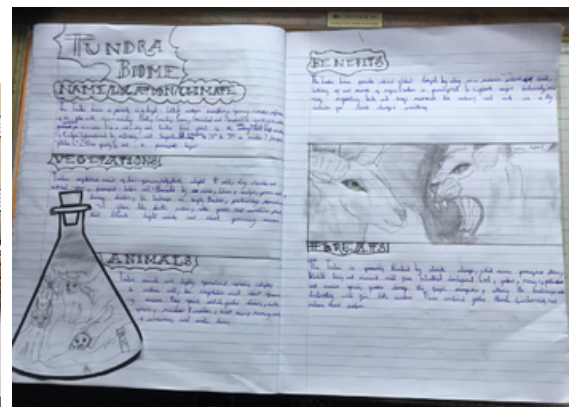


## Year 5



## Year 4

## Year 6



# NOTICE BOARD

## ATTENDANCE

2<sup>nd</sup> April – 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Reception	95.31%
Year 1	95.69%
Year 2	96.85%
Year 3	95.66%
Year 4	96.96%
Year 5	95.88%
Year 6	92.31%

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."



## VOLUNTEERS AT SVPS

We would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful team of volunteers who give up their time to help out around the school.

Whether you are coming in to hear the children read or helping us look after the library, your support makes a world of difference. This kindness really highlights our value of collaboration, and we are so grateful for everything you do to help our children grow and succeed.

*We ♥ our Volunteers*

## PARKING REMINDER

A quick reminder to please avoid parking in the passing layby in the school driveway during drop-off and collection. Keeping this space clear is important for the safety of our children and ensures the driveway remains accessible at all times. We really appreciate your responsibility and cooperation in keeping our school entrance safe for everyone. Thank you



## WELL DONE YEAR 6

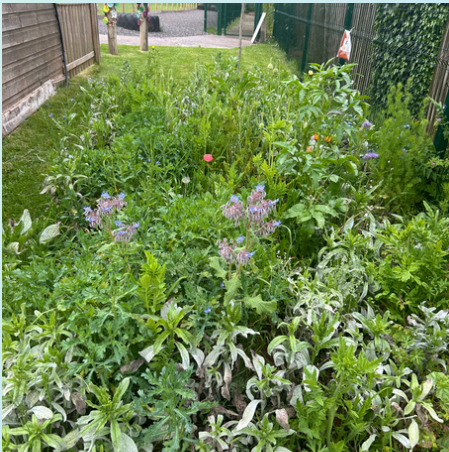
We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 children for completing their SATs this week. They approached each challenge with such a positive attitude and a fantastic sense of aspiration, truly giving their very best effort. Throughout the week, they showed wonderful resilience and stayed calm under pressure, supporting one another every step of the way. It was a pleasure to see their hard work pay off, and they should all be very pleased with what they have achieved. Well done, Year 6!

*Well done!*

## TINY PICKLE



We are also delighted to introduce a very special new member of our school, Tiny Pickle the tortoise! Tiny Pickle is quickly becoming a favourite friend, helping the children practice responsibility and respect as they care for their new companion. It has been wonderful to see everyone welcoming Tiny Pickle to the family so warmly.



A huge thank you to everyone who works so tirelessly to make our school site look so beautiful; the grounds are looking absolutely amazing! We would like to extend a very special thank you to the team from Sky, who joined forces with our dedicated premises team to refurbish the quiet area on the KS2 playground. This transformation has provided a wonderful space for our children to relax and reflect. We are also incredibly grateful to FOSV, whose generous funding made this entire project possible. It is heartening to see our community come together to create such an inspiring environment for the children.

# COMMUNITY

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FOR MORE INFO EMAIL [DANCEWITHDANNI@OUTLOOK.COM](mailto:DANCEWITHDANNI@OUTLOOK.COM)

## U9s

(school year 3 going to year 4)

We are creating a new team for next season.

We train and play on the 3G pitch at Torquay academy school.

Training is on a Wednesday at 5:30 and games get played on a Sunday.

Going to be doing tryouts through May.

We will also be looking for a Parent to take on the team to be a manager and also a coach to help out.

Contact Andy for info  
07572876014



**netball club**  
**Dart**

**Are you interested in starting netball outside of school?**


Dart Netball Club are happy to announce that we have launched a brand new training session for years 1 and 2.

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**Tuesday 30th June**  
**Thursday 9th July**  
**9.30am to 11am**

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Wednesday 24/06/2026 6-7pm

- Supporting a Successful Transition to Secondary School

Join us on Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 319 109 280 827 09

Passcode: Be77Zx35



Wednesday 15/07/2026 6-7pm

- Supporting the Use of Devices

Join us on Microsoft Teams

Meeting ID: 345 784 004 151 21

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# COMMUNITY

SHERWELL VALLEY  
PRESENTS...



## GAMES

COMING SOON

JOIN US! SAVE THE DATE

# 2PM FRIDAY 17TH JULY



# SUGAR RUSH FOR A SUPERSTAR

To help celebrate all special caregivers in our lives, F.O.S.V are offering you the chance to pre-order a super sweet gift for your child to bring home on Friday 19th June just in time for Father's day!

Sweet treats for every hero!

Please place your orders via the School Gateway system


Last order date Friday 5th June

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Karen Waller



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9.30am until 3pm



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# ONLINE SAFETY

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about GENERATIVE AI SAFETY

Generative AI tools – such as ChatGPT – are now commonly used by children. In fact, 3 in 4 pupils in the 2024 Annual Literacy Survey reported using generative AI, up from just 2 in 5 the previous year. While these tools can boost learning and creativity, they also raise concerns around misinformation, privacy and overuse. This guide explores the key risks and how to support safe use.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

#### MISINFORMATION AND ACCURACY



Generative AI can sometimes produce false or misleading content. Children – and even adults – may assume the information is accurate and trustworthy. This can affect learning and understanding of important topics. It's vital to teach children to critically assess all information, even when it comes from AI.

#### EXPOSURE TO INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Because generative AI is trained on vast datasets from across the internet, there is a chance it may occasionally generate harmful or inappropriate content. Without supervision, children could encounter disturbing or unsuitable material. Active monitoring and clear usage boundaries can help reduce this risk.

#### PRIVACY AND DATA SECURITY

Some AI tools ask for personal details or store users' interactions. If privacy settings are not correctly configured, children's personal data could be exposed or misused. Teaching good digital hygiene and setting strong privacy controls is essential for protecting children online.

#### REDUCED CRITICAL THINKING



Relying too heavily on AI-generated responses may reduce children's willingness to think independently. If they consistently use AI to solve problems or complete tasks, it could impact their ability to reason, analyse and form their own ideas. Encouraging thoughtful reflection is key.

#### DIGITAL DEPENDENCY



Regular use of generative AI can contribute to increased screen time and less real-world interaction. If left unmanaged, it may affect physical activity levels, sleep, and social development. Striking a healthy balance between online and offline activities is important for wellbeing.

#### UNCLEAR ETHICAL BOUNDARIES



Children may not fully understand the ethical implications of using AI to complete homework or creative tasks. This can lead to unintentional plagiarism or dishonest academic practices. Conversations around responsible use and academic honesty are crucial.

### Advice for Parents & Educators

#### ESTABLISH CLEAR GUIDELINES

Set clear, age-appropriate rules for when and how generative AI can be used. Reinforce these regularly to help children develop a healthy, respectful and informed relationship with the technology.



#### ENCOURAGE CRITICAL EVALUATION

Help children to question the accuracy of AI-generated information and seek out additional trusted sources. This builds essential digital literacy skills and supports better decision-making.



#### PROMOTE ACTIVE SUPERVISION

Keep an eye on how the children in your care use AI tools. Check in regularly to ensure they're using them appropriately and be ready to step in if something doesn't feel right.



#### ENHANCE PRIVACY AWARENESS

Talk to children about the importance of keeping personal information private. Make sure privacy settings are in place and explain how data shared with AI tools could be used.



# DIARY DATES

<b>May 2026</b>	
Friday 15th May	Year 6 visit to Armada Park
Friday 15th May	South West Water visiting Year 3
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2:45pm	Year 3 Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> May – Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Book Fair
Tuesday 19th May 2:30pm	SEND Parent Cafe (Community)
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 3:25	Break up for Half Term
<b>June 2026</b>	
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 8:40	Return to School
Tuesday 2nd June	KS2 Careers Day
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Space Dome visiting Year 6
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Year 2 visiting Plymouth Aquarium
Thursday 4th June 2:45	Year 4 Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 10am	Year 2 Dental visit
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm	2H (half class) visiting Bay Church
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 5pm – 6pm	New Reception Parents Visit
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 1:30pm	2H (half class) visiting Bay Church
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception visiting Plymouth Aquarium
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June 9:15am	Year 3 /4 Sports Day
Monday 15th June	Peekaboo visiting school
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 visiting Exeter Cathedral
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June 9:15am	Year 1 /2 Sports Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 visiting Exeter Cathedral
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 visiting Exeter Cathedral
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 9:15	New Reception children stay and play session
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2:45pm	Year 1 Curriculum Sharing Event
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential
Tuesday 23rd June	2C (half class) visiting Bay Church
Wednesday 24th June	2C (half class) visiting Bay Church
Thursday 25th June	Y5 Torquay Academy Activity Day
Friday 26th June	Nursery Pirate Day
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2:30pm	Year 2 Curriculum Sharing Event
Tuesday 30th June	2F (half class) visiting Bay Church
Tuesday 30th June 9:15am	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
Tuesday 30th June 2:30pm	SEND Parent Cafe
<b>July 2026</b>	
Wednesday 1st July 9:15am	Reception Sports Day
Wednesday 1st July	2F (half class) visiting Bay Church
Wednesday 1st July 2:45	Year 5 Curriculum Sharing Event
Friday 3rd July	Nursery / Reception RNLI visit
Tuesday 7th July – Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5 Residential
Monday 13th July - Friday 17th July	Sherwell Valley X Games
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2:45	Reception Sharing Event
Friday 17th July 2pm	Families invited to X-games
Monday 20th July	Celebration Hoedown Day - Nursery
Tuesday 21st July 10am	Year 6 leavers assembly
Tuesday 21st July 3:25pm	Break up for the Summer Holidays

# TERM DATES



**SHERWELL VALLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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## Torbay School Term Dates: 2025-26 Academic Year

	Sep-2025				
Monday	01	08	15	22	29
Tuesday	02	09	16	23	30
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	Mar-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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30 Aug 2027 (Summer Bank Holiday)

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Jan to Feb half term	30	54
Feb to Easter	24	
Easter to June half term	34	69
June to end of term	35	
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Training Days	-5	
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