



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER - SUMMER TERM JULY 2026

Dear Sherwell Valley Families,

We have officially reached the final countdown! With only one day left before the summer holidays, we want to take a moment to look back on what has been a truly spectacular school year. We had a fantastic week last week celebrating the Sherwell Valley X Games, which was the perfect way to wrap up the term. Seeing all of the children being active, supporting one another, and enjoying everything our community has to offer was an absolute joy.

Looking back, it is wonderful to see how much our school and community have grown over the last twelve months. Our children have enjoyed some truly amazing school trips and visits, and they have worked incredibly hard across all of their learning experiences, achieving fantastic outcomes that we are extremely proud of. Beyond their academic success, we are deeply proud of how consistently our children demonstrate our core school values of Responsibility, Collaboration, Resilience, Respect, and Aspiration. Every single time we take the children out on a trip, they receive glowing compliments. They display these fantastic character traits on a daily basis, and they are a true credit to themselves and their families.

We want to say a massive thank you from the bottom of our hearts for all the support you give us. Our community is a vital part of what makes Sherwell Valley so special, and without your partnership, the children's experiences simply wouldn't be the same. We also want to give a special shout-out to the incredible FOSV team — you are all just awesome, and we are so lucky to have you! The FOSV team ended the school year with a fantastic summer fair which also brought our community together raising just shy of £2000 to support the school. Thank you! We hope that you all have a wonderful, restful summer holiday and enjoy making special memories with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 7th September.

Warmest wishes,
Cristy Nelson

OUR LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Nursery



Year 2



Year 1



Year 3



Year 5



Year 4



Year 6

NOTICE BOARD

ATTENDANCE

25/26 Academic Year: Total school 95.52%

Reception	94.38%
Year 1	95.03%
Year 2	96.25%
Year 3	96.23%
Year 4	95.03%
Year 5	95.12%
Year 6	95.63%

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."



SCHOOL UNIFORM UPDATE

From September, we are making a change to our school uniform. Children will be allowed to wear black trainers to school, provided they are completely black all over with no white or coloured sections. Children are also expected to wear plain black or grey socks (this can include sports socks).

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 for emergencies. We really appreciate your responsibility and cooperation in keeping our school entrance safe for everyone. Thank you



GOODBYE YEAR 6

As we reach the end of the term, we also want to share a special farewell to our wonderful Year 6 children. They have been fantastic role models, worked incredibly hard, and brought so much joy to our school. We will miss them immensely and wish them the absolute best of luck as they head off on their next big adventure to secondary school!



CLUBS AND WRAP AROUND CARE

We offer full wraparound care from 7:45 am–6:00 pm (Carebears), including a free breakfast club (Bagel Bites) from 8:15 am.

We also offer a range of extra-curricular clubs. Every child is entitled to these free clubs. Sign-ups for clubs open at 6:00 pm on Friday, 4th September on a first-come, first-served basis.



NOTICE BOARD

SUMMER HOLIDAYS - KEEPING THE LEARNING GOING!

While the summer is a time for plenty of rest and fun, we also encourage our families to keep those brilliant minds active over the holidays! Spending just a few minutes each day reading together or practicing times tables is a fantastic, stress-free way to keep your child's confidence buzzing and set them up for a flying start in September.

STAFFING UPDATE

We are saying a huge thank you and a fond farewell to Mrs Waller, Mrs Rami, Miss Harrison, Miss Slim, Mrs O'Neil and Mrs Ward—we wish them all the absolute best in their next chapters! Looking ahead to September, we are delighted to welcome Mr Ellis and Mrs Blatchford to our teaching team, alongside Mrs Harman, Mrs Mitchell, Miss Morgan, Mr Zurek, Miss Hathaway and Miss Clarkson who will be joining our wonderful support staff team.

SHERWELL VALLEY FAMILY GUIDE

The "Sherwell Valley Family Guide," which contains all the necessary information for September, is attached to this email and is also available on the school website.

SAFEGUARDING THROUGH THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Safeguarding means keeping children safe from harm, abuse, or neglect, and ensuring they grow up in a safe, well-supported environment. We all play a part in looking after the welfare of the children in our community. If you have a safeguarding concern about a child over the summer holidays, please note that you can contact the Torbay Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) directly on 01803 208100.



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TOGETHERNESS

Bringing the Solihull Approach to the world

NHS

10:30am – 12:30pm for 10 weeks at The Windmill Centre,
Pendennis Rd Torquay, TQ2 7QR

On the following Tuesday's

15th Sept, 22nd Sept, 29th Sept / 6th Oct, 13th Oct, / 20th Oct /

3rd Nov, 10th Nov, 17th Nov, 24th Nov

We cover many topics including

- Feelings
- Importance of Play
- Effective Communication
- Developmental needs
- Challenging Behaviour
- Sleep



To book a place please contact

Andrew Wright on

andrew.wright@torbay.gov.uk

07776495028

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a course for all parents,
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SESSION DETAILS:

- 1:1 Private Coaching
- Flexible Times Available
- Qualified TUCF Coaches

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST NOW!

Email: samcook@tucst.co.uk

Spaces are Limited – Get in Touch Today!







DICE Programme



Parent or carer of a pre-teen or teenager?
Want to know more about our DICE Parenting Programme?
Why not come along to one of our summer drop in sessions!
All sessions Thursday 10am-12pm online.

6th August

Session 01: Introduction and the life of a teenager
The teenage brain, why teenagers might take risks and the pressures they face in the modern world.

13th August

Session 02: The exploitation of children and young people
Grooming - what is it, how does it happen, where and by whom?
How can we spot the signs?

20th August

Session 03: Digital dangers
Social media, nudes and the complexities of the online world. How can we be better digital parents/carers?

27th August

Session 04: A safe place to share ideas about parenting
Parenting top tips - practical advice and information about communicating effectively, support networks and working together.



For more information or to register your interest,
please contact the Exceed Team at exceed@barnardos.org.uk or 01752 256339

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SUMMER HOLIDAY FOOTBALL
27th July - 26th August 2026

FUN FOOTBALL ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY!
Venues in Torquay and Paignton!
YOUTH GULLS: 5-12 YEARS & GIRLS ONLY: 5-14 YEARS

 WEEKLY DEALS AND INDIVIDUAL FACILITY DEALS AVAILABLE!

 PRIZES TO BE WON EVERY DAY!

 For Children aged 5-14

SCAN TO VIEW ALL COURSES AND BOOK ONLINE!

Call: 01803 322551
Email: admin@tucst.co.uk



Journey of lifetime!
All Aboard!



Enjoy holiday time with crafts, Bible stories & fun activities!

Venue: St Andrew's Methodist Church, Exe Hill, Shiphay

Dates:
Monday 10th, Wednesday 12th, Friday 14th August
2pm - 4pm
Sunday 16th August 10.30am - 11.30am

Ages: Up to 11 years old

✓ An adult must be present.

Booking essential. CLOSING DATE SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST

For more information or to book, please email. Sue at standrewstorquay@gmail.com

 **BUILDING CONFIDENCE ONE STEP AT A TIME**
Karen Waller

Every child learns differently- and that's why each session is tailored to suit their individual learning style.

With over **20 years** of classroom experience as a trusted primary school teacher, I help children build the confidence, skills, and enjoyment they need to thrive.

 Tutoring for 11+ exams

 Year 6 SATs Support

 Year 3 - 6 Curriculum Support

 **Before and after school pick up** for Sherwell Valley Primary School children - perfect for working parents!

1:1 and small groups • Online • In person
Reading • Writing • Maths

Spaces now available for September 2026.
Contact Karen to find out more
info@primarystepstutoring.co.uk
07345 161 947

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ADULT**

**MAKE TIME FOR
OTHER HOBBIES**

**IGNORE
TROLLS &
BULLIES**

**DON'T GIVE OUT
PERSONAL INFO**

NOID
SCROLLING
ARMLESS

BE KIND

REACT AND COMMENT POSITIVELY

**BUYER'S GUIDE
TO THE
NEW
SPECIAL
EQUIPMENT**

SHARE
UPLIFTING
CONTENT

WATCH OUT FOR
FAKE NEWS

REPORT

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SCREEN BREAKS**

**ACCEPT
PEOPLE'S
DIFFERENCES**

THINK TWICE
BEFORE
POSTING

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#WakeUpWednesday

DIARY DATES

July 2026	
Tuesday 21st July	Year 6 leavers assembly 10am
Tuesday 21st July	Last day of term. School closes at 3:25pm
September 2026	
Thursday 3rd September	Teacher training day
Friday 4th September	Teacher training day
Monday 7th September	1st day of Autumn Term - Gates open at 8:40am
Monday 14th September	Year 4 Torquay Museum visiting children
Monday 14th September	Year 6 UK Parliament visiting children
Monday 14th September	Year 3 ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 15th September	Year 4 Torquay Museum visiting children
Wednesday 16th September	Meet the Teacher sessions 3:40pm, 4:00pm and 4:20pm
Monday 21st September	Year 3 ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 22nd September	Year 3 ICE Torbay visiting children
Wednesday 23rd September	Year 6 Court Open Classroom 2.45pm
Friday 25th September	Year 4 Curriculum sharing event
Monday 28th September	Year 3 ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 29th September	Year 3 ICE Torbay visiting children
October 2026	
Monday 5th October	Year 3 ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 6th October	Year 3 ICE Torbay visiting children
Thursday 8th October	Flu Vaccinations
Monday 12th October	ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 13th October	ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 13th October	Yr 3 Kents Cavern visit
Friday 16th October	Yr 3 Kents Cavern Visit
Monday 19th October	RW walk to Armada Park
Monday 19th October	ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 20th October	RGP walk to Armada Park
Tuesday 20th October	ICE Torbay visiting children
Wednesday 21st October	RJ walk to Armada Park
Wednesday 21st October	2C Parent Art Drop In 2:30pm
Thursday 22nd October	FOSV Halloween Disco
Thursday 22nd October	Year 3 Curriculum Sharing Event 2:30pm
Thursday 22nd October	2CB Parent Art Drop In 2:30pm
Friday 23rd October	Break up for October Half Term. School closes at 3:25pm
Friday 23rd October	2F Parent Art Drop In 2:30pm
November 2026	
Monday 2nd November	Return to school - Gates open at 8:40am
Monday 2nd November	Year 2 ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 3rd November	Year 2 ICE Torbay visiting children
Wednesday 4th November	SEND Parents Evening
Friday 6th November	School Photographs
Monday 9th November	Year 2 ICE Torbay visiting children
Monday 9th November	Parents Evening
Tuesday 10th November	Year 2 ICE Torbay visiting children
Wednesday 11th November	Parents Evening
Monday 16th November	Year 2 ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 17th November	Year 2 ICE Torbay visiting children
Monday 23rd November	Year 2 ICE Torbay visiting children
Tuesday 24th November	Year 2 ICE Torbay visiting children
Thursday 26th November	Year 1 Curriculum Event 2:45pm



Term Dates: 2026 - 2027 Academic Year

	Sep-2026						Oct-2026						Nov-2026				
Monday		07	14	21	28			05	12	19	26		02	09	16	23	30
Tuesday	01	08	15	22	29			06	13	20	27		03	10	17	24	
Wednesday	02	09	16	23	30			07	14	21	28		04	11	18	25	
Thursday	03	10	17	24			01	08	15	22	29		05	12	19	26	
Friday	04	11	18	25			02	09	16	23	30		06	13	20	27	
Saturday	05	12	19	26			03	10	17	24	31		07	14	21	28	
Sunday	06	13	20	27			04	11	18	25	01		08	15	22	29	
	Dec-2026						Jan-2027						Feb-2027				
Monday		07	14	21	28			04	11	18	25		01	08	15	22	
Tuesday	01	08	15	22	29			05	12	19	26		02	09	16	23	
Wednesday	02	09	16	23	30			06	13	20	27		03	10	17	24	
Thursday	03	10	17	24	31			07	14	21	28		04	11	18	25	
Friday	04	11	18	25			01	08	15	22	29		05	12	19	26	
Saturday	05	12	19	26			02	09	16	23	30		06	13	20	27	
Sunday	06	13	20	27			03	10	17	24	31		07	14	21	28	
	Mar-2027						Apr-2027						May-2027				
Monday	01	08	15	22	29			05	12	19	26		03	10	17	24	31
Tuesday	02	09	16	23	30			06	13	20	27		04	11	18	25	
Wednesday	03	10	17	24	31			07	14	21	28		05	12	19	26	
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Friday	05	12	19	26			02	09	16	23	30		07	14	21	28	
Saturday	06	13	20	27			03	10	17	24	01		08	15	22	29	30
Sunday	07	14	21	28			04	11	18	25	02		09	16	23	30	31
	Jun-2027						Jul-2027						Aug-2027				
Monday		07	14	21	28			05	12	19	26		02	09	16	23	30
Tuesday	01	08	15	22	29			06	13	20	27		03	10	17	24	31
Wednesday	02	09	16	23	30			07	14	21	28		04	11	18	25	
Thursday	03	10	17	24			01	08	15	22	29		05	12	19	26	
Friday	04	11	18	25			02	09	16	23	30		06	13	20	27	
Saturday	05	12	19	26			03	10	17	24	31		07	14	21	28	
Sunday	06	13	20	27			04	11	18	25	01		08	15	22	29	

School Holidays
Bank Holidays
Inset Days
25 Dec 2026 (Christmas)
28 Dec 2026 (Boxing Day)
1 Jan 2027 (New Years Day)
26 Mar 2027 (Good Friday)
29 Mar 2027 (Easter Monday)
3 May 2027 (May Day)
31 May 2027 (Spring Bank Holiday)
30 Aug 2027 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Term Lengths		
Sept to Oct half term	37	72
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	