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Shiphay Learning Academy Newsletter

February 9th 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wonder if this is the wettest Spring Term on record? We have certainly had more than our fair share of wet and wild weather. Hopefully we will at least get some respite over half term so everyone can enjoy their break.

The wet weather has had an impact on football training and football matches but we are still confident that we will be able to get these completed before the deadline. The teams are performing well. A big thank you to Mr Ellis for his commitment to the football teams and the time he gives up to support them.

I also want to thank all my colleagues for their commitment to extracurricular opportunities for the children. Every week there is a range of clubs for the children to attend. I will be posting some highlights on Facebook over the coming weeks so everyone can see what the children have been doing. From Forest Club to Performing Arts, from Cooking Club to Netball, from Drawing Club to STEM, from Dance Club to Sensory music and so many others, there's something for everyone. Opportunities will continue in Spring 2.

Thanks also to the Performing Arts team who took the children to the Young Voices concert in Birmingham. It was a long day for everyone but the children had a blast. What a fabulous opportunity to shine.

Final thanks for this half term go to our FOSS team who have organised a range of fabulous events this half term. Each event is a lovely opportunity for the children but also a great fundraiser for the school. FOSS are embarking on a project to support us to develop playground and outdoor learning spaces. I will update you about improvements as they happen.

Just enough space to wish you all a good half term break. School opens on Monday 22nd February.

Kate Lee (Head of School)

Attendance this year

95.5%

This is below our 96% target but we have been hard hit with winter bugs and viruses - hopefully this will pick up.

If your child's attendance is less than 95%, their learning will be affected by their absence.

[Should I keep my child off school poster?](#)

Looking for some Half-Term ideas?

Scroll to the end of the newsletter - lots of information about local half term events and clubs.

Does your child have school lunches? We would like to gather some feedback. Caterlink have set up this survey :

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RTFTV>

Deadline 27th March

Amazon Wishlist - can you help?

To continue to nurture a love of reading for all pupils, we would like to continue to build our library stock with the latest releases and collections of book series. To keep the school libraries filled with books the children feel inspired to read, we have compiled a list of books we would like to purchase into a wish list on Amazon. We would be extremely grateful if you are able to contribute to stocking our libraries with some of these amazing books. To purchase one of the books, simply

[click on the link](#)



Celebrating Good Attendance

Each week in celebration assembly, we share attendance information.

The 3 classes with the highest weekly attendance (as long as this is above 96%) earn an extra 5 mins of playtime. These classes receive a special certificate in recognition. We talk to the children each week about the importance of good attendance at school.

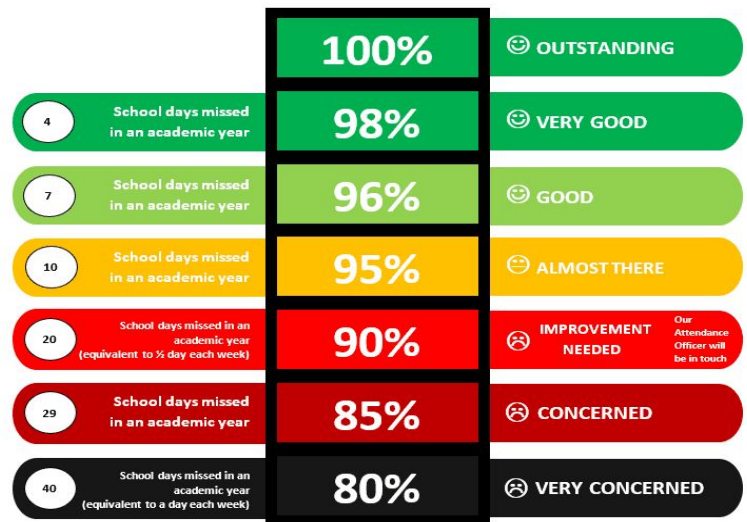
**Whole school attendance this year:
95.5 %**



Classes with highest attendance this term:

1st	Butterfly	97.9%
2nd	Oak	97.6%
3rd	Sycamore	97.5%
4th	Chestnut	96.9%

Attendance Ladder



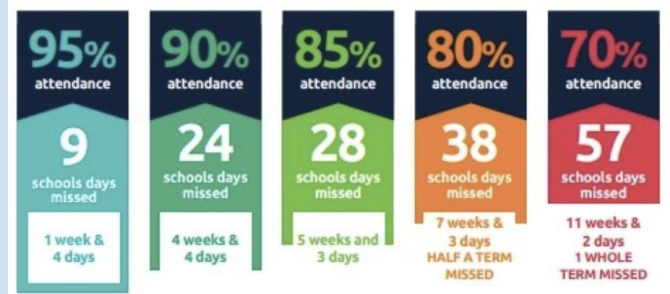
Each week in celebration assembly, we also track termly attendance.

Well done to Butterfly who have the top attendance for the Spring Term so far (until Fri 6th February). They will received their reward on Friday this week. As you can see, Oak, Sycamore and Chestnut are not far behind. Well done!

Why is good attendance so important?

Research tells us that one of the key factors influencing a child's academic and pastoral outcomes and their later life chances, is their school attendance. Children who do not have consistent school attendance are far more likely to fall behind their peers and not meet age-related expectations.

Every day in school counts...



Spotlight on: Punctuality



Shiphay Timings:

8:35am Gates open
8:45am Register taken and learning begins
Gates close

Children should be in their classroom, ready to learn at **8:45am**

Please note that, although the gates are open until 8:45am, arriving as the gates close will mean that your child will:

- Miss the beginning of learning time - this can impact their progress and attainment
- Miss out on the opportunity to talk to their peers before school - this can impact their well being and sense of belonging
- Have to enter the classroom when everyone else is already settled - this can make them feel unsettled and impact the rest of their day.

Punctuality - why is this important?

Being on time for school is important for several reasons:

- It creates good habits for the future - children learn that it is important to be on time for school and, in later life, work.
- It is unsettling for a child to have to walk into a class of children who are already learning.
- Lessons start promptly at 8.45am. When a child is late they miss important messages and the start of lessons, eg if a child in Reception or Y1 arrives late into class everyday, they will miss the first part of the Phonics lesson each time and this will have a detrimental effect on their progress in Reading.
- It is disruptive for the rest of the class to have a classmate arrive late into class, as often the lesson has to be paused.
- Some learning interventions happen first thing in the morning, so if your child is late they may be missing out on important learning support.



Every Minute Counts!



Getting to school on time really matters. Did you know...

If in a school day, you are late every day by...	You would have lost approximately...	or you would have missed approximately...
5 minutes	3.5 days from school	18 lessons
10 minutes	7 days from school	35 lessons
15 minutes	10 days from school	50 lessons
20 minutes	14.5 days from school	73 lessons
30 minutes	22 days from school	110 lessons

Please be punctual to maintain attendance
Remember absence = lost opportunity

Tips for being on time to school

- Help your child to learn important organisational skills by getting their school bag and belongings ready the night before. This avoids the panic of rushing around in the morning looking for missing items.
- If you find that you are late by just a few minutes each day, look at adjusting your morning routine so that you leave a few minutes earlier.
- If you are struggling with routines at home, speak to your child's teacher as there are several adults in school who can help and advise, and we also have access to our Family Support Worker Emily Knill and our Attendance and Welfare Officer Leila Watson-Gardner.

Uniform - Key Reminders

Please note the following points. A few things are starting to slip and we want to make sure everyone is Shiphay smart. Persistently failing to meet expectations will result in a consequence - for example missing part of playtime.

Shoes / Trainers for uniform - we know that having to buy shoes and trainers can be costly, especially as children's feet grow so quickly. For this reason, we offer the chance for parents to just purchase **plain black trainers** and for these to be worn with uniform and PE kit.

Jewellery is not permitted - the only exception to this is a watch and a single pair of stud earrings.

Watches that can take photographs, access the internet or receive messages from mobile phones are not permitted.

Long hair must be tied back

Hair accessories - these must be small, discrete and in school colours (red, grey, navy or black)

Under Armour or long-sleeved thermal should not be worn to replace a school jumper. When the weather is cold, we understand that some children may need to wear an extra layer under their polo shirt. However, a long sleeved top under their polo shirt is not a replacement for their jumper since this is not part of uniform. If a top is worn for extra warmth, it should not be visible. If children are cold in class, they should wear a jumper. If children are cold outside, they should wear their jumper and their coat.

PE Kit - should only be worn on PE days.

PE shorts - these must be plain black with no commercial logos. These should be approximately knee length and not very short, hot pant style shorts

PE tops - these must be plain coloured T-shirts with no commercial logos. Football shirts are not acceptable as PE kit

Jumpers for PE - children do not need an extra jumper. They should wear their red school jumper

Full uniform details and ordering information can be found on our [website](#)

Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

The pre-loved uniform is available in the Main Entrance and can be accessed whenever school is open. If you are able to make a donation for items, we would be very grateful. Any funds go straight to Pupil Council who decide how to spend these to improve playtimes and lunchtimes.



SHIPHAY
LEARNING ACADEMY

Shiphay Learning Academy: Uniform Expectations

Uniform is important to support the children's sense of belonging and pride in their school. We expect children to wear correct uniform including PE kit. Full details can be found on the school website [HERE](#). Our uniform has been designed to be affordable. Whilst Shiphay logo items can be purchased from [Price and Buckland](#), there is no expectation for any pupil to wear items with the Shiphay logo. Alternatives can be purchased from a range of local suppliers.

Uniform:

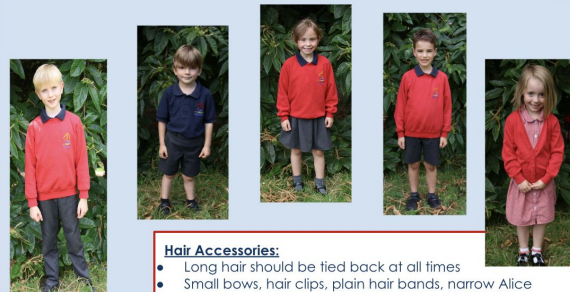
- Red jacket or round-necked sweatshirt
- Navy blue polo shirt with plain collar
- Charcoal grey trousers, tailored shorts, box-pleated skirt, skort or pinafore
- Red and white gingham dress / culotte dress
- Black, grey or white socks (short or knee length)
- Black, red or grey tights
- Black school shoes with fastening or plain black trainers (no logos or brightly coloured soles please)

Summer:

- White socks can be worn with black/white sandals
- Red knitted cardigan can be worn over Summer dress

PE Kit: (children to come dressed in PE kit on PE days)

- Plain black shorts (no commercial logos please)
- Plain round-necked T-shirt - Team Colour
- Trainers or pilmsols
- Black leggings or plain black jogging bottoms can be worn in the colder months
- School sweatshirt to be worn over PE Kit - no sports tops, football tops, hoodies or other non-uniform items please.



Hair Accessories:

- Long hair should be tied back at all times
- Small bows, hair clips, plain hair bands, narrow Alice bands and small "scrunchies" are permitted. These should be in school colours: red, grey, navy or black

Jewellery:

- One stud earring may be worn in each ear
- Watches may be worn
- Smart watches that can take photos are not permitted
- All earring and watches must be removed for PE

Make Up:

- Make up, including nail varnish and tattoos, is not part of uniform and must not be worn.



FOSS News



**Wonderlicious
BAR SALE!**

Find a
GOLDEN TICKET
to Win a Prize!

**CHOCOLATE BARS
£2.50 EACH!**

On Sale w/c
02 March 2026
at **SCHOOL PICK-UP**
To Celebrate **WORLD BOOK WEEK!**

FOSS will be located on the playground,
in the case of wet weather alternative
location will be communicated.

The poster features a purple and gold starry background with a chocolate bar, gold coins, and an open book at the bottom.

Can you spare an hour to help
at a FOSS event? Please email
foss@rivieraet.co.uk

FOSS Project 2026
Playground and outdoor
environment development

Break the Rules Day -

Friday 13th February

Rules that can be broken:

No wearing own clothes

No crazy hair

No nail varnish

No temporary tattoos

No face paint or glitter

No unhealthy snacks

Do not bring teddies to school

Please remember to only break the listed
rules!

How it works:
50p for each rule
break or £2 to
break them all!
Please bring cash
on the day.



Break the Rules Day

is a new fundraiser for this year. On that day, the children can pay to break some of our school rules (see the poster for the rules that can be broken).

Our usual Golden Rules (Be Ready, Be Respecting, Be Safe) will still be in place and we still expect the children to follow these.

However, they can wear their own clothes, have fun with funky hair styles, bring a non-fruit snack for breaktime, wear face paint or make up.

It is 50p per rule to be broken or £2 to break them all. Please send the cash in with your child at the beginning of the day.

The staff will also be taking part - I wonder what rules they might like to break!

FOSS Events Spring 2026

Friday 13th February
From Mon 2nd March
Thursday 12th March
Thursday 26th March

FOSS Break the rules the day (see poster)
World Book Day - Wonderlicious Bar sale (see poster)
FOSS Disco Y3/4 5:15-6:15 and Y5/6 6:30-7:30
Spring Concert - refreshments by FOSS

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

SUPPORTING SAFE USE OF AI

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is increasingly woven into young people's digital lives. It can offer some educational benefits and day-to-day assistance; however, it also raises concerns about misinformation, privacy, fairness, and safety. This guide provides parents and educators with practical strategies to support young people to navigate AI tools responsibly, and to use them safely and with discernment.

1 DEMYSTIFY WHAT AI REALLY IS

Children encounter AI in most online places, including games, streaming platforms, and school tools. Explain that AI uses patterns from past data to make decisions, but it doesn't think or feel like humans. Use age-appropriate examples, like how recommendations on YouTube or Netflix work, to build understanding and prevent false beliefs about AI being all-knowing or alive.

2 TALK ABOUT RISKS OF MISINFORMATION

AI can create convincing false information, including deepfake videos, photos, and fake 'facts'. Encourage children to think critically about what they see and read. Teach them to double-check information using reliable sources, to look at images and videos carefully, and to ask an adult if something doesn't seem right.

3 DISCUSS DATA AND PRIVACY

Explain that AI systems learn by analysing lots of data, sometimes including personal information. Help young people to be mindful of what they share online and why protecting personal data matters. Model good habits like reading app permissions together or reviewing what's collected by voice assistants like Alexa or Siri.

4 ENCOURAGE CREATIVE USE OF AI

Support children, when using AI tools, to explore ideas, make art, or build projects. This fosters confidence, imagination, and independent thinking. When children use AI creatively, rather than just passively consuming it, they are more likely to stay engaged and make thoughtful choices.

5 USE AGE-APPROPRIATE AI TOOLS

Not all AI platforms are suitable for children. Choose tools designed for education or creativity, with clear safety policies. Review terms of use and privacy settings, and help children use them in age-appropriate ways. For example, some chatbot tools mimic conversation but should only be used with guidance and boundaries in place.

6 USE AI TOGETHER

Exploring AI tools together can help adults understand how they work and spot potential issues. Try co-writing a story with an AI writing assistant or experimenting with an AI art tool. This encourages curiosity, helps you stay informed about the latest AI tools, and allows you to reinforce safe and respectful use while modelling critical thinking.

7 SET BOUNDARIES FOR AI USE

Establish when, where, and how AI tools can be used, just as you would with any digital technology. For example, you might agree not to use AI tools to complete school assignments without permission, or to avoid unsupervised use of voice assistants. Consistent boundaries help manage overuse and misuse.

8 WATCH FOR OVERRELIANCE

Some AI tools, like homework help apps, may be tempting shortcuts. Encourage children to use AI to support their thinking, not replace it. Celebrate effort and process over perfect answers. Reinforce that mistakes are part of learning and that relying too heavily on AI can limit real understanding.

9 TEACH DIGITAL ETHICS AND LITERACY

Help children explore how AI works, where it might be biased, and why ethical thinking matters. Building digital literacy alongside ethical awareness ensures children engage with AI critically, not just conveniently. Help young people to understand that not all people use AI for legitimate purposes; some use it for malicious reasons. Encourage questions about fairness, representation, and who benefits from certain tools; talk about algorithms, echo chambers, and the impact of automation on daily life.

10 STAY CURIOUS AND INVOLVED

AI is developing rapidly, and staying informed helps you support the young people in your care. Follow trusted sources for updates and keep the conversation going. If a child brings up a new AI trend or tool, take the opportunity to learn about it together. Showing interest builds trust and strengthens digital resilience.

Meet Our Expert

Home to the world's largest CPD library for educators, The National College has transformed the way education establishments go about developing their workforces and managing compliance. Our three memberships help all phases and types of setting raise standards, save time, reduce risk, and build a culture of improvement.

The safe use of AI
[Click here](#) to find
out more

Safer Internet Day 2026

Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI

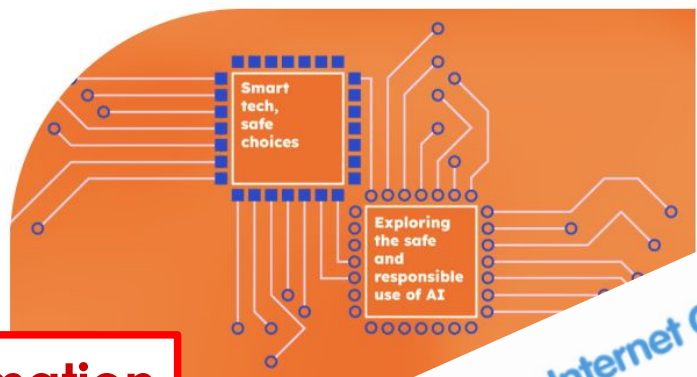
Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on the **10th of February 2026**, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI'.

Everyone's talking about AI, and with many children and young people hearing about and using AI online, it's important they have the skills and confidence to make safe choices when they are using smart technology. This Safer Internet Day we are exploring the impact of AI on all of our lives, looking at how AI can be used for good, and giving advice and guidance that empowers people to use AI safely and responsibly.

Safer Internet Day – 10th February 2026

Top Tips for parents and carers

[Click Here](#) for more information



 UK Safer Internet Centre

Safer Internet Day 2026 Tuesday
10 February

AI AWARE:
Safe, Smart and in Control



Safer Internet Day @Shiphay

The children will focus on online safety as part of their Personal Development learning. This will include:

Y3-6

- [BBC live lesson](#)
- [STEM](#) lessons for online safety.

R-Y2

- [Digiduck books](#) will be used to make our younger children aware of online safety.



Important Dates

Spring 2026

Tuesday 10th February
Tue 10th and Thur 12th February
Friday 13th February

Monday 23rd February
Wednesday 4th March.

Thursday 5th March
9th-13th March
w/c 9th March

Thursday 12th March
Wednesday 18th March

Friday 20th March
w/b 23rd March

Thursday 26th March
Thursday 2nd April

Monday 20th April

Safer Internet Day
Parents' Evenings
School closes for half term
FOSS Break the rules the day (see poster)
School opens for Spring Term 2
Year 4 trip to The Eden Project
World Book Day - details to follow
Science Week

FOSS Disco Y3/4 5:15-6:15 and Y5/6 6:30-7:30)
Year 3 visit to RAMM in Exeter
Comic Relief - Mufti
Easter Assemblies at St Johns/ St Andrews Churches(tbc)
Spring Concert
School closes for Easter
School opens for Summer Term 1

INSITE Spring 2026

During Spring Term 1 we would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school to share your child's learning. The dates for the Spring 2026 INSITE sessions are on the right. Each session will take place in the afternoon. Year groups will send out more detailed information ahead of each event.

Nursery

Year 1/2

Year 5

Year 6

Reception

Year 4

Year 3

Wed 21st January

Tue 27th January

Fri 30th January

Wed 4th February

Wed 11th February

Thur 5th March

Wed 11th March

Golden Phonecalls or Emails



Each week, children who have gone above and beyond are recommended to me by the adults in school. I then have the fabulous job of calling or emailing home to share this good news. This is the best part of my week!

At the following Celebration Assembly, the children receive their Head Teacher Award sticker in recognition of their achievements,



Important Dates - Summer 2026

Summer 2026

(some dates are still to be confirmed - final confirmation as soon as possible)

Monday 20th April	School opens for Summer Term 1
Thursday 30th April	FOSS Disco Y3/4 5:15-6:15 and Y5/6 6:30-7:30 (tbc)
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
11th-14th May	Year 6 SATs week
18th-22nd May	Year 3 Bellever Residential
	Walk to school week
Friday 22nd May	School closes for half term
Monday 1st June	Non-Pupil Day (no Hub)
Tuesday 2nd June	Non-Pupil Day (no Hub)
Wednesday 3rd June	School opens for Summer Term 2
Thursday 4th June	Local Standards Board (Governors) in school
1st-12th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
8th-12th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 11th June	N, R, Y1, Y2 Scooter Party from 3:30pm tbc
Friday 12th June	Cystic Fibrosis Day - wear yellow
Wednesday 17th June	Class Photos
Thursday 18th June	FOSS Outdoor Disco Y3/4 and Y5/6 tbc
Wednesday 24th June	9am R Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
Friday 26th June	Mufti for Summer Fair
Wednesday 1st July	Y3 Y4 Y5 and Y6 Sports Day 9am
Thursday 2nd July	Nursery Summer Fun Day 1:45pm
Friday 3rd July	FOSS Summer Fair tbc
Sunday 5th July	Performing Arts rehearsal at TBGS
Monday 6th July	Performing Arts at TBGS
Tuesday 7th July	Y3-Y6 to watch Performing Arts at TBGS (pm) tbc
	Performing Arts at TBGS (eve) tbc
Wednesday 8th July	Performing Arts at TBGS (eve) tbc
Wednesday 15th July	Open Evening and Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 16th July	Y6 Leavers' Party
Tuesday 21st July	School closes for the Summer Holiday
Wednesday 22nd July	Non-Pupil Day (no Hub)



Please see [the website](#) for details about each club and how to sign up.

Shiphay Learning Academy Clubs Timetable Spring 2026

Club Name	Year Group(s)	Start & Finish Date	Time	Location	Number of children	Contact member of staff
Mondays						
UST Librarians	4, 5 & 6	All term	12.15	Kingfisher classroom	6 per year group - 18 in total	Mrs Charlie Lawton
Colouring club	Y1/2	All term	3.15-4pm	Butterfly classroom	18 in total (change at half term)	Miss Izabela Idziak
Stem Club	Y3-4	Start 12/1/26 Finish 23/3/26	3:15-4:15	Sycamore	20 in total	Mr Richard Nutbeam
Sensory Music club	Invite only (SEND)	12.01.26 - 09.02.26 02.03.26 - 23.03.26	3:15-4pm	The Burrow	10	Mrs Teree Phillips Miss Lucy Newell
Football club (training - Shiphay Athletic)	Year 5/6	All term	12:15 - 12:45	Field	10	Mr Sam Ellis
Netball Club	Y3-6	Start 12/1/26 Finish 23/3/26	3:15-4:15	Chestnut/ Playground	18 in total	Miss Bryony Pruett

Tuesdays						
Cooking club	Y1/2	All term	3:15-4:15 pm	Dragonfly	12 (change at half term)	Miss Lily Sewell Mrs Kylie Waters
Drawing Club	Y1/2	1st half term	3.15-4pm	Ladybird	18 in total	Mrs Jannice Boot
Football club (training - Shiphay Girls)	Year 5/6	All term	12:15 - 12:45	Field	10	Mr Sam Ellis
Spanish Club	Y3-Y6	All term	3:15-4:15	iZone		External - Kidslingo

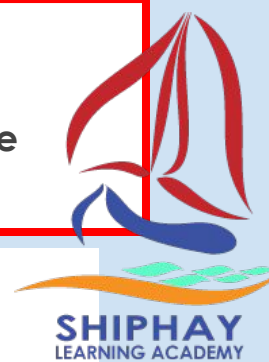
Club Name	Year Group(s)	Start & Finish Date	Time	Location	Number of children	Contact member of staff
Wednesdays						
Dance Club	Y1-Y6	Start 14 Jan Finish 25 Mar	3:15-4:15	Hall	30 in total	Theresa Bowden-Davies

Thursdays						
Performing Arts	Y3-Y6	All term	3:15-4:30	Hall	No limit	Miss Alice Farmer Mrs Katherine Luker
Reception Forest Club	Reception	15.01-05.02 and 26.02-19/03	3:15-4:15 pm	Forest Area	12 Max	Mr Jon Dolman
Board Games	Y1/Y2	2nd half term start 26.02.25 finish 26.03.25	3.15-4pm	Ladybird	16	Mrs Karen Duke
Football club (training - Shiphay Rovers)	Year 5/6	All term	12:15 - 12:45	Field	10	Mr Sam Ellis

Fridays						
Saints Southwest						

Term Dates

Please note - May half term 2026
There are 2 non-pupil days
Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June
(no hub available)



Summer Term 2025	First day	Tuesday 22 nd April 2025
	Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May 2025
	Half term	Monday 26 th May - Monday 2 nd June 2025 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 2 nd June 2025
	Last day	Thursday 24 th July 2025
	Non-Pupil Day	Friday 25 th July 2025
	Summer holidays	Friday 25 th July 2025 - Wednesday 3 rd September 2025 inclusive

2025-26

Autumn Term 2025	Non-Pupil Day	Tuesday 2 nd September 2025
	Non-Pupil Day	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
	First day	Thursday 4 th September 2025
	Half Term	Monday 27 th October - Monday 3 rd November 2025 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 3 rd November 2025
	Last day	Friday 19 th December 2025
	Christmas holidays	Monday 22 nd December 2025 – Friday 2 nd January 2026 inclusive

Spring Term 2026	First Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
	Half Term	Monday 16 th - Friday 20 th February 2026
	Last day	Thursday 2 nd April 2026
	Easter holidays	Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th April 2026

Summer Term 2026	First day	Monday 20 th April 2026
	Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
	Half term	Monday 25 th May - Monday 1 st June 2026 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 1 st June 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
	Last day	Tuesday 21 st July 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026
	Summer holidays	Thursday 23 rd July 2026 - TBC

Lunch Menu

Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK ONE 3/11/25 24/11/25 15/12/25 5/1/26 9/3/26 30/3/26	Option One	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	NEW BBQ Vegan Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Syrup Sponge	NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard	Fruit Medley	Jelly with Mandarins	Chocolate Shortbread
WEEK TWO 10/11/25 1/12/25 12/1/26 2/2/26 23/2/25 16/3/26	Option One	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Spaghetti Bolognese	Chicken Pie served with Roast Potatoes and Gravy Vegan Cottage pie	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese		Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	NEW Gingerbread Cookie	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce	Fruit Salad	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread
WEEK THREE 17/11/25 8/12/25 19/1/26 9/2/26 2/3/26 23/3/26	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chef's Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	Chef's Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Comflake Tart	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Oaty Cookie
MENU KEY		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	
Available Daily: - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes or Oven Baked Baguette with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt						ALLERGY INFORMATION: If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Packed Lunches

Just a friendly reminder that whole nut products (including **peanuts, tree nuts, chocolate/nut spread and nut bars**) are not allowed in students' lunch boxes due to allergy risks.

We have children in our school with severe nut allergies, and even small traces can cause serious reactions.

Please check all snacks and lunch items carefully before sending them in.

Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe environment for all students.



MUSIC LESSONS

INSTRUMENTS

VIOLIN | SINGING | PIANO | FLUTE
OBOE | CLARINET | PIANO | RECORDER

LEARN TO PLAY AN INSTRUMENT
A FUN EXPERIENCE
LESSONS BY A PROFESSIONAL MUSICIAN

30 Minutes - £17.50
20 Minutes - £12

ROSIE DAVIES
07879 613920

ROSEMARYANNEDAVIES@GMAIL.COM

Music Lessons in School

We are currently able to offer guitar, violin, singing, piano, flute, oboe, clarinet, piano, recorder and drums (percussion).

If you are interested in lessons, please contact the teachers directly.

DRUM LESSONS

LEARN DRUMS WITH CHARLIE FURNEAUX!

WANT TO UNLEASH YOUR RHYTHM AND MASTER THE DRUMS? WHETHER YOU'RE A COMPLETE BEGINNER OR LOOKING TO SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS, CHARLIE OFFERS FUN, TAILORED DRUM LESSONS TO HELP YOU HIT YOUR GOALS.

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GUITAR LESSONS

with

Scott McGowan

Guitar lessons are available here at Shiphay Learning Academy.

I can provide both shared or individual guitar lessons for students of all ages.

I deliver ten lessons per term with five each side of half-term.

The fee for these lessons is £60 for shared lessons or £110 for individual lessons.

Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Email – smcgowan@btinternet.com

Mob – 07817 000529

Group Lessons for Clarinet

If your child is in Y4, Y5 or Y6, they will have had clarinet lesson in class in Y4. Rosie, our woodwind teacher is offering group lessons for children who wish to continue. We have instruments that the children can use for these lessons. Please contact Rosie directly.

Group of 3 - 30min lesson £7 each
Group of 2 - 20min lesson £7 each

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Dana

"Seeing her perform
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Lola

"I had tears watching
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Amita

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Struggling with the costs of tuition?
Need help to further your musical talent?
Household income of less than £37,500?
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For more info

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Early Bird Offer – Book now for The Big Step 2026!

Is your child moving up to secondary school in September?

The Big Step is a **fun and supportive summer transition programme** designed to help Year 6 children feel confident, settled, and ready for Year 7.

Delivered by qualified teachers – but it's **definitely not school** – it's our **activities week with a twist!** Each day mirrors a secondary school timetable, blending fun, teamwork, and new experiences to help children make a smoother transition.

Venue: Paignton Academy

Date: Monday 10th – Friday 14th August 2026

Children take part in a wide range of hands-on activities, including:

Escape rooms

CSI investigations

Martial arts*

Cooking

Arts and crafts

Traitors-themed team day (scavenger hunts, orienteering, and strategy games)

*Glow-in-the-dark dodgeball**

CPR and defibrillator training

Classroom games

Sport and much more...

*Activities marked with an asterisk may not be available at every school.

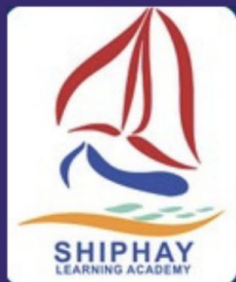
Want to see what The Big Step looks like in action?

Watch our short highlights video here:

[Traitors Themed Day](#)

[The Big Step in Action](#)

Spanish club at Shiphay Learning Academy



Learn Spanish through songs, games, role play and fun activities

Tuesday 3:15pm - 4:15pm

For Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Cost: £31.00 per child per month

Free access to 250+ online games



patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk

To book please visit:

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Voucher for Spanish club



Join our **FUN SPANISH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB** for 1 **FREE SESSION** next Tuesday 10th February, 2026 at Shiphay Learning Academy*

IMPORTANT: email patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk to book your FREE session. Please include the school's name, your child's full name and year group.

*Limited spaces!

*Only valid for Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 pupils attending the named school.

*The free session must be booked in advance

*Voucher valid until 10th February, 2026

Autism Clubs Are Back For 2026



Mayfield and ASRUS are free weekly term time clubs for young people in Torbay who have Autism Spectrum Conditions (which may or may not be diagnosed). They provide a place to be with friends, a place to play outdoors, and a place to chill and chat.

5.30pm - 7pm

**Wednesday's: Indigos Play & Ecology Centre,
Rowan Way, Brixham, TQ5 0SB**

**Thursdays: Mayfield School, Moor Lane,
Watcombe, Torquay, TQ2 8NH**

Have fun with bushcraft skills, outdoor cooking, sports, arts, crafts, demonstrations and trips.

**Booking is free but essential.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.**



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FEBRUARY HALF TERM ROADSHOWS

SOUTH DEVON 2026

9.30am - 3.30pm | boys & girls all abilities aged 6 - 14 | £20 per day



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Devon FA, Newton abbot

Tuesday 17th

kingsbridge community
college

Wednesday 18th

Thursday 19th

Friday 20th

Paignton Academy

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Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk



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- Bubble Football
- Inflatable Games
- Bouncy Castles
- Sports & Team Games

GOOD TO KNOW

📅 Monday 16th - Friday 20th February

✓ Ages 5 - 12

£ £35 Day / £157.50 Week

🕒 8:15am - 5:15pm - Standard Day Ticket

Join us this February Half Term for an exciting programme with at least 6 activities each day.

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DO YOU WANT TO TRY WATER POLO?

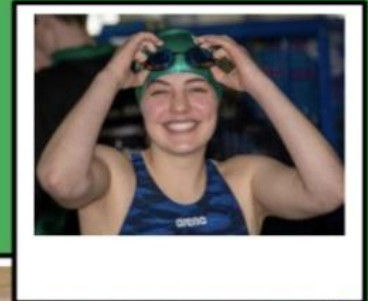
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TORBAY COUNCIL



Cycle Torbay CIC will be running Learn to Ride sessions at Torbay Velopark in February half-term.

These subsidised sessions are open to pupils in Year 3 to Year 6, and are for children that aren't able to ride a bike without stabilisers.

Click on the link to book a place.

[Learn to Ride Booking Link](#)

**FREE
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EVENT**



HOME PARK

CELEBRATION OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SPORT

Wednesday, 18 February

Event starts at 2.30pm | Kick-off at 7.30pm





TORBAY COUNCIL

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