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Shiphay Learning Academy Newsletter

February 25th 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful half term break. Looking ahead to this half term, it is going to be another busy one full of fabulous opportunities for our pupils. Please check the dates page and key pages (see list below) in the newsletter to stay up to date with the latest information.

In this newsletter you will find:

- Attendance - spotlight on absence
- Details of our World Book Day celebrations for Thursday 5th March
- Details of World Book day events and celebrations at Torbay libraries
- An invitation to our RHSE consultation meetings on 26th and 27th March
- A reminder about the Big Walk and Wheel
- FOSS news - Spring Term events
- Wake Up Wednesdays - Whats App guidance for parents

You may also have seen the fabulous news that we will be growing our provision in The Orchard Nursery to include 2year olds. Now that we have formal permission from the DfE, it is all systems go to get plans in place. More information will be available shortly. You can sign up for updates via the website

<https://www.shiphay.com/form/?pid=437&form=17>

Kind regards

Kate Lee (Head of School)

Attendance this year

95.5%

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?](#)

Something exciting is growing in The Orchard ...

From September 2026, The Orchard Nursery at Shiphay will officially welcome 2-year-olds



Be ready, be respectful, be safe

OUR 3 GOLDEN RULES



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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/R3RT>

FTV

Deadline 27th March

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.

Classes with highest attendance last week (9-13th February):

1st	Heron	99.4%
2nd	Ladybird	99.2%
3rd	Avocet	99%

Attendance Matters

0 days off school in a year 0 lessons missed	100%	Perfect attendance
2 days off school in a year 10 lessons missed	99%	Excellent attendance
5 days off school in a year 25 lessons missed	97%	Good attendance
10 days off school in a year 50 lessons missed	95%	Slightly below average attendance
14 days off school in a year 70 lessons missed	93%	Poor attendance
20 days off school in a year 100 lessons missed	90%	Very poor attendance

90% in a test is a great score, but 90% attendance is very poor. If your child's attendance is 90% or less it will seriously damage their chances in school and in life. With children missing so much school due to lockdown it is even more important than ever that their attendance is good. Every day really matters. Help your child by making sure they attend school.

Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scabies	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek

Advice and guidance
To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minfec>.



Well done Butterfly! Butterfly's attendance for Spring 1 was 98%. They were the class with the top attendance in school and their reward was a delicious attendance breakfast. Attendance at school is vital in making sure the children have the chance to grow, thrive, learn and have the best life chances.

Spotlight on - Absence

Absence:

Our school website has information on what to do if your child is unwell and cannot attend school:
<https://shiphay.web11.juniperwebsites.co.uk/attendance-absence>

A key point to note is that **you must inform us every day** of the reason for your child's absence; absences are monitored by the office and a follow up call is made or text sent if we have not been notified by the child's parent or carer.

If we do not receive a response, we may carry out a welfare check at the house. This is in line with our Safeguarding procedures.



Every day in school counts...



What about holidays during term time?

As stated on our website <https://shiphay.web11.juniperwebsites.co.uk/attendance-absence> we are unable to grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are **exceptional circumstances**.

Permission must be sought in advance by completing an Absence Request form. This can be obtained from the office.

Authorisation for term-time absence **must** be sought **before** booking a holiday in term-time.

If the school refuses your request and your child is still taken out of school, this will be recorded as an unauthorised absence. This could lead to parents receiving a Penalty Notice of £60 per child per parent.



World Book Day: Thursday 5th March

Go All In!



To get all budding bookworms buzzing about World Book Day, we are delighted to invite the children to take part in this year's celebrations! World Book Day 2026 will be bigger and better than ever as part of the National Year of Reading. This year's campaign theme is: Go All In! The aim is to get more people reading by bringing reading to where culture is – celebrating the idea that whatever children are interested in, there is a book for them. Whether they love sport, animals, space, fashion, gaming, history or fairy tales, there is something to read that connects to their passions.

"You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax all you need is a book!"

– Dr. Seuss

LittleYellowStar

On World Book Day, children are invited to come to school dressed in one of the following ways:

- As their favourite book character
- As an author
- In an outfit that promotes reading
- OR in their pyjamas, ready to snuggle down with their favourite book!

Costumes could be anything from wearing a stripy top to be Wally from Where's Wally? to coming dressed as the Wardrobe from The Chronicles of Narnia! If your child chooses to come in pyjamas, they are very welcome to bring along their favourite book so we can enjoy special snuggle-up reading sessions throughout the day. Please do not feel that you need to buy anything special; the best costumes are often made using everyday items in a creative way.

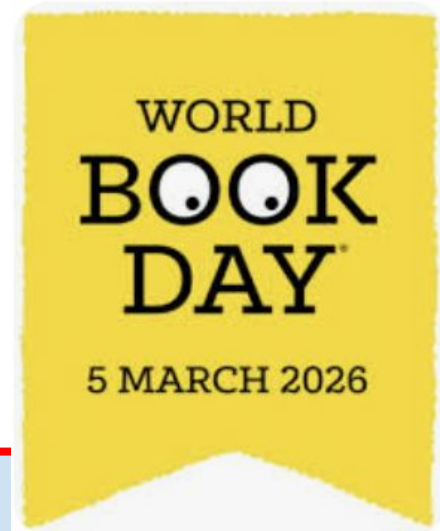
Throughout the week, alongside all the exciting activities we have planned in school, we will also be participating in a number of amazing online events as part of the wider World Book Day celebrations. There will be shared reading opportunities, creative activities and plenty of time to truly Go All In on reading together. For further information about World Book Day, including exciting [competitions](#), [free audio books](#), and [free video story books](#), please visit the [World Book Day Website](#).

World Book Day is a celebration of authors, illustrators, books and – most importantly – reading for pleasure. Every year, World Book Day works with publishers to produce 12 new and exclusive £1 books for children.

This year, the £1 book tokens are digital and can be used to choose one of the exclusive World Book Day books for FREE from participating booksellers or local supermarkets. With books available for beginning, early, fluent and independent readers, there is something for everyone.

Further information about the digital token can be found here:

<https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/02/2026-digital-token-UK.pdf>



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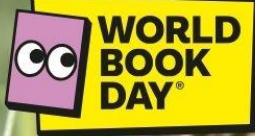
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8TH MARCH**



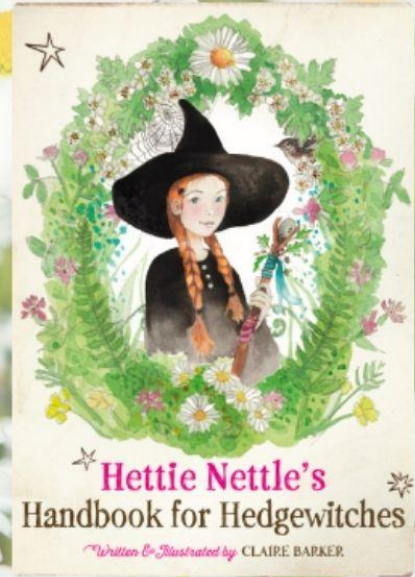
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Story time & Craft with Claire Barker

Saturday 7th March

10:30–11:00 & 14:30–15:30

Celebrate[®] World Book Day with the popular children's author Claire Barker and her lovely story about Hetti Nettle. Claire will read and craft with you.

Take the opportunity to purchase your very own signed copy for £14.99 too or bring a copy of a Claire Barker book and get it signed.

FREE

Pre-booking essential

Age 5+

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07

9:30-10:15 FAMILY READING ACTIVITIES

Read & craft with your children.
We provide the books, toys & crafts.
Children can collect stickers & sticker book by
Free activity. Just come & enjoy! Age 2+



MAR

07

10:30-11:30 CLAIRE BARKER AUTHOR EVENT

Popular children's author reads her book 'Hettie Nettle' and crafts with you. Includes book signing.
Free event. **Booking required.** Age 5+

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FREE Storytelling in the caves this weekend! 📖

Celebrate World Book Day with us and come along to readings of some of our favourite books involving cave and Ice Age animals!

- 🐻 We're Going on a Bear Hunt
- 🐾 The Ugly Five
- 🐾 Beware of the Storybook Wolves
- 🐾 How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth

PLUS - Guest authors, Flossy & Jim will be reading their book Horace's Most Disgusting Picnic at 12:15 on Saturday 28th Feb 🍌

No cave admission required, but we will be running guided tours all day if you'd like to discover more.

Book your free storytelling here: <https://vist.ly/4sife>

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[Here](#) to
book

Relationships, Sex Health and Sex Education (RSHE)

An invitation to find out more about our planned curriculum

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you may be aware, Relationships and Health Education became a statutory part of the Primary Curriculum from September 2021 (postponed from September 2020 due to the pandemic). This statutory guidance is updated ready for implementation in September 2026. As part of the process of developing our curriculum and policy, we would like to invite all Parents and Carers to a meeting on:

Thursday 26th March at 2.30pm or Friday 27th March at 9am

At this meeting you will have an opportunity to find out more about the curriculum and this will form part of our consultation process. We will share with you our approach to Personal Development, curriculum resources, and key contextual information to Torbay. If you would like to attend the meeting, please come to school via the office to sign in and the meeting will be held in the hall.

At Shiphay Learning Academy, our Relationships, Sex and Health Education will be taught as part of the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education (PSHE) curriculum which is taught in Reception through to Year 6. This curriculum incorporates:

- the Relationships, Sex and Health Education guidance
- the Science National Curriculum.
- the Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education Curriculum
- the Online Safety curriculum

As you will see (on the next page), the curriculum includes a focus on developing an understanding of what a safe and healthy relationship is. Detailed below is information on the content which will be covered in each year group.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting and answering any questions you may have.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hartnell

Relationships, Sex Health and Sex Education (RSHE)

An invitation to find out more about our planned curriculum

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TEACHING RSE WITH CONFIDENCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS - CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

Reception: My body, my relationships

Lesson 1: Caring Friendships

Lesson 2: Being Kind

Lesson 3: Different Families

Lesson 4: My Body My Choices

Year 1: Growing up, staying safe

Lesson 1: Different Friends

Lesson 2: Growing and Changing

Lesson 3: Body Safety (Online and Off)

Lesson 4: Families and Care

Year 2: Differences

Lesson 1: Gender Stereotypes

Lesson 2: Male and Female

Lesson 3: Naming Body Parts

Lesson 4: My Body Belongs to Me

Year 3: Valuing difference and keeping safe

Lesson 1: Body Differences

Lesson 2: Personal Space and Consent

Lesson 3: Families and People who Help Us

Lesson 4: Staying Safe and Getting Help Online

Year 4: Growing up with Respect

Lesson 1: Changes

Lesson 2: What is Puberty

Lesson 3: Healthy Friendships

Lesson 4: Valuing Difference

Year 5: Puberty and personal boundaries

Lesson 1: Talking about Puberty

Lesson 2: The Reproductive System

Lesson 3: Puberty Help and Support

Lesson 4: Respect Boundaries and Being an Upstander

Year 6: Puberty, relationships and reproduction

Lesson 1: Puberty and Reproduction

Lesson 2: Communication and Consent
in Relationships

Lesson 3: Families, Conception and Pregnancy

Lesson 4: Communication and Respect in
Relationships and Online



We have some exciting news for you! We are taking part in Big Walk and Wheel, the UK's largest inter-school cycling, walking, wheeling and scooting challenge. The challenge runs from 16 – 27 March 2026. It's free to take part and we would love everyone to be involved.

What do you need to do?

Encourage your child(ren) to walk, use a wheelchair, scoot or cycle to school on as many days as possible during the event.

Including everyone:

We want to make sure that everyone can get involved in Big Walk and Wheel. We know it may be more difficult for some pupils to take part than others. If you want to discuss more about your child(ren)'s specific needs, please contact the school and we will make sure to look into how your child(ren) can take part.

Why we are taking part

Big Walk and Wheel is a great way to build physical activity in children's daily routine which is important for their physical health and mental wellbeing. Active school runs also help to reduce congestion and air pollution outside the school gate. A 2021 YouGov study showed nearly half of UK children worry about air pollution near their school and that children thought active travel was the best way to bring down these pollution levels. Plus, there are some great prizes to be won every day if we get enough children taking part!

Useful resources

To help you prepare, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust has developed a handy Parent/ Caregiver page on the challenge website. It is packed with advice to help you have a hassle-free journey to school. For more information about the event go to www.bigwalkandwheel.org.uk.

Enjoy the challenge!



CALLING ALL ARTISTS!

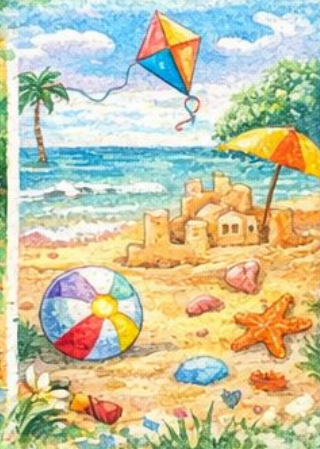
We are supporting the charity Omega, who send artwork to those experiencing loneliness.

If you can create a drawing, painting or image linked to **any season**, please bring it to

Mrs Hartnell

Supporting
Omega
The UK Loneliness Charity

Spring, summer, autumn or winter –
Let's make some cheerful seasonal artwork
to brighten someone's day!

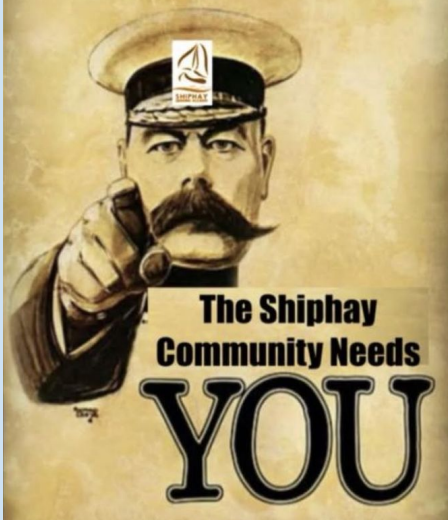


FOSS News

Can you
spare an
hour to help
at a FOSS
event?

Please email
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.co.uk

ATTENTION!



**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.

FOSS Project 2026
Playground and outdoor
environment development

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

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about WHATSAPP

AGE RESTRICTION

13+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

WhatsApp is a free messaging app owned by Meta, allowing users to send text and voice messages, share multimedia, make video calls, and chat in groups. With end-to-end encryption, only the sender and receiver can view messages. This may offer privacy, but it also comes with risks that parents and educators need to be aware of.

GROUP CHAT PRESSURES

Group chats enable multiple users to message in the same space, but this can also make it easier for young people to feel excluded or overwhelmed. Negative comments can escalate quickly, and young people may feel pressure to respond or stay engaged even when the conversation is uncomfortable or upsetting.

SCAMS TARGETING YOUNG USERS

Scammers are increasingly using WhatsApp to trick users into sharing personal information. Common scams include fraudsters posing as family members in an emergency or tricking users into revealing security codes. These can lead to identity theft or access to private conversations.

DISAPPEARING AND HIDDEN MESSAGES

WhatsApp offers features like disappearing messages and 'Chat Lock', which can give users a false sense of security. While intended to protect privacy, they can be used by young users to hide inappropriate conversations or content, making it harder for adults to spot potential issues.

EXPOSURE THROUGH CHANNELS

'Channels' are an optional feature that allows users to follow updates from public figures or organisations; however, there is no way to block this feature or filter its content by age. Young users may encounter adult or distressing content, including misinformation and harmful ideologies.

UNWANTED CONTACT AND LOCATION SHARING

WhatsApp users can share their live location, and if not managed carefully, this can allow others – even those in mutual groups – to track someone's whereabouts. Also, without the right privacy settings, young users may be contacted by strangers.

COMMERCIAL AND AI CONTENT

WhatsApp now includes ads in the 'Updates' feed and has introduced an AI assistant – Meta AI – across the app, which cannot be removed. These additions raise concerns about targeting, privacy, AI use, and the type of content children and young people might interact with.

ONLINE

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SECRET CODE

Advice for Parents & Educators

REVIEW PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Help young users check who can see their profile photo, status, and location. Activate the 'Silence Unknown Callers' setting and set group chat invitations to 'My Contacts' or 'My Contacts Except...' for added safety.

BE OPEN ABOUT HIDDEN CHATS

Discuss why children and young people might use features like disappearing messages or 'Chat Lock'. Encourage them to share if something made them uncomfortable, even if the messages are gone. Let them know that privacy should not mean secrecy.

TEACH HOW TO SPOT SCAMS

Encourage caution around unusual and unexpected messages, especially if they involve money or codes. Help young users understand the signs of scams and what to do if they receive a suspicious message. Enable two-step verification to add an extra layer of protection.

TALK ABOUT ADVERTISING AND AI

Explain that WhatsApp now includes ads and AI tools. Discuss the difference between genuine and sponsored content, and the potential for AI to share inaccurate or age-inappropriate responses. Encourage young users to think critically before trusting or interacting with these features.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant, educator and researcher who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian Government comparing internet use and sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



See full reference list on our website

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.



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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:

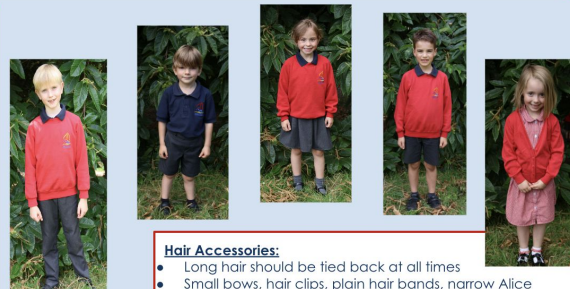
- Red jacket or round-necked sweatshirt
- Navy blue polo shirt with plain collar
- Charcoal grey trousers, tailored shorts, box-pleated skirt, skort or pinafore
- Red and white gingham dress / culotte dress
- Black, grey or white socks (short or knee length)
- Black, red or grey tights
- Black school 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 pilimsols
- 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.



Important Dates

Spring 2026

Monday 23rd February
W/b Monday 2nd March
Wednesday 4th March.
Thursday 5th March
9th-13th March
Thursday 12th March
Wednesday 18th March
Friday 20th March

Monday 23rd March

Thur 26th and Fri 27th March

Thursday 26th March
Thursday 2nd April
Monday 20th April

School opens for Spring Term 2
FOSS Wonderlicious Chocolate Bar sale
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
9:15 am Y3-Y6 Easter Assembly at St Johns
2pm R, Y1 and Y2 Easter Assembly at St Andrews
RSHE consultation
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

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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.

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