



# Shiphay Learning Academy Newsletter

14th March 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

As you will see from the rest of the newsletter, there have been some fantastic enrichment opportunities over the last few weeks. Science Week, Parliament Week, a visit from our MP, sessions with Torbay Tigers basketball team, football matches and an invitation to join Torbay's Child Friendly Torbay project were some of the highlights. At Shiphay we firmly believe in developing the skills of the whole child and preparing them for their futures.

### Easter assemblies

As is traditional, the children will be walking to our local churches during the last week of term. If you are available to accompany us on the walk to and from the church, please let your child's class teacher know via Seesaw. The visits are as follows:

- 31st March 2025 St John's Church 9am (Y2-Y6)
- 1st April 2025 St Andrew's Church 2pm (R/Y1)

### Parking and road safety reminder

I often share these reminders, but still see drivers making choices that could put our children at risk. Please remember:

- No parking on the zig zags at any time
- No stopping on the zig zags at any time. This includes stopping briefly and letting your children out on the zig zags. This is very dangerous
- No stopping or parking on the double yellow lines
- No parking or stopping at the dropped kerb outside the field gate or car park gate

Also, a polite reminder that the St Andrew's car park is private property that is not available for parents to park in. Last week a parent's car was locked in the car park, causing a great deal of inconvenience for them and for the Church. Please also consider our neighbours when parking to drop off / collect your children.

### Gates at the end of the day

Most days we will be able to open the front and playground gates. However, if there is only one member of staff available to do gate duty, only the front gate will be open. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

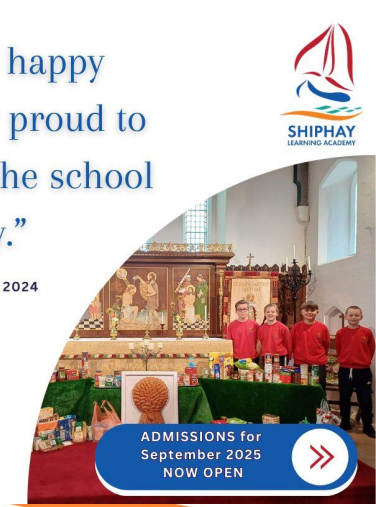
Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kate Lee  
(Head of School)

“Pupils are happy and rightly proud to be part of the school community.”

\*Ofsted report, October 2024  
Rated GOOD in all areas

Visits to the school are welcomed - please contact the school office to book a tour: 01803 613556



OUR 3 GOLDEN RULES

Be ready, be respectful, be safe



Attendance this week

96.9%

Attendance this year

95.6%

This is very close to our 96% target. Let's keep it 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?](#)

## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS



MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY	3.4 DAYS 98.4% ATTENDANCE
10 MINUTES A DAY	6.9 DAYS 97.6% ATTENDANCE
15 MINUTES A DAY	10.3 DAYS 94.6% ATTENDANCE
20 MINUTES A DAY	13.8 DAYS 92.9% ATTENDANCE
30 MINUTES A DAY	20.7 DAYS 89.2% ATTENDANCE

# Friday 21st March Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day



21 MARCH 2025  
**CELEBRATE**  
World Down Syndrome Day

**WEAR YOUR  
BRIGHTEST,  
BOLDEST,  
OR FUNKIEST  
SOCKS FOR  
WORLD DOWN  
SYNDROME DAY!**

Join us on March 21st in celebrating World Down Syndrome Day by wearing your funkiest socks to symbolise the uniqueness of every chromosome - each one valuable, and one-of-a-kind!

All funds raised will be donated to Down Syndrome UK, a national charity devoted to empowering parents and professionals in improving the lives of individuals with Down syndrome and their families in the UK.

Scan to donate 

 **DSUK**  
Down Syndrome UK

 **Positive About  
Down Syndrome**

[www.downsyndromeuk.co.uk](http://www.downsyndromeuk.co.uk)  
Down Syndrome UK registered charity number 1184564



**COMIC RELIEF**

**RED NOSE DAY**

**FRIDAY 21 MARCH**

CLICK Here to donate to Comic Relief via Parent Pay  
<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=18392>

This year Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day are on the same day - Friday 21st March. It will be a non-uniform day where children are welcome to come to school in their own clothes. However, so that their clothes reflect World Down Syndrome Day, it would also be great if children could wear their funkiest, boldest, brightest socks to symbolise the uniqueness of every chromosome. In return for wearing their own clothes, we ask that the children bring a donation (suggested £2). The collection in school will be shared between Comic Relief and DSUK.

As part of their Civic Award, Year 6 will be making and selling cakes. Cakes will be priced between 20p and 50p. Again, monies raised from this will be shared between Comic Relief and DSUK.

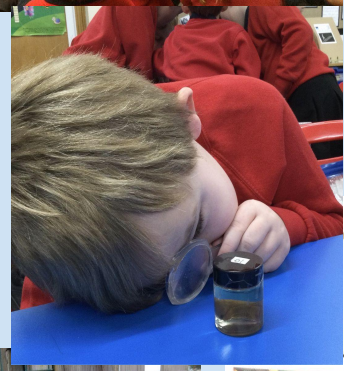
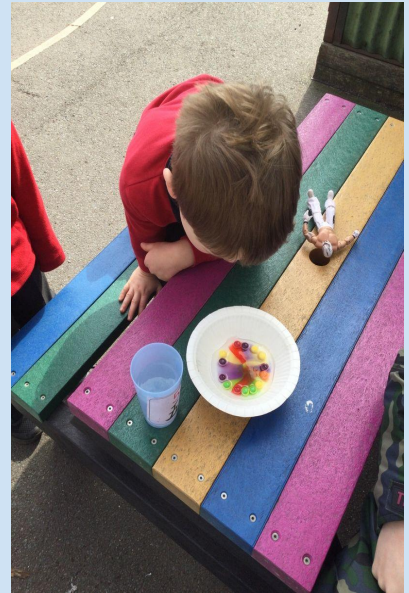


# Science Week 2025

## Change and Adapt

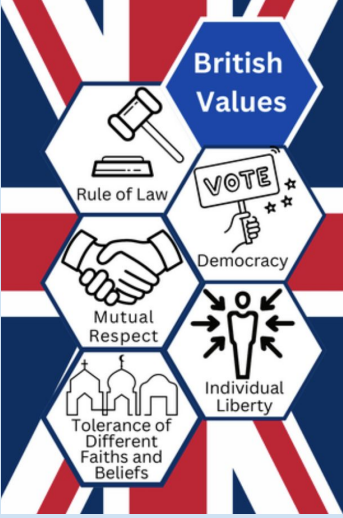


Wow! What a fantastic Science week we have had! Professor Nutbeam launched the week with his fantastic experiments in assembly and the children have been carrying out practical science experiments throughout the week. There's definitely been a huge scientific fizz, buzz across the whole school. Special thanks to TBGS for their support and, of course, to Mr Nutbeam who has sprinkled his scientific knowledge and skills across the whole school.



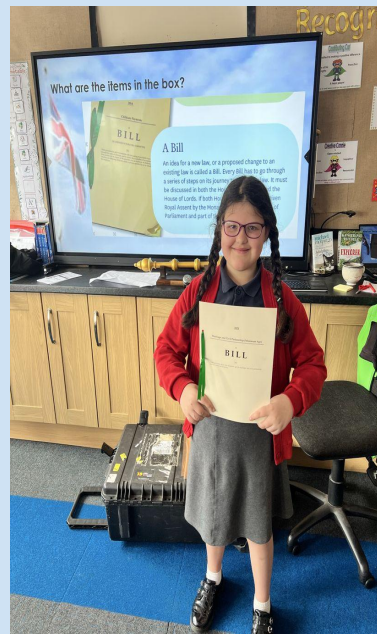
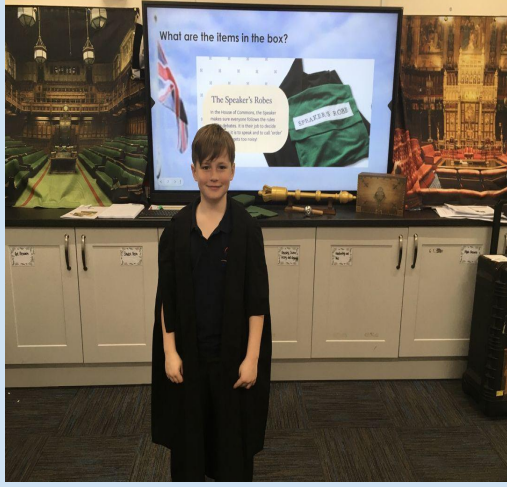
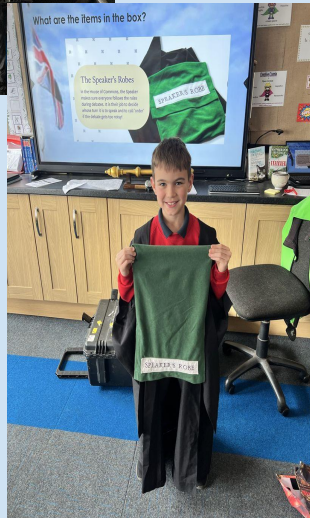
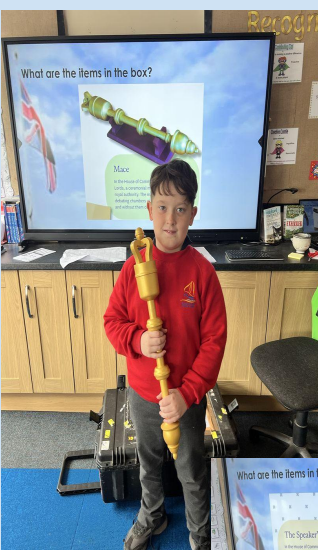
# Steve Darling - MP

## Parliament Education Boxes



This week the children have also been learning about the British Parliament and its two houses - The Lords and The Commons. We had a visit from Torbay's MP, Steve Darling (and his Guide Dog Jenny) in assembly last Friday.

Each class has also had the chance to learn more about Parliament using a box of artefacts. Children have been creating their own bills (for example whether chocolate should be allowed in school), debating these and voting on them. This is an important part of our British Values education.



# UNICEF - Child Friendly Torbay



This week we had a visit from Allison Grant from Torbay Council. She is a project leader at Children's Services and is leading the Child Friendly Torbay initiative. The project aims to collect children and young people's views about our local area.

Allison led a whole school assembly to invite the children to take part. They had lots of ideas and were very keen to share their views.

The next part of the project will be for Allison and her team to work with Pupil Council. Pupil Councillors will learn how the process works so that they can gather the views of their peers through class council.

Our Y6 reps will also be carrying out a similar task with N, R and Y1 so that their views can be part of the project.

The children's ideas will be fed back to the council at a special event in April.



## UNICEF Child Friendly Torbay update

### What is a UNICEF Child Friendly Community?

- Torbay Council has partnered with the UK Committee for UNICEF (UNICEF UK) and local partners towards international recognition as a UNICEF Child Friendly Community.
- The partnership will see councillors, council staff and local community and voluntary sector partners turning to children's rights – as set out in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – to guide decisions that affect children and young people in Torbay.
- The right of the child to have their views heard and taken seriously, for example, will mean that children will have a say in council decisions – from major policies, to decisions around the care they receive – as well as the opportunity to design local services and spaces.

We have carried out surveys and are working with schools, community groups and voluntary service providers to involve as many children and young people as possible to tell us what it is like living in Torbay, to be involved in decision-making and to help us to choose which priorities we should focus on.

The findings will be presented at a Discovery Day event on 25<sup>th</sup> April at the Riviera International Centre, by young people who have been involved in the project. This will be an event where children and young people and Children's Services professionals will come together to review the views from children and young people and decide on the priority areas for Torbay. These priorities will drive our Child Friendly Community project to enable more children to feel safe, heard, cared for and able to flourish.

This is a three-to-five-year project and the decision to recognise Torbay as a UNICEF Child Friendly Community will be made by UNICEF UK, an independent panel of experts in human rights, child wellbeing and public services, as well as an advisory board of local children and young people. Torbay joins cities and communities in more than 40 countries taking part in this global UNICEF initiative.

## How we want to work with you:

- Find out your views, at school and class councils



Pride and challenge for Torbay. Mark areas of strength or pride (yellow flag) and challenge (pink flag) on a map.

Yellow Flags

Pink flags

# Amazon Wish List - Can you help?

Thanks to the generous donation from FOSS, our team libraries and Lower School Team "Reading for Pleasure" boxes are now filled with beautiful new books and inspiring recommended reads.

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 below or scan the QR Code:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IHM1R7ZA6TIF?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/IHM1R7ZA6TIF?ref=wl_share)



## HERE'S THE IMPACT OF READING 20 MINUTES PER DAY!

A student who reads	A student who reads	A student who reads
20:00	5:00	1:00
minutes per day	minutes per day	minute per day
will be exposed to 1.8 MILLION words per year and scores in 90th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 282,000 words per year and scores in 50th PERCENTILE on standardized tests	will be exposed to 8,000 words per year and scores in 10th PERCENTILE on standardized tests





# 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

During

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.

The percussion teacher's email address is

furneauxcharlie@gmail.com

## 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](mailto:smcgowan@btinternet.com)

Mob – 07817 000529

# Important Dates

## Spring 2025

10th-14th March	Science Week
17th-21st March	Careers Week
Friday 21st March	Comic Relief - Mufti
Tuesday 25th March	Y3 History Trip - Bristol
Thursday 27th March	Spring Concert 6pm
Friday 28th March	Rocksteady Performance 2:30pm
Friday 4th April	School closes for Easter
Tuesday 22nd April	School opens for Summer Term 1

## Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April	School opens for Summer Term 1
Thursday 1st May	FOSS Disco Y3/4 6:15pm and Y5/6 7:30pm (tbc)
Monday 5th May	Bank Holiday
12th-15th May	Year 6 SATs week
19th-23rd May	Year 3 Bellever Residential
Friday 23rd May	School closes for half term
Monday 2nd June	Non-Pupil Day
Tuesday 3rd June	School opens for Summer Term 2
2nd-13th June	Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check
9th-13th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Check
Thursday 12th June	R, Y1, Y2 Scooter Party from 3:30pm tbc
Friday 13th June	Cystic Fibrosis Day
Wednesday 18th June	Class Photos
Thursday 19th June	FOSS Outdoor Disco Y3/4 and Y5/6 tbc
Wednesday 25th June	9am R Y1 and Y2 Sports Day
Friday 27th June	Mufti for Summer Fair
Wednesday 2nd July	Y3 Y4 Y5 and Y6 Sports Day 9am
Thursday 3rd July	Nursery Summer Fun Day 1:45pm
Friday 4th July	FOSS Summer Fair tbc
Tuesday 15th July	MST UST to watch Performing Arts at TBGS (pm)
Wednesday 16th July	Performing Arts at TBGS (eve)
Tuesday 22nd July	Performing Arts at TBGS (eve)
Wednesday 23rd July	Open Evening and Y6 Leavers' Assembly
Thursday 24th July	Y6 Leavers' Party
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	Non-Pupil Day (no Hub)

\*\* All FOSS dates tbc pending the election of the new committee

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# WANTED!

## New Governors to join our Local Standards Board

Shiphay's Local Standards Board (LSB) is made up of Governors from all walks of life with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. They are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are an important link between the school and the community it serves.

### Why become a school governor?

- You will work with other members of our community who are committed to making Shiphay the best school it can be.
- You will share and apply skills and knowledge you already have, and learn new ones.
- You will have the opportunity to 'give back' to the school and the community it serves.

### Who we're looking for

The most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and education of the children it serves and a willingness to play an active part in the LSB's work. You may be someone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community
- an open and enquiring mind
- the ability to look at issues objectively
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements

### Time commitment

Time to spare for evening meetings (3 per year) and visits during the school day (min 3 per year) with some associated tasks between meetings.

### How do I apply?

Please download and complete the volunteer application form from the [governors' section](#) of the school website then post or email it for the attention of the Head of School, Mrs Kate Lee.

If you wish to ask any questions or discuss the nature of the role informally, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Kate Lee (Head of School) or Liz Guppy (Chair of LSB, [shiphaychair@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:shiphaychair@rivieraet.co.uk))



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[shiphayadmin@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:shiphayadmin@rivieraet.co.uk)



[www.shiphay.com](http://www.shiphay.com)

Shiphay Learning Academy  
Exe Hill  
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TQ2 7NF




# Trips and Enrichment Planner 2024/2025

As part of our aim to open doors for pupils and give them opportunities to see their learning in the real world, these are our proposed trips and enrichment visits for 2024/2025. Some are linked to the curriculum and some are linked to Riviera 70 opportunities. This list is not exhaustive as opportunities will arise during the year.

We know that the number and "size" of trips is not the same in every year group. However, across their time with us, children will have this full range of opportunities.

	Autumn	Spring	Summer	All Year groups
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Orchard Organic Farm - Mini Rangers</li> <li>Tiny Travels (Understanding the World)</li> <li>Regular visits to local parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Occombe Farm Trail (On the Farm)</li> <li>The Little Village People (People who Help us)</li> <li>National Beep Beep Day: Road Safety visit School Patrol Crossing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery Fun Day and Sports afternoon</li> <li>Beach Trip</li> <li>Buckfast Butterflies &amp; South Devon Steam Railway</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas entertainment as part of Christmas Fun Day</li> </ul>
Reception /Year 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasonal Change (R/Y1) - Visit to Cockington</li> <li>Reception Tiny Travels (Understanding the World)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reception Understanding the World Zoo Trip</li> <li>Seasonal Change (R/Y1) - Visit to Cockington</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Beach Trip(R/Y1)</li> <li>History - Percy Fawcett at Torquay Museum</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science Week (Spring Term)</li> <li>Trip to the beach</li> </ul>
Year 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography - Shiphay Walk</li> <li>Personal Development - Team from Recycling Centre</li> <li>Art - Beach Visit - Andy Goldsworthy</li> <li>RE - Church Visit</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History - Local History visit. How has Torquay Changed?</li> <li>Science - Occombe Farm. Habitats and microhabitats</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography - River Walk</li> <li>RE - Mosque Visit</li> <li>DT/English - Puppeteers linked to Fairy Tales</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RNLI assembly</li> <li>Torquay library assembly</li> </ul>
Year 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science - Beach trip. Rock hunt</li> <li>RE-ICE</li> <li>History Prehistoric Britain. Kents Cavern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History - Exeter Museum The Egyptians hands on workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bellever 3 day residential</li> <li>Science / Geography Geologist workshop in school</li> <li>DT - Fresha workshop - food tech</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPSSC assembly</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South America - Animal Encounters (in school)</li> <li>Geography South America - Eden Project, Rainforest Session</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra concert - Exeter</li> <li>Early Islamic Civilisations - Clive Pig, Storytelling Workshop (in school)</li> <li>Rainforests - Haldon Forest Rangers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography - Natural History Museum, Virtual Workshop</li> <li>Local History - Torquay Museum and Torre Abbey</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>South Devon College Sports Workshops (Y1-Y6)</li> <li>Inter Trust Sports (Y3-Y6)</li> </ul>
Year 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Citizenship - Houses of Parliament trip - London</li> <li>RE Islam - visitor in school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History Roman Baths - trip to Bath</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrichment visit - Torquay Academy</li> <li>Science - Planetarium virtual visit</li> <li>Children's Parliament</li> </ul>	
Year 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>English Agatha Christie Creative Writing Day at Torre Abbey</li> <li>Geography - Slapton Sands</li> <li>PGL 5 day residential</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History - Anglo Saxon Britain. Visit to Grimspound</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Paddleboarding and meal out as a class.</li> </ul>	





As a school and Trust, we have devised a list of 70 experiences that we believe children should, and will, have during their time at Shiphay. These experiences enhance the curriculum we offer.

Some of these experiences have been built into our curriculum and will link with some of the National Curriculum experiences. Others will be stand alone activities to enrich the children's learning.

We record these experiences in the class Personal Development books so that the children can look back on their memories as they move through school.



# Attendance

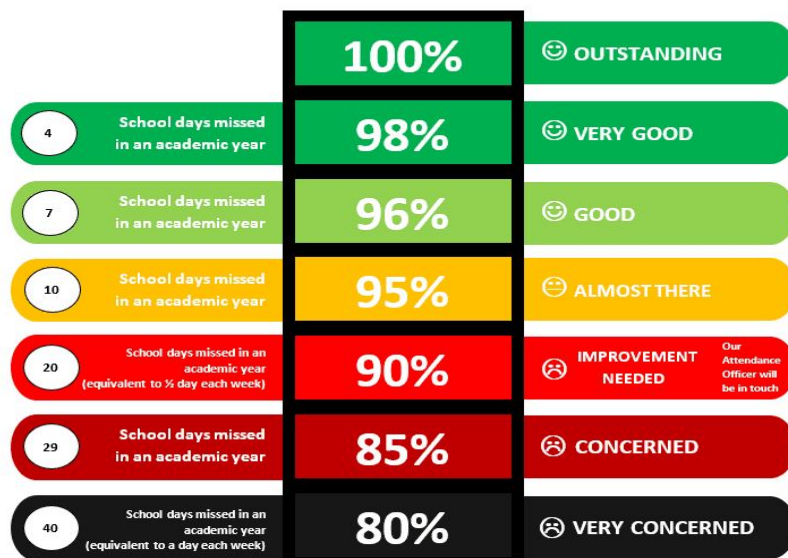
Research tells us that school attendance is vital to the life chances of children and young people. Attending school regularly improves health, wellbeing and social skills and maximises children's learning opportunities. Regular attendance is considered to be at least 96% and we strive for all pupils to have excellent attendance. We understand that since the Covid 19 pandemic, parents and carers may feel less confident about whether their child is well enough to send to school. Guidance from the NHS states that it is appropriate for children to attend school if they have general cold symptoms, such as a minor cough, runny nose or sore throat. Children should not attend school if they have a temperature of 38 or above. This guidance from the NHS gives more detailed information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Some children may miss school due to symptoms of anxiety. We know that worry and mild or moderate anxiety, whilst sometimes difficult emotions, can be a normal part of growing up for many children and young people. A prolonged period of absence from school is more likely to heighten a child's anxiety about attending in the future, rather than reduce it. If you are concerned about your child's mental health and wellbeing or any issues in school that are worrying them, please talk to the class teacher in the first instance. We have a Pastoral Team in school who can deliver programmes of support, including Therapeutic Play, Circle of Friends and trauma informed interventions. We also have our Family Support Worker, Emily Knill, and our Education Mental Health Practitioner Kirsty Brackley, both of whom are great sources of support for children and families.

If your child's attendance and/or punctuality becomes a concern, we may ask you to meet with our Attendance, Lead Karen Duke, and our Attendance and Welfare Officer so that support can be put in place to make rapid improvements.

## Attendance Ladder





# 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



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### Advice and guidance

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

# Term Dates



## SHIPHAY LEARNING ACADEMY

### TERM DATES

#### Autumn Term 2024 – July 2026

##### Spring Term 2025

###### **Non-pupil day**

Spring Term commences  
School closes for half term  
School Opens after half term  
School closes for Easter

###### **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025  
Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025

##### Summer Term 2025

School opens after Easter  
May Bank Holiday  
School closes for half term

###### **Non-pupil day**

School opens after half term  
School closes for Summer

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025  
Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025

###### **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025**

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2025  
Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

##### Autumn Term 2025

###### **Non-Pupil Day**

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Autumn Term commences  
School closes for half term

###### **Non-Pupil Day**

School Opens after half term  
School closes for Christmas

###### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**

###### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025  
Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2025

###### **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

##### Spring Term 2026

Spring Term commences  
School closes for half term  
School opens after half term  
School closes for Easter

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026

##### Summer Term 2026

School opens after Easter  
**May Bank Holiday**

School closes for half term

###### **Non-pupil day**

School opens after half term  
School closes for Summer

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026

###### **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2026

###### **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026  
Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2026

###### **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026**

# Uniform - Key Reminders

Please note the following points when you are purchasing uniform for September. A few things have slipped towards the end of this term and we aim for everyone to be Shiphay smart.

**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.

**Long hair must be tied back**

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

**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



## 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, skirt 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 plimsols
- 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 Information - Communication

We are all working together to achieve the best for the children, families and community members who make up the Shiphay family. Communication is an important part of this. Please see the information below:

## Communication - in person

Staff are always happy to meet with you in person.

- At the beginning of each day, class teachers and many of our TAs are in the classrooms ready to greet the children so it is not always possible for a teacher to come and speak to you. However, other members of staff are on duty at the school gate and can pass on a message for you. Alternatively, you can visit the school office and ask the Admin Team to pass on a message on your behalf.
- At the end of the day, class teachers may be able to stop and speak to you once they have dismissed all the children. If they can't speak to you there and then, they can offer you an alternative.
- If you'd like to make an appointment to speak to a member of staff and haven't been able to speak to them, please contact the office [shiphayadmin@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:shiphayadmin@rivieraet.co.uk)

## Communication - Seesaw

If you have not already signed up for Seesaw, please talk to your child's teacher.

We will use Seesaw to:

- send quick class/year group specific messages so you may miss out on information if you are not signed up
- post photographs of learning so you can have a window into their daily life in class.
- post a weekly update to let you know what homelearning has been set and what the learning focus for the following week will be

**If you do not have access to Seesaw, the risk is that you will miss out on important information.**

Parents can also send messages directly to the class teacher using Seesaw. This is the best way to share those quick messages that it is not always possible to share at drop off or pick up. You can also send photos of learning at home, which we would love to see.

Teachers are not expected to, nor are they always able to, reply straight away to any messages. They will also not be expected to reply outside their working hours e.g. evenings or weekends. During the school day, teachers are not able to monitor messages on Seesaw as they are busy teaching the children. Therefore, if you need to get urgent information to the teacher during the school day, please contact The Office

**Please do not use Seesaw for:**

**Absence Information.** If your child is going to be absent from school, this information should still be communicated via the absence line on each day of their absence (01803 613556)

**Raising concerns or making us aware of issues.** If you have concerns that you want to discuss with the senior leadership team, please contact The School Office using [shiphayadmin@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:shiphayadmin@rivieraet.co.uk). The Admin Team will then be able to pass your message on to the correct person

**Urgent messages that need to be read and actioned during the school day.** Please contact The School Office instead.

**Urgent messages out of school hours.** If something occurs in an evening or over a weekend and is too urgent to wait for the next school day, please contact Kate Lee (Head of School) [klee@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:klee@rivieraet.co.uk)

## Communication - Email

Messages that are sent out from The School Office are sent via our ScholarPack information system. These are sent via email. If you are not receiving messages from school, please let us know. It is also important to let us know if you have changed your email address or any other contact information.

## Communication - Website <https://www.shiphay.com/>

All newsletters and other letters that are sent out are also uploaded on to the website in [Parents/Communication](#). We hope that this helps parents to find information without having to trawl through past emails.

## Communication - Website for School Calendar <https://www.shiphay.com/>

On the front page of the website is the school calendar. If you click on "calendar dates" it will bring up the full month so you can see events that are planned.

# Important Information: How do I find out what my child will be learning this term?

- Go to our website [www.shiphay.com](http://www.shiphay.com)
- Under the “Children” tab you will find a section for each team.
- Click on the team your child is in (for example Lower School Team for N R and Y1).
- You will find information about the team and also a link to the Year group’s page.

Children
Lower School Team (N, R and Y1)
Middle School Team (Y2, Y3 and Y4)
Upper School Team (Y5 and Y6)
Clubs
Home learning
Reading for Pleasure



**Welcome to Lower School!**

Click on the icon to explore the year group or to see additional home schooling recommended sites

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Each Year group page has the same sections with lots of information for you to explore.

In the Curriculum Overview section, you will find:

- A Curriculum Overview for English and Maths
- The Knowledge Organisers for each subject

**Welcome to Year One!**




## Reading for Pleasure

The Reading for Pleasure Tab is another useful source of information for supporting the all important skills of reading.

**Curriculum Overview**

Home >> Children >> Middle School Team (Y2, Y3 and Y4) >> Year 3 >> Curriculum Overview

**Autumn Term**

- Year 3 transition booklet 24-25.pdf
- Year 3 Curriculum Information for Parents Core Subjects Autumn 2024.pdf

**Autumn Term Knowledge Organiser**

- Re Aut 2 - KO.pdf
- RE Aut 1 - KO.pdf



**Reading**

Each year group also has a “Reading” tab in their curriculum information. Here you will find the expectations for the year group, but also support for reading at home, ideas for top reads and other useful information.



South West School's Premiere



St. Cuthbert Mayne School  
Presents

Disney  
**FROZEN**  
THE WEST END MUSICAL

Music and Lyrics by  
Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez

Book by

Jennifer Lee

Originally directed on Broadway by

Michael Grandage

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed  
by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical  
Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre  
International(MTI) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by  
MTI

[www.mtishows.co.uk](http://www.mtishows.co.uk)

21st May -24th May @7pm

Matinee @ 2pm 24th May

**£10 adults and £6 students**

<https://www.st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk/school-performances/>





# EASTER HOLIDAYS FOOTBALL

APRIL 7TH - 16TH



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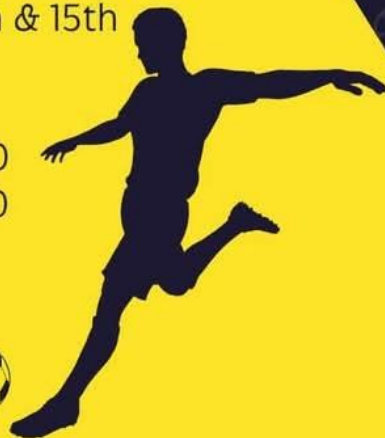
## TORQUAY ACADEMY

### April Dates:

7th, 8th, 9th, 14th, 15th & 16th  
Girls: 7th, 8th, 14th & 15th

### Times:

Youth: 9.30 - 15.00  
Minis: 10.00 - 15.00  
Girls: 9.30 - 15.00



### Cost:

£18.00



## SPIRES COLLEGE

### Date & Times:

11th April  
Youth: 9.30 - 15.00  
Minis: 10.00 - 15.00

### Cost:

£15.00

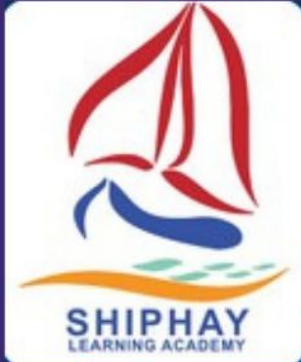


<https://torquay-united-cst.classforkids.io/>



[admin@tucst.co.uk](mailto:admin@tucst.co.uk)

# Spanish clubs at Shiphay Learning Academy



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

**3:15pm - 4:15pm**

**Monday for Reception, Year 1 & 2**

**Tuesday for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 FULLY BOOKED**

**Cost: £8.00 per session**

**Free access to 250+ online games**



**Half-termly bookings are  
available for new customers**

**patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk**

**To book please visit:**

**[www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/](http://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/)**

**"HALF TERMLY BOOKINGS ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR NEW CUSTOMERS"**

*Hola! My name is Patty from Kidslingo. We run the Spanish clubs at Shiphay Learning Academy on Mondays and Tuesdays after school.*

*I am delighted to let you know that now new customers can book a half-term instead of a full term if they wish. You just need to add a note at the time of booking.*

*To book please visit this link:*

*<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/>*

*Your little one will learn Spanish in a very fun way via songs, games, role play, movement and story telling. We love learning about other cultures too!*

*We use fun themes and props to make sure your little one has fun and get engaged. Online games and worksheets are included so your little one can continue learning at home.*

*Please let me know if you have any questions.*

*Gracias, Patty*