

# Shiphay Learning Academy Newsletter

24th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've reached the end of another year full of fantastic learning, extra curricular and wider opportunities for all our pupils. Everything we do is about opening doors for children and giving them chances to shine. When I look back through the year and all the fantastic opportunities the children have had, it makes me feel very proud indeed and very thankful to work with such a dedicated team.

At this time of year we bid farewell to a number of colleagues and thank them for their contributions to the Shiphay family:

- Now that Miss Waterson has returned from maternity leave, Mrs Lou Darvid will be leaving to take on a new role in the SEN team at a secondary school in Exeter.
- Miss Alex Pinggera leaves Year 3 to take up a role in another Torbay primary school.
- Mr Joe Giampaglia, Miss Katie McCooley-Hall, Mrs Carlie Moon, Mrs Jemma Needham and Mrs Linda Hickman all leave our TA team and we wish them all the very best in their next adventures.
- Miss Sarah Dollar leaves the TA team but will still be supporting pupils during lunchtimes.
- Miss Lucy Drohan leaves our leadership team to take up the post of Deputy Headteacher at Roselands.

As our Y6s head for secondary school, we also bid "au revoir" to the Class of 2025. We look forward to them returning to school in the future and telling us all about their successes.

This final newsletter has information about:

- Future dates
- Key reminders for September (uniform and food in school)
- New menu for Caterlink lunches
- Clubs Overview Autumn 2025 (clubs start from week 2)
- Trips and enrichment overview 2025/2026
- Summer reading challenge - sign up to keep those reading skills fresh throughout the Summer.
- Other important information

#### Autumn Term Clubs

These are all on the website [CLICK HERE](#). Please sign up on the Google Form if your child would like to join the club. Each club page has full details of times, locations and staff. Mr Ellis will be leading football club and will post information once he starts in September.

It just remains for me to wish you a very happy holiday. For some families, this is the end of their Shiphay journey. For others, we look forward to seeing you in September. Please remember that the first day of term for all pupils is Thursday 3rd September 2025.

Kate Lee (Head of School)

**Attendance this year**  
**95.6%**

(Nationally 94.5%)

**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?](#)



## Pre-Loved Uniform Shop


If your children have grown out of uniform items, we would be very grateful to receive them for the pre-loved shop. We need : logo polo shirts, logo sweatshirts/jackets, school trousers/shorts/skirts/skorts, Summer Dresses and PE tops and plain black shorts Please bring donations to the office anytime. Thank you for your support.

# Rocksteady Summer Gig 2025

Well done to our Rocksteady bands who entertained us on Friday afternoon. It was great to hear about the skills they have been working on and to hear the results of their hard work

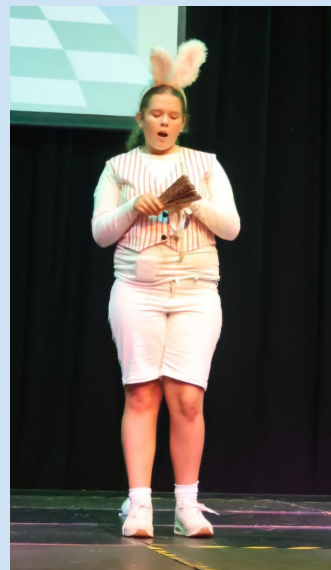


BOOK YOUR CHILD'S PLACE ONLINE



Rocksteady is open to all pupils from R to Y6. The children attend a weekly band practice and develop their skills ready for performances at the end of each term. If you are interested in finding out more, please see the flyer that was sent home with your child on Friday or see the information at the end of this newsletter

# News from around school



Performing Arts delighted audiences last week with their stellar performance of Alice The Musical.



# Term Dates

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



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

## 2025-26

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

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

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

# Important Dates

**As you will notice, some of the dates are still (tbc). We will be able to bring you an update in the Autumn Term and also give you the dates for the Spring and Summer Terms.**

## Autumn 2025

Tue 2nd and Wed 3rd September  
Thursday 4th September

Week beginning 15th September  
Tuesday 16th September  
Wed 17th / Thur 18th September  
Thursday 18th September

Thursday 25th September  
Mon 29th Sept-Fri3rd Oct

Tuesday 7th October  
Mon 6th-8th October  
Wednesday 8th October  
Friday 10th October  
Wednesday 15th October

Monday 20th October  
Tuesday 21st October  
Wednesday 22nd October  
Thursday 23rd October  
Friday 24th October

Monday 3rd November  
Tuesday 4th November  
Friday 7th November  
Tuesday 11th November  
Friday 14th November  
Friday 21st November  
Friday 28th November

Tuesday 9th December  
Wednesday 10th December  
Friday 12th December  
Monday 15th December  
Tuesday 16th December  
Wednesday 17th December  
Thursday 18th December  
Friday 19th December

Monday 5th January

Non Pupil Days  
Autumn Term Starts  
Welcome Week  
Autumn Term Clubs start  
Flu Vaccination  
Y6 to Torre Abbey - Agatha Christie Festival  
Bikeability Y3/Y4  
FOSS disco Y3/4 and Y5/6  
FOSS Scooter Party for R, Year 1 and Year 2 (tbc)  
Year 6 Residential - PGL Osmington Mills

School Photos  
Y5 Y6 Bikeability  
Y5 to London - House of Parliament  
Hello Yellow - wear yellow for well being  
PGL 2026 meeting for Y5 6pm  
Y6 Transition - info sharing for Y5/Y6 parents 6:45pm  
Y4 to TGGs to see Mary Poppins  
Parent Consultations  
Believer Residential meeting for Y3 parents 6pm  
Parent Consultations  
School closes for Half Term

Non Pupil Day  
School opens after half term  
Roselands Fireworks  
Year 3 Kents Cavern trip  
Children in Need  
Muffi for Christmas Fair  
Muffi for Christmas Fair  
FOSS Christmas Fair

R/Y1/Y2 Christmas Performance 5pm TBGS (tbc)  
KS2 Christmas Performance 6pm TBGS (tbc)  
Rocksteady Performance 2pm School Hall (tbc)  
Nursery Christmas Celebration 2pm  
Christmas Fun Day - R/Y1/Y2  
Christmas Fun Day Y3/Y4/Y5/Y6  
Rudolph Run - Christmas Jumper Day  
School closes for Christmas

School opens for Spring Term

# Important Dates

## INSITE Autumn 2025

During Autumn Term 1, we would like to offer you the opportunity to come into school to share your child's learning. The dates for the Autumn 2025 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.

<b>Year 3</b>	Tue 30th September
<b>Reception</b>	Wed 1st October
<b>Year 5</b>	Thur 2nd October
<b>Year 1/2</b>	Wed 8th October
<b>Nursery</b>	Thur 9th October
<b>Year 6</b>	Tues 14th October
<b>Year 4</b>	Thurs 13th November

## Celebration Assemblies Autumn Term ATerm

We love to share good news. When it is your child's celebration assembly, please send any trophies, certificates, awards etc they have received so that we can present these in assembly. This is a great way to celebrate their achievements and also inspire other children.

During Celebration Assemblies, the house captains give an update on house points, praise postcards are shared and the children who have received "Golden Phonecalls" get their certificates.

We also receive updates from our sports teams and children who have represented the school at different events.

Wed 10th Sept	Year 5 / Year 6
Wed 17th Sept	Year 3/Year 4
Wed 24th Sept	Reception/Year 1 / Year 2
Wed 8th Oct	Year 5 / Year 6
Wed 15th Oct	Year 3/Year 4
Wed 22nd Oct	Reception/Year 1/ Year 2

Wed 5th Nov	Year 5 / Year 6
Wed 12th Nov	Year 3/Year 4
Wed 19th Nov	Reception/Year 1/Year 2
Wed 26th Nov	Year 5 / Year 6
Wed 3rd Dec	Year 3/Year 4
Wed 3rd Dec	Reception/Year 1/Year 2

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 home to share this good news. These phone calls are usually done on a Friday after school and are the best part of my week!

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

## Golden Phonecalls



# Food in school - Key Reminders ahead of September

A few things have slipped towards the end of this term and so I wanted to send these key reminders:

**Snacks for breaktime - these should be pieces of fresh fruit or veg only.** Recently we have seen a huge range of different snacks being brought in, including sweets and chocolate. If you would like to send your child with a snack for breaktime, this should be fresh fruit or veg only. This doesn't include boxes of raisins, fruit winders or fruit yoghurt. To keep it simple and clear, breaktime snacks should only be pieces of fresh fruit or veg.

## Lunch boxes - please follow these guidelines:

- **No whole nuts** - we do have children with severe allergies. Please do not send anything with whole nuts (this includes peanut butter). Of course, it is very hard to avoid products that say "may contain nuts". These are fine. We simply ask you to refrain from sending anything with whole nuts.
- **Please cut grapes lengthwise** - this is especially important for younger children as a whole grape could easily become lodged in their throat
- **Please no snacks like popcorn for younger children** - snacks that are of a size that could become lodged in a child's throat should be avoided
- **No sweets or lollipops** - please do not send sweets in your child's lunchbox
- **No swapping** - it is lovely when the children want to share with each other. However, due to allergies and different parents' wishes, we discourage this.

**Water Bottles in school** - please make sure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day. We prefer children to have water in their bottles but, because we know how important it is for children to be well hydrated, weak squash is also acceptable.

Your child's water bottle will be stored centrally in the classroom. Children are prompted to have a drink before and after break and lunch. During lesson time, they can access their water bottle during activity time but not while an adult is teaching or leading a class discussion.

**Sweets and treats on birthdays** - we ask that children don't bring in sweets or treats to share with the class on their birthdays. This is for a range of reasons:

- Not all families can afford to buy treats for the whole class
- Not all parents would want their children to have sweets
- Some children have allergies and intolerances and so we have to be mindful of this. It can also be very upsetting for them if everyone else is tucking into something nice and they can't have it because of their allergy.



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Social Supermarket

Our social supermarket and community café is based at the rear of Victoria Park Methodist Church in Plainmoor. Open every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10am until 2pm.

Friday Social

Every Friday we have 2 groups that run. One is based at the Skills Centre and the other is from our Social Supermarket site in Plainmoor.

Holiday Meals

Through our social supermarket parents can sign up for 2 meal kits each week during the school holidays. Any parent who has children on free school meals is eligible.

Need some support? Talking Heads can help. Click [HERE](#)

# Lunch Menu

As you are aware, Caterlink will be providing our school lunches from September. The new menu is below. The menu will go live on Parent Pay towards the end of August so that you have time to order for the new term.



Spring Summer 2025		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> September 22 <sup>nd</sup> September 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Option One</b>	Macaroni Cheese	BBQ Chicken Pizza with Salads	Roasted Pork Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chefs Special Chicken and Chickpea Korma with Rice	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishcakes with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Spaghetti and Meatless balls	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	Apple Flapjack	Summer Lemon Cake	Fruit Platter	Chocolate Pinwheel Biscuit	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> September 29 <sup>th</sup> September 20 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Option One</b>	Barbecue Chicken with Rice	Pork Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese	Breaded Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Salads	Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Vegetable Soya Roast, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Chickpea Curry with Rice	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	Iced Vanilla Sponge	<b>NEW</b> Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Peaches and Ice Cream	Vanilla Shortbread
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> September 6 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>Option One</b>	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	<b>NEW</b> Green Thai Chick Curry with Rice	Roast Gammon, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Greek Macaroni Pastisio with Greek Salad and Tzatziki	Fishfingers and Chips
	<b>Option Two</b>	Classic Vegan Bolognese	<b>NEW</b> Chefs Special Five Bean Jollof Rice	Vegan Cottage Pie with Gravy	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Rice, Greek Salad and Tzatziki	Cheese and Red Pepper Frittata with Chips
	<b>Vegetables</b>	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	<b>Dessert</b>	Pear & Cocoa Upside Down Cake	Vanilla Yoghurt with toppings	Fruit Medley	Marble Sponge	Oaty Cookie
<b>MENU KEY</b>		Added Plant Protein	Wholemeal	Vegan	Chef's Special	
<b>Available Daily:</b> - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes or Baguettes with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection and Fresh Fruit				<b>ALLERGY INFORMATION:</b> 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.		

## Special Diet Lunches

If your child has an allergy, Caterlink will provide a personalised menu for them that is free of these allergens.

These will be sent out in September with information about how to order.

## 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.

# Uniform - Key Reminders

Please note the following points when you are purchasing uniform for September. There are a few things that slip from time to time and we want to make sure that everyone is 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. **These should be plain black and should not have large logos.**

**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). For clarity, small means no larger than the child's hand.

**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, 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 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.

# Clubs - Autumn 2025

The ethos at Shiphay Learning Academy is about opening doors for our children and ensuring that every pupil has a broad range of experiences and opportunities both within the curriculum and as part of our extra curricular programme.

Each year our talented teachers and TAs offer a range of exciting extra curricular clubs and share their expertise or interests with the children. In addition to this, we host a number of outside organisations who provide clubs for children to join.

The tables below give an overview of the clubs we are planning to offer during the Autumn Term. The children will also be consulted through Pupil Council to ensure that we are meeting as many of their interests as we can.

More detailed information about each club will be available on our website before the club begins <https://www.shiphay.com/clubs/>. At the beginning of the term, a letter will be sent out containing Google Form links and information about each club. These links will allow you to sign up for the clubs your child would like to join. For some clubs, numbers have to be limited due to health and safety or risk assessment constraints, but many are open to all. We ask that once a child has signed up for a club, you support us in ensuring that they commit to attending regularly.

**Monday**

- UST Librarians
- Colouring Club
- Netball

**Tuesday**

- Makaton
- Y1 & Y2 Lego club
- Latin
- STEM
- Football Girls' and Boys'
- Spanish Club KS2

**Wednesday**

- Spanish Club KS1
- Gymnastics Club Year 1&2
- Tag Rugby Y3/4

**Thursday**

- Reception Forest Club
- Puzzle and Brain Teasers Club
- Performing Arts
- Playground Games

**Friday**

- Saints Southwest Football

Autumn 2025						
<b>Mon</b>	<b>UST Librarians</b> 12:15 Kingfisher Mrs Lawton	<b>Colouring Club Y1/2</b> 3:15-4pm Butterfly Miss Idziak	<b>Netball Club Y3-Y6</b> 3:15-4:15pm Miss Prueff			
<b>Tues</b>	<b>Makaton Club Y1/2</b> 3:15-4pm Dragonfly Miss Sewell / Mrs Walters	<b>Spanish Club KS2</b> 3:15-4:15pm Chestnut Kidslingo	<b>Latin Club Y3-Y6</b> 3:15-4pm Robin Mrs Williams-Powell	<b>Stem Club Y5/6</b> 3:15-4:15pm Sycamore Mr Nutbeam	<b>Football Club Y5/Y6</b> 3:15-4:15pm Wk 1 Boys, Wk 2 Girls Mr Ellis	<b>Lego Club Y1/2</b> 3:15-4pm Ladybird Mrs Boot
<b>Wed</b>	<b>Tag Rugby Y3/4</b> Miss Sinar Field 3:15-4:15pm	<b>Gymnastics Y1/2</b> Mrs Waring Hall 3:15-4:15pm	<b>Spanish Club KS1</b> 3:15-4:15pm Butterfly Kidslingo			
<b>Thurs</b>	<b>Performing Arts</b> 3:15-4:30 Hall Miss Farmer	<b>Puzzles &amp; Brain Teasers Y3/4</b> 3:15-4:15 Heron Miss Newell	<b>Forest Club Reception</b> 3:15-4pm Forest Mr Dolman	<b>Playground Games Club Y1 / Y2</b> 3:15-4pm Ladybird Mrs Duke		

# Trips and Enrichment Planner 2024/2025 (draft)

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, during their time with us, children will have this full range of opportunities.

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	Autumn	Spring	Summer	All Year groups
Nursery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tiny Travels (Understanding the World)</li> <li>Regular visits to local parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas entertainment as part of Christmas Fun Day</li> </ul>
Reception	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seasonal Change - Visit to Cockington</li> <li>PWHU visitors</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Castle visit: Berry Pomeroy</li> <li>Seasonal Change - Visit to Cockington</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dartmoor-Summer- 1</li> <li>Ness Beach Trip- Summer 2</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Science Week (Spring Term)</li> <li>Trip to the beach</li> </ul>
Year 1/2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography - Shiphay Walk</li> <li>PD - Recycling Centre in school</li> <li>Art - Beach Visit - Andy Goldsworthy</li> <li>RE - Church Visit / ICE</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>History -Local History - How has Torquay Changed? Torre Abbey</li> <li>Science - Occombe Farm - Habitats</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 - RE-ICE</li> <li>Prehistoric Britain - Kents Cavern</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Egyptians - Exeter museum - hands on workshop -Train?</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bellever 3 day residential</li> <li>Geologist workshop in school</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NPSCC assembly</li> </ul>
Year 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography - South America Animal Encounters (in school workshop)</li> <li>History - Mayans Exe Chocolate (in school workshop)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Music - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra concert Exeter University</li> <li>Geography - South America Eden Project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Geography - Earthquakes Natural History Museum (virtual workshop)</li> <li>History - WW2 Brixham Battery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cuthbert Mayne Sports Workshops (Y1-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>Geography - SW Water Workshop</li> <li>History - Viking Workshop</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Enrichment visit - Torquay Academy</li> <li>Science - Planetarium virtual visit</li> <li>Citizenship - Children's Parliament</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inter Trust Sports (Y3-Y6)</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>	

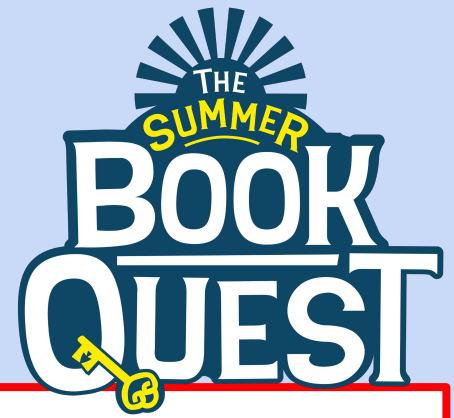


As a school and Trust, we have devised a list of 70 experiences that we believe children should, and will, have during their time at Shiphay. These experiences enhance the curriculum we offer.

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.





## The Summer Book Quest

This year Libraries Unlimited have come up with their own Summer Reading Challenge, called the **Summer Reading Quest**. It has an underwater theme and focuses on saving the planet.

The challenge is different and children are asked to set their own targets. Some of it is about reading, total books or minutes, sometimes just 10 mins here and there, going to leisure places like libraries. Plus there are lots of other activities in the free starter kit, so it appeals to children of all different abilities and with differing family setups and resources.

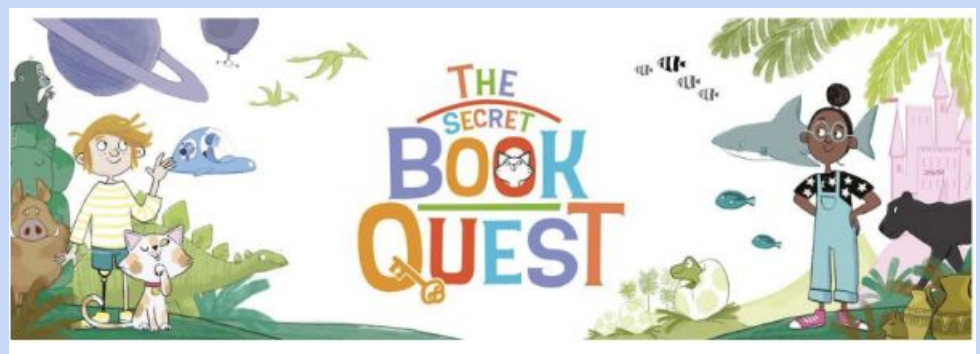
The illustrations are fantastic and instead of a medal this year there will be stickers, a certificate and a starfish ninja keyring. Torquay Library will also be adding their own prizes and a prize draw plus spot prizes for finishers. We will also have affordable events over Summer every day. **This Quest is completely free.**

Children aged 4-12 can take part in The Summer Book Quest, running July to September. Join Libro and friends on a new adventure; track your reading, enjoy visits to the library and complete special activities, then collect your medal and certificate!

Sign up at your local library in the summer holidays, complete fun activities and enjoy the stories you love to complete the challenge.

<https://www.librariesunlimited.org.uk/services/reading-challenges/>

The MORE  
that you read,  
the MORE things  
you will know.  
The MORE that you  
learn,  
the MORE places you'll go.



# Enjoy a Summer of Reading Fun

**Help your child continue their reading journey over the summer with the help of our fantastic reading resources.**

With the summer holidays just around the corner, we are looking forward to a well-earned break from school. For many children, the long summer break can lead to a reading 'dip', with some struggling with their reading when they return to school in September.

Below are some of our resources that will help your child to keep reading over the holidays and enjoy a summer of reading fun!

## Bug Club

Bug Club is so much more than just a reading programme. The enormous range of fiction, non-fiction and poetry texts, captures children's imagination and nurtures lifelong readers. Your child can access their Bug Club Account anytime and read allocated books from their library anytime throughout the year.

- [Bug Club Logon](#)
- [Bug Club Guide](#)



## Accelerated Reader

According to research, pupils who read at least 35 minutes a day with a 90% comprehension rate on Accelerated Reader quizzes see the greatest gains. During the Summer, your child can quiz on books they have read by logging in to Accelerated Reader:

- [Accelerated Reader Logon](#)
- [Accelerated Reader Guide](#)

## Rockerbox News (Y3-6)

Rockerbox News is a 100% non-fiction literacy improvement platform, bursting with levelled non-fiction articles to support, challenge, and inspire every learner, no matter their 'working at' level. Used in short, sharp bursts, Rockerbox News is proven to lead to significant improvements in attainment, literacy, comprehension, vocabulary, global awareness, and confidence.

Your child can access their Rockerbox News Account anytime throughout the year and read a vast range of interesting age-appropriate news articles.

- [Rockerbox News](#)



# Amazon Wish List - Thank you!

WOW! What an amazing selection of new books for our MST and UST libraries! Thank you so much to everyone who has donated. If you are able to support and would like to buy books from the wishlist, please see the information below.



## Amazon Wish List - 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 below or scan the QR Code:

[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1HM1R7ZA6TIF?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/1HM1R7ZA6TIF?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

# How do I find out what my child will be learning next 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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**Welcome to Year One!**


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

## 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.



# MUSIC LESSONS

## INSTRUMENTS

VIOLIN | SINGING | PIANO | FLUTE  
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20 Minutes - £12

ROSIE DAVIES

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## 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

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instruments provided and no  
experience necessary!

### Taught by professional musicians

Rocksteady band leaders are  
highly trained musicians who  
make learning music fun.

### Progress at their own pace

Your child can achieve an  
exam-free, Ofqual-regulated  
Trinity Music qualification!

### Have fun and learn by playing

Children work their way  
through a curriculum of up to  
300 musical skills.

### Much more than music

Improves wellbeing,  
confidence, social skills and  
academic achievement.

### End every term on a high note

Watch your child shine as  
they perform in their end of  
term concerts.

"He was shy in  
reception and is now  
completely different!"

Dana

"Seeing her perform  
unfazed in front of a  
large audience is not  
something I could've  
imagined before  
Rocksteady!"

Lola

"I had tears watching  
her perform. Amazing  
skills that will help her  
for the rest of her life."

Amita

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PLACE ONLINE



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# ROCK AND POP BAND LESSONS!



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- Exam-free, Ofqual-regulated Trinity Music qualification.
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# Funding opportunities for young musicians in Devon

Struggling with the costs of tuition?  
Need help to further your musical talent?  
Household income of less than £37,500?  
There could be financial support available.

For more info

Email: [hannah.stephenson@devon.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.stephenson@devon.gov.uk)

or scan the QR code and complete the contact form



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# Spanish Clubs at Shiphay Learning Academy


(New day for our Infant club)

**iHola!** Join our fun and interactive after-school Spanish clubs at Shiphay Learning Academy! Places are allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

Learning a language at a young age helps children grow in self-confidence and boosts their natural creativity. Plus, they can absorb a language effortlessly while having fun!

At Kidslingo, we are passionate about teaching Spanish to children through play. We love exploring different cultures and making language learning exciting with games, songs, actions, stories, and drama.


## Club Details

 1-hour sessions: 3:15 pm - 4:15 pm


- **Wednesdays** - Reception, Year 1 & Year 2
- **Tuesdays** - Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 (Only 1 space left!)

 Our Autumn Term starts on 9th September 2025.



 **£31.00 per child, per month.** There is 2% admin fee applied to price.

 Payments are collected monthly via Direct Debit at the beginning of each month, pro-rated from your joining date. You can cancel at any time.


 You can join at any time, subject to availability.

 Current customers: No action needed—your child has been automatically enrolled.

## Included:

-  Vocabulary sheets, worksheets, and reward certificates
-  Free access to our games site (250+ Spanish & French games)

## How to Enrol

 To secure your child's place, visit the link below and select Shiphay Learning Academy:  
<https://www.kidslingo.co.uk/area/teignbridge-s-hams-torbay/>

(Tip: Click Show Classes to view club details.)

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out!

Patty

## Spanish clubs at Shiphay Learning Academy



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

3:15pm - 4:15pm **Very limited spaces!**

Wednesday for Reception, Year 1 & 2  
Tuesday for Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Cost: £31.00 per child per month  
Free access to 250+ online games

 **New term starts 9<sup>th</sup> Sep**

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