



# Shiphay Learning Academy Newsletter

January 23rd 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are at the halfway point of the half term. As you will see from Seesaw and Facebook, it has been a packed 3 weeks with children benefiting from a range of learning experiences inside and outside school.

It was lovely to welcome Nursery families to our INSITE session this week. INSITE dates for the rest of school are at the bottom of this page for your information.

It has also been lovely to welcome Reception parents into Bumblebee to join in with the children's phonics learning. There are more sessions planned so please sign up if you would like to join us.

We seem to have had 3 weeks of terrible weather. We do try and get the children out for some fresh air and exercise even on wet or stormy days. Please ensure that your child has a coat in school every day.

The children might have told you that we are having a real spotlight on attendance. Each week the classes with the highest attendance will have an extra 5 mins break. There will also be rewards for the classes with the best attendance across the half term as well as individual rewards for children who have worked hard to improve their attendance. Page 2 has a spotlight on attendance and why it is so important. It is not just about us meeting our targets, it is about life chances for our children.

**Date for your diary - Wednesday 28th January - Governors monitoring visit.** The Governors will be on the gate at drop off if you'd like to talk to them.

It just remains for me to wish you a lovely weekend. Hopefully there will be some more settled weather so we can all enjoy the weekend!

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## Attendance this year

# 95.6%

This is below our 96% target but we have been hard hit with winter bugs and viruses - hopefully a healthier start to 2026

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?](#)

## Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....



You can now follow us on Instagram!

@shiphaylearningacademytq2



## INSITE Spring 2026

**Year 1/2**

Tue 27th January

**Year 5**

Fri 30th January

**Year 6**

Wed 4th February

**Reception**

Wed 11th February

**Year 4**

Thur 5th March

**Year 3**

Wed 11th March

# Spotlight on: Attendance



## What does good attendance look like?

We continue to maintain a robust focus on maximising attendance for all pupils. Our attendance across school currently stands at 95.6%; this is a great achievement but we are still keen to increase this percentage to at least 96% in line with the DfE expectation for attendance. As you can see from the table, every school day counts. Even 96% attendance is a full week of missed learning.

### Every School Day Counts!

Attendance	Impact on learning in the year	Outcome
<b>100% attendance</b>	0 days of learning missed	<b>Excellent attendance.</b> Best chance of success – well done!
<b>98% attendance</b>	4 days of learning missed	Very good attendance.
<b>96% attendance</b>	1 week of learning missed	Good attendance.
<b>95% attendance</b>	1 week 4 days of learning missed	Attendance needs to improve.
<b>94% attendance</b>	2 weeks 1 day of learning missed	Poor attendance – we're concerned.
<b>90% attendance</b>	3 weeks 4 days of learning missed	Classed by the government as <b>persistent absentee</b> – your child will be falling behind their peers.
<b>85% attendance</b>	5 weeks 3 days of learning missed That is the equivalent of Summer Term 1	You will be asked to sign a parenting contract and attend a meeting in school with our Attendance Improvement Officer. Your child will need intervention in school.
<b>80% attendance</b>	At least 7 weeks, 3 days of learning missed	You may be referred to Children's Services for neglect. Your child will be considerably behind their peers and it will be difficult for them to catch up without significant input from school and home.



## Why is good attendance so important?

Research tells us that one of the key factors influencing a child's academic and pastoral outcomes and their later life chances, is their school attendance.

Children who do not have consistent school attendance are far more likely to develop gaps in their knowledge and understanding, which can lead to them falling behind their peers and not meeting age-related expectations. The pace of lessons moves quickly and, if a child is frequently missing school, they will find it very hard to keep up with the learning that has been lost. This learning is not repeated when they return and this can mean key building blocks are missing.

We also know that frequent absences can have a negative impact on a child's social development; children who are frequently absent from school can find it hard to establish close friendships and they can miss out on important events.

# NSPCC Assemblies



As part of the NSPCC “Speak out. Stay safe” programme, pupils have been learning about the NSPCC through age-appropriate assemblies focused on staying safe.

For Early Years and KS1 The sessions shared simple, child-friendly messages, including the NSPCC’s **PANTS rule**, to help children understand body boundaries and who they can talk to if they are worried.

For Y3-Y6 the assemblies have reiterated the information about the PANTS rule, body boundaries and who they can talk to if they are worried. However, the children also learnt about what is meant by the term “abuse” and the importance of speaking out if they are worried about anything.

Our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils have also had a face to face workshop with facilitators from the NSPCC. This is part of our PSHE curriculum and all children will have the chance to join one of these workshops when they are in Y5 or Y6.

Children were also reminded about **Childline**, a free and confidential service for children and young people. They can call **Childline on 0800 1111**, anytime, day or night, if they are worried about anything.

Parents and carers can find out more about the NSPCC and access helpful resources by visiting the [NSPCC website](https://www.nspcc.org.uk).

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child’s class teacher or a member of the safeguarding team.

## Numbers Day - Friday 6th February

We will revisit the children’s learning about the NSPCC. This is a normal school day so normal uniform. During the day, the children will engage in some activities to celebrate maths and also reinforce important “Speak out. Stay safe” messages



We're proud to support the NSPCC's

Number Day 2026

Friday 6 February

# FOSS News



## KS2 DISCO

THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY

YEARS 3 & 4 - 5.15-6.15

YEARS 5 & 6 - 6.30-7.30

£1.50 (CASH ONLY) ON THE GATE  
PLEASE

DRINKS, SWEETS, SNACKS AND  
DISCO ITEMS AVAILABLE TO  
PURCHASE ON THE NIGHT FROM  
50P\*

Can you spare an hour to help  
at a FOSS event? Please email  
[foss@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:foss@rivieraet.co.uk)

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

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

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

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

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



Break the Rules Day -

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

Rules that can be broken:

No wearing own clothes

No crazy hair

No nail varnish

No temporary tattoos

No face paint or glitter

No unhealthy snacks

Do not bring teddies to school

Please remember to only break the listed rules!

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



Please see the "important"  
dates page for full details of all  
the FOSS events for the next 2  
terms.

Online  
Safety -  
Roblox  
Click  
here to  
find out  
more

## What Parents & Educators Need to Know about

# ROBLOX



### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Roblox is one of the most popular video games among children. In 2020, the game's developers claimed that more than half of the USA's children had played it. As a 'sandbox' title, the game lets players create their own gaming experiences with Roblox Studio to build custom levels, which can then be shared online.

#### ONLINE PLAY RISKS

Because Roblox connects random players across the world, it can put younger players into an environment with anonymous users who could use the platform for nefarious reasons. For example, some role-play games are used for online dates and mature role play, which could expose youngsters to inappropriate messages in the public chat box.

#### ANONYMOUS PLAYERS

The anonymity of users can leave players vulnerable to bullying, harassment, and predatory behaviour. Without the right parental controls or monitoring, users can connect with each other via personal messages or friend requests, and it is very difficult to know who's behind a username in this vast online world.

#### MATURE CONTENT

Content is difficult to moderate throughout Roblox, due to the number of games available. This is particularly notable on smaller games and experiences, but in summary some of the games and experiences offered on the platform contain age-inappropriate content that could easily be seen by young players.

#### RISK OF ADDICTION

Roblox games can feature rewarding or satisfying mechanics that keep players coming back – or persuade them to stay logged-in for much longer. Like most games, they focus on interactivity, with constant rewards via in-game unlocks and currencies, which can sometimes lead to an addictive need to remain online for long periods of time.

#### IN-GAME SPENDING

The majority of games within Roblox have extensive monetisation options, usually through season passes or microtransactions. Purchases can range in value from a few pennies up to much larger sums of money. While some games offer a lot of content via purchases, others can offer very little for real world money, causing younger players to end up out of pocket.

#### SCAMS

Many of the games on Roblox feature collectible items, pets, or characters. These objects, while digital, are worth a lot of real money on certain online markets. Scammers will attempt to trade with younger users in the hopes of getting rare items that can be sold for real money, manipulating the child into handing them over, usually via misleading information.

## Advice for Parents & Educators

#### MONITOR THE CONTENT

While Roblox does implement plenty of moderation tools and parental controls, it's up to parents and guardians to monitor the types of games a child or impressionable player is experiencing. If a youngster wants to play Roblox, be sure to check out which specific games they want to play within it, and get a good idea of their content.

#### PLAY TOGETHER

Consider playing Roblox with the children in your care. There are few more effective ways to see how monetisation works, gauge whether the game could lead to addictive behaviours, or even witness how interaction between players works, than sitting down and trying the game for yourself. This should help you figure out whether it's suitable for particular children.

#### TAKE ADVANTAGE OF TOOLS

Use the parental controls within the game itself and teach youngsters how to report and block other players. Knowing the powers within their reach will make Roblox a safer, happier experience. You can set age ranges for who's allowed to contact you, close public chat boxes, block spending, and even make your Roblox profile completely private. All these options are helpful in cutting off bad actors from engaging with children.

#### TEACH ONLINE BEHAVIOURS

Have an open conversation about the risks of online play and how to spend money wisely. By being honest and giving tips on how a younger user can protect themselves, you can empower them to not only take care of themselves, but others too. Any user can be reported to Roblox moderators by other players for behaving inappropriately. With this knowledge, younger players can be aware of what to look for and help prevent it.

#### Meet Our Expert

Dan Lipscombe is a videogame journalist and author of over 20 books on gaming, including books on Minecraft, Fortnite, Roblox, and more. For 15 years he has been writing about his passion for gaming. When he's not playing games, he's talking about them at GAMINGbible.



Whilst they can be a great way for friends to socialise, online games like Roblox that allow multiplayer gameplay with strangers are always fraught with a variety of dangers that can expose children to inappropriate or harmful content. Roblox enables people to play anonymously, which can often be something that attracts people to misuse the game and potentially put young people at risk of harm.

In addition to interacting with random strangers across the world, other factors such as in-game purchases and potential scams can also pose a financial risk. It's important that parents and educators remain aware of the risks associated with this popular title and how it can be used safely. This free guide – also available in podcast format – offers parents and educators expert advice on what can be done to ensure that young people have a safe and enjoyable experience with Roblox.

# Online Safety

## Online chat, multiplayer games, friend requests

**Online Safety Reminder:**  
**Platforms with chat functions**

**STAY SAFE ONLINE!**

Help keep your child safe while gaming on platforms with chat functions

- Only accept friends you know in real life** (Illustration: Smiley face icon and three children)
- Check who they're chatting with** (Illustration: Magnifying glass over a chat window)
- Use devices in shared family areas** (Illustration: Laptop on a table in a living room)
- Tell a trusted adult if worried** (Illustration: A boy talking to a woman)
- Talk about online grooming**  
**NEVER share personal info** (Illustration: A hooded figure with a gift box and a laptop)

**Set up controls & stay informed:**

**NSPCC**  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)

**UK Safer Internet Centre**  
[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

# Important Dates

## Spring 2026

*(some dates are still to be confirmed - final confirmation asap)*

Friday 23rd January	NSPCC assembly
Tuesday 27th January	Performing Arts to Young Voices
Wednesday 28th January	Local Standards Board (Governors) in school
Thursday 29th January	Y6 to RAMM Exeter "Time Odyssey"
Friday 30th January	Year 4 to Exeter - Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
<b>Tuesday 3rd February</b>	<b>5pm Bedtime stories for R/Y1/Y2</b>
Thursday 5th February	FOSS Disco Y3/4 5:15-6:15 and Y5/6 6:30-7:30
<b>Friday 6th February</b>	<b>Number Day - normal uniform</b>
Tuesday 10th February	Safer Internet Day
Tue 10th and Thur 12th February	Parents' Evenings
Friday 13th February	School closes for half term
Monday 23rd February	<b>FOSS Break the rules the day (see poster)</b>
Wednesday 4th March	School opens for Spring Term 2
Thursday 5th March	Year 4 trip to The Eden Project
9th-13th March	World Book Day - details to follow
w/c 9th March	Science Week
Thursday 12th March	FOSS Disco Y3/4 5:15-6:15 and Y5/6 6:30-7:30)
Wednesday 18th March	Year 3 visit to RAMM in Exeter
Friday 20th March	Comic Relief - Mufti
w/b 23rd March	Easter Assemblies at St Johns/ St Andrews Churches(tbc)
Thursday 26th March	Spring Concert
Thursday 2nd April	School closes for Easter
Monday 20th April	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.

<b>Nursery</b>	Wed 21st January
<b>Year 1/2</b>	Tue 27th January
<b>Year 5</b>	Fri 30th January
<b>Year 6</b>	Wed 4th February
<b>Reception</b>	Wed 11th February
<b>Year 4</b>	Thur 5th March
<b>Year 3</b>	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)

## Breastfeeding Masterclass

Expecting a baby? Join us for a relaxed, friendly session to learn all about breastfeeding. Partners, family and friends are all welcome. This masterclass covers the basics, top tips, comfortable positions and much more! Book via QR code.

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026  
10am - 12pm  
The Beehive, Paignton



## Ramble Club

Join us for an hour of wellbeing this month to make some time for yourself and connect with other local families!

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> January**  
Meet at 10am in Cary Park (the playground side), Torquay (Our first ever weekend session of Ramble Club).



## Torbay Portage Small Steps

Torbay Portage Service offers children and families with special educational needs an opportunity to attend a small toddler group.

**St Edmunds** - 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December (10:45am - 11:45am)

**The Beehive** - 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> December (1:30pm - 2:30pm)

## Community Pop Ups

Can't make it to a Hub? Don't worry! Abie and Gabbie (and the bears) will be out and about in December and welcome you to come along to for information, general support, signposting and vitamins.



**Monday 5<sup>th</sup>** - Bounce and Rhyme at Paignton Library (10am - 11:30am)

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup>** - Together Tots at Together Church (10am - 11am)

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup>** - Bounce and Rhyme at Torquay Library (10am - 10:45am)

**Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** - Bounce and Rhyme at Paignton Library (11am - 11:30am)

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>** - Baby and Toddler Group at St Andrew's Methodist Church (9:30am - 11:30am)

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Little Feet at Barton Baptist Church (9:30am - 11am)

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Busy Bees and Brixham Methodist Church (10am - 11:30am)

## Happy New Year!

Happy New Year from all of us here at the Torbay Family Hubs! We hope you have had a chance to rest, play and laugh during the festive period, and that January brings joy and hope to you all!

All three hubs will be open as normal from Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> January, with all our regular groups resuming on the week beginning Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January.

## Speech, Language and Communication Group

If your child has not received their 2 year, 3 month Developmental and you have concerns about their speech, language or communication, we'd love to invite you to join our Speech and Language Group session. These one-off sessions are led by Early Years Support Workers. They provide practical advice and guidance to help you support your child's speech, language and communication skills.

21<sup>st</sup> - St Edmunds - 10am - 11:30am  
22<sup>nd</sup> - The Barn - 10am - 11:30am  
29<sup>th</sup> - The Beehive - 1pm - 2:30pm



Book a place via the QR code.

## Feed and Nurture Group

We welcome parents from bump and beyond. Come & grab a drink & find out what the hubs have to offer for you and your family.

**Mondays 12.30-14.00**  
St Edmunds Family Hub, Victoria Park Road, Torquay, TQ1 3QH

**Wednesdays 10.30 - 12.00**  
The Barn, Brixham, TQ5 9DF  
**13.00 - 14.30**

No need to book - just turn up!

## Breastfeeding Welcome Scheme

As a parent, do you ever wonder what businesses are family friendly. Visit the map on our website to find the businesses who are part of the scheme.

Follow the QR code to find the map:



To add your business to the scheme, follow the QR code:



## In The Community.

**Every Saturday morning - Saturday Club**  
Brixham Library  
10 am - 12pm  
Free craft session with weekly changing theme.  
No need to book!

**Every Saturday morning - Saturday Club & Lego Club**  
Paignton Library  
10 am - 12pm  
Free Lego & Craft sessions.  
No need to book! Just turn up.

**Every Saturday afternoon - Saturday Club**  
Torquay Library  
2:30pm - 3:30pm  
Free unstaffed session with weekly changing theme.  
No need to book!

**Every day - Stay and Play**  
Torquay Library  
Dedicated play area with a range of toys, sensory equipment, ball pits and imagination toys. Suitable for toddlers and beyond.

**Every second Saturday of the month - Alive! Saturday Club**  
Barton Baptist Church  
4pm - 9pm  
Stay and Play session for babies, toddlers and pre-schoolers. £2 per family - Includes session activities and a meal.  
Book via the website.

**7th, 14th and 21st - Special Bounce & Rhyme with Book Trust Storytime.**  
Torquay Library  
11am - 11:45am  
Reading this year's Book Trust Storytime books and your children will get a matching sticker book and collect stickers every session. For the next 6 weeks.

**Second Thursday of the month - After School Art Club**  
4pm - 5:30pm.  
Get creative and learn new art techniques.  
£5 per child.  
Ages 4-16 years.

**13th, 20th and 27th - Little Owls Storytime**  
Paignton Library  
1:30pm  
Story and activities for under 4's.  
Call 01803 714460 to book.

## Understanding Your Child -

### Solihull Approach

10-week course starting on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January from 10am-12pm.  
A creche space is available.

We may cover topics including feelings, importance of play, effective communication, developmental needs, challenging behaviour & sleep.

Understanding Your Child is a course for all parents, grandparents and carers of children aged 6 months to 6 years.



Scan the QR code to book.

## Family Hub's Regular Sessions

### Torquay (St Edmunds)

Thriving Child (runs from Upton Church)  
Mondays, 10am-11:30am  
Well Baby Drop In Clinic  
Mondays, 9:30am - 11am

Feed & Nurture Group (led with our Peer Supporters)  
Mondays, 12:30pm-2pm

No Rush To Mush (during Feed & Nurture Group every 2nd Monday of the month)

Little Explorers (term time only)  
Thursdays, 10am-11:30am

### The Beehive (Paignton)

Feed & Nurture Group (led with our Peer Supporters)  
Wednesdays, 10:30am-12pm

No Rush To Mush (during Feed & Nurture Group every 2nd Wednesday of the month)

Well Baby Drop In Clinic (runs at Paignton Library)  
Wednesdays, 9:30am-11:30am

Thriving Child  
Wednesdays, 1pm-2:30pm

Little Explorers (term time only)  
Fridays, 9:45am-11:15am

### The Barn (Brixham)

Little Explorers (term time only)  
Wednesdays, 10am-11:30am

Feed & Nurture Group  
Wednesdays, 1pm-2:30pm

No Rush To Mush (during Developing Baby every 2nd Wednesday of the month)

Thriving Child  
Fridays, 10am-11:30am

Well Baby Drop In Clinic  
Fridays 9:30am - 11:30am

Head to the What's On page on our website to check out any other events that might be happening outside of our regular timetable.

Torquay  
St Edmunds  
Victoria Park Road  
TQ2 5SD



Brixham  
The Barn  
Brixham Enterprise Estate  
Rea Barn Road  
TQ5 9DF



Paignton  
The Beehive  
Bishop's Place  
TQ3 3DZ



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
<b>Mondays</b>						
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 Pruettt

<b>Tuesdays</b>						
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
<b>Wednesdays</b>						
Dance Club	Y1-Y6	Start 14 Jan Finish 25 Mar	3:15-4:15	Hall	30 in total	Theresa Bowden-Davies

<b>Thursdays</b>						
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

<b>Fridays</b>						
Saints Southwest						

# Uniform - Key Reminders

Please note the following points. 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, 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:

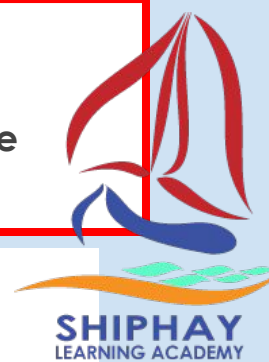
- One stud earring may be worn in each ear
- Watches may be worn
- Smart watches that can take photos are not permitted
- All earring and watches must be removed for PE

### Make Up:

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

# 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










































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<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

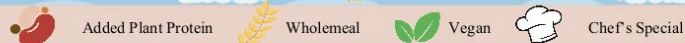
<b>Spring Term 2026</b>	First Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
	Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	Last day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
	Easter holidays	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026

<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

# Lunch Menu

Autumn Winter 2025 2026		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>WEEK ONE</b> 3/11/25 24/11/25 15/12/25 5/1/26 9/3/26 30/3/26	<b>Option One</b>	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice 	Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread 	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Biryani	Fishfingers or Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	Autumn Vegetable Lasagne 	Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges 	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	<b>NEW</b> BBQ Vegan Sausage Pasta with Garlic Bread 	Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and 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>	Syrup Sponge	<b>NEW</b> Apple Crumb Cake with Custard 	Fruit Medley 	Jelly with Mandarins 	Chocolate Shortbread
<b>WEEK TWO</b> 10/11/25 1/12/25 12/1/26 2/2/26 23/2/25 16/3/26	<b>Option One</b>	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
	<b>Option Two</b>	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice 	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese 		Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice 	Cheese Whirl with Chips and 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>	<b>NEW</b> Gingerbread Cookie 	Chocolate Brownie with Chocolate Sauce 	Fruit Salad 	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard 	Vanilla Shortbread 
<b>WEEK THREE</b> 17/11/25 8/12/25 19/1/26 9/2/26 2/3/26 23/3/26	<b>Option One</b>	Macaroni Cheese 	<b>NEW</b> Chicken Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges 	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chef's Special Chicken Korma with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	<b>Option Two</b>	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
	<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>	Comflake Tart 	Pear Crumble with Custard 	Fruit Salad 	<b>NEW</b> Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard 	Oaty Cookie

## MENU KEY



**Available Daily:** - Freshly cooked jacket potatoes or Oven Baked Baguette with a choice of fillings - Bread freshly baked on site daily- Daily salad selection – Fresh Fruit and Yoghurt

## ALLERGY INFORMATION:

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

## Packed Lunches

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

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

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

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



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## Music Lessons in School

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

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

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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

## Group Lessons for Clarinet

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

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

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

Is your child moving up to secondary school in September?

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

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

**Venue:** Paignton Academy

**Date:** Monday 10th – Friday 14th August 2026

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

Escape rooms

CSI investigations

Martial arts\*

Cooking

Arts and crafts

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

*Glow-in-the-dark dodgeball\**

*CPR and defibrillator training*

*Classroom games*

*Sport and much more...*

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

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

Watch our short highlights video here:

[Traitors Themed Day](#)

[The Big Step in Action](#)

# Spanish club at Shiphay Learning Academy



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

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

**For Year 3, 4, 5 & 6 (4 spaces left)**

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**New term starts 6<sup>th</sup> Jan**

[patty.rojas@kidslingo.co.uk](mailto: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/)

# ***Autism Clubs Are Back For 2026***



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

**5.30pm - 7pm**

**Wednesday's: Indigos Play & Ecology Centre,  
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**Thursdays: Mayfield School, Moor Lane,  
Watcombe, Torquay, TQ2 8NH**

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

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



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Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Devon FA, Newton abbot

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

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college

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Paignton Academy

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