



# Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 24th July 2025

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## Weekly Attendance

**Whole School 94.67%**

### Top Class Attendance

1st - Churston - 97.7%

2nd - Beacon Cove - 96.79%

3rd - Meadfoot - 96.72%

Shells - 94.65%

Broadsands - 95.24%

Goodrington Sands - 89.41%

Hollicombe Beach - 90.47%

Livermead Sands - 93.53%

Torre Abbey Sands - 95.81%

Fairy Cove - 95.24%

Oyster Cove - 94.83%

Saltern Cove - 95.79%

Babbacombe Beach - 96.21%

Oddicombe Beach - 95.6%

Ansteys Cove - 90.87%

Hope Cove - 92.11%

Elberry Cove - 91.93%

Fishcombe Cove - 93.56%

Berry Head - 95.67%

Breakwater Beach - 93.65%

Shoalstone Beach - 91.24%

St Mary's Bay - 91.67%

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

## Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

What an incredible year at Oldway! A whole year has passed since our very successful Ofsted visit and we are delighted that school improvement has remained firmly at the heart of all we do. This year's national results are incredible and we are fully committed to making sure that each child has the best possible offer. Every area of school life is regularly reviewed and actions are created to make Oldway even better. There will be changes in September in many areas - a new project 'Classroom Excellence' to further improve every child's daily classroom experience; an improved swimming offer which will include all pupils from Nursery to Y6 and will make the best use of our outstanding swimming facilities; an improved performing arts offer - if you were lucky enough to see our Y6 production of 'Peter Pan', you will have seen the exceptional standard we achieved this year; an improved SEND offer with more specialist provision and a wider team; a sports offer that brings us considerable success in competitions throughout the bay and a 'Personal Development' offer that grows every month as we make greater connections with our community. We're very excited about the next year at Oldway!

I wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming you back on Thursday 4th September.

Emma Bamber (Head of School)



## School Opening Times

The school gates are now open at the following times:

Morning opening times: 8:30 - 8:45

Morning registration: 8:45

Afternoon opening times: 3:10 - 3:30

Please be aware that the staff car park is closed to anyone apart from disabled badge holders from 8:00 - 3:30.

# Exceptional Data!

At Oldway, we are passionate about standards. We are so delighted with our GLD, Phonics and KS2 data. The government has a focus on a 'good start' next year and we can definitely say that Oldway children get the best start!

We are unbelievably proud that every single year 1 child passed the phonics screening check. Our children, staff and parents worked incredibly hard with RWI to achieve this result. The year 1 children and staff were all treated to a celebratory ice lolly in the sun as a well deserved reward for all their hard work.

Phonics screening check  
**100%** passed in Year 1!



National average 80%



# Celebrating success!

**100%**

of Year 1 children passed the Phonics Screening check

These **OUTSTANDING** results mean that we are in the top 5% in the country!

**85%**

of Reception children achieved GLD (Good Level of Development)

This is **SIGNIFICANTLY ABOVE** the national average of 68%!

## KS2 SATS results\*

We're happy to report that these have been **OUR BEST** 'Greater Depth' scores in recent years!

READING	Expected Standard: 71%	Greater Depth: 30%
WRITING	Expected Standard: 77%	Greater Depth: 14%
MATHS	Expected Standard: 77%	Greater Depth: 25%
COMBINED	Expected Standard: 65%	Greater Depth: 11%

- **Expected Standard:** working at the expected standard for a child at the end of year 6
- **Greater Depth:** working at a greater depth within the expected standard, with a strong understanding of the curriculum

*\*unvalidated data*



## Swimming at Oldway

We are so proud of our swimming offer at Oldway. Our children are very lucky to have this amazing facility and we are now able to offer swimming to all of our children from Nursery to Y6. Tell your friends - they might want their children to come and join us!

### Swimming at Oldway



- **Nursery** - *Stay and Splash* sessions with parents
- **Reception** - Small group swimming sessions
- **Y1 - Y4**: All children have weekly swimming lessons for half of the year and are taught by our specialist swimming team
- **Y5/6**: A tailored swimming offer to ensure all children reach the National Curriculum standard
- **Y6**: A new *Rescue Skills* programme for those children who have reached the required swimming standard in order to prepare them for living near the sea



# Oldway Staffing News



We welcome Jed Turner to our staff.

Hello! My name is Mr Turner and I'm really excited to be joining the hardworking team at Oldway Primary School this September. I've been teaching for four years and, having lived in Torbay all my life, I know just how much fantastic work Oldway does for its children. I'm thrilled to now be a part of that. I have a real passion for teaching and love building strong relationships with the children I work with. I'm a big sports fan, who loves football and golf (Chelsea!). I have a passion for movies and books, so I'm always ready for whatever conversations the children throw at me! I can't wait to get started and look forward to becoming a part of the Oldway community.



We also welcome back several familiar faces. Alex Fortune is a familiar face at Oldway. Alex has been working at Roseland, another of our trust schools, but returns to Oldway in September as part of our Y6 team. Welcome back, Alex.

We also have two staff - Sally Harman and Sasha Powell - returning from maternity leave. Welcome back to the Oldway Team!



# Oldway Staffing News



We have several staff moving on this year and we wish them well in their next ventures.

We say goodbye to Lynn Oliver who has worked as our SENDCo. We wish her well in her retirement. Laura Bateman will remain as our SENDCo at Oldway.

Cloe Freer (Y4 teacher) is moving to Thailand to teach - we hope you have a great time.

Sarah Pugsley, a long serving staff member of the trust, is leaving to focus on her young family. We thank Sarah for her years of service in the trust and wish her well.

Many of you will also know Lou David. Lou has championed performing arts at Oldway for many years but has more recently worked as a SENDCo at Shiphay school. Lou is moving on to a SEND role in another school and we wish her well.

We also say goodbye to the following people and thank them for their commitment to our children. They have fulfilled a variety of roles at Oldway and are moving on to pastures new!

Kate Tribble, Amber White, Jasmine Butt, Toni Chayata, Holly Wilson, Sam Aplin, Max Deng and Lucinda Parker. Good luck for the future!

# Allergies & Healthy Eating



We would like to remind all families that our school is a *nut aware* environment.

Due to the presence of students with severe nut allergies, we kindly ask that you **do not send any nuts or nut-based products** (including peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars containing nuts, etc.) in your child's lunchbox or snacks.

Even small traces of nuts can trigger life-threatening allergic reactions. By working together, we can help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.



## Healthy Breaktime Snacks

We kindly remind you to provide your child with a healthy snack for break time each day. We encourage snacks such as fresh fruit, vegetables, rice cakes, or plain crackers.

**Please do not send any snacks containing nuts**, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies.

Thank you for your support in promoting a healthy eating habits for our pupils, Research consistently shows that providing nutritious snacks positively influences students' academic performance, behavior, and overall well-being.

# SEND

The provision for our SEND pupils is a top priority at Oldway. We work closely with outside agencies, with our Educational Psychologist and will local providers of specialist provision, such as Mayfield and Chestnut.

In September, we will be opening two SEND hubs to meet the needs of our pupils and are very much looking forward to this additional provision.

Next year we are involved with two local projects - PINS & SLCN Locality model. This will provide further professional development for all staff in school as well as support for parents - look out for the coffee and biscuits events.

We are also partnering with Brunel academy who have expertise in SEMH (Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs). Brunel will provide professional support to our SEND team to enable us to better meet the needs of our pupils.

## MHST/ INCLUSION TEAM

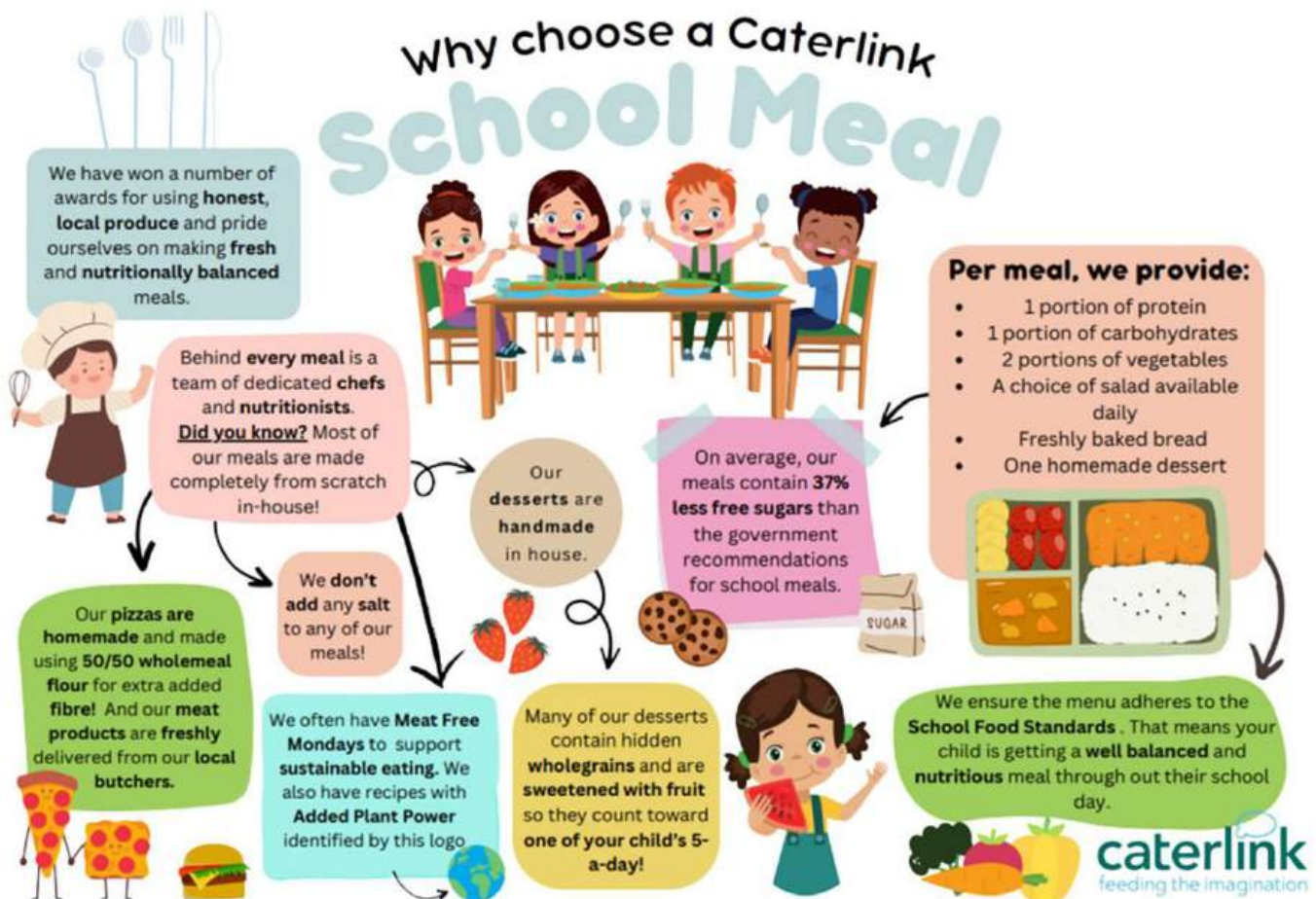
All of the adults in school and have had Trauma Informed Schools UK training, We have four ELSA trained adults in school, a trauma informed practitioner and will provide attachment lead training this academic year to further develop our inclusion offer.



# INTRODUCING

**caterlink**  
feeding the imagination

We listened to your feedback and we're pleased to let you know that from September 2025, we will be working with **Caterlink** to provide freshly-made school meals on site.



We will be in touch shortly to let you know how you can book your child's meals through ParentPay. Menus will be available on the school website before the end of term.

# Oldway School Uniform

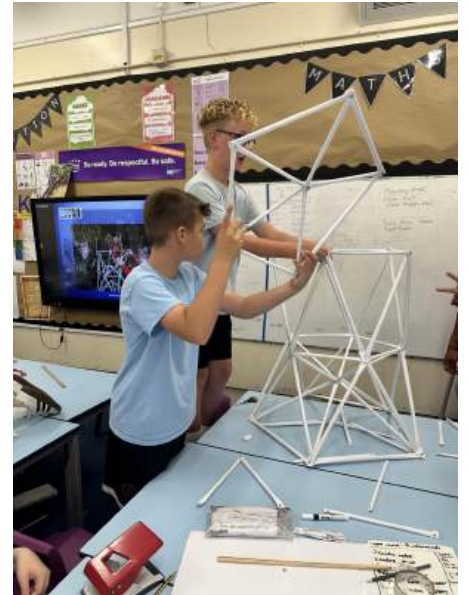
Please see our school uniform detailed below. You can purchase items school uniform with the school logo from [Riviera School Days](#) and we also promote unbranded school items from local supermarkets.

Winter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Navy V-neck jumper/sweatshirt/ cardigan</li><li>● Charcoal grey or black trousers/ skirt/ pinafore dress</li><li>● Light blue short sleeved polo shirt</li></ul>
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Navy V-neck jumper/sweatshirt/ cardigan</li><li>● Charcoal grey or black trousers/ shorts or skirt/ pinafore dress</li><li>● Light blue short sleeved polo shirt</li><li>● Blue gingham dress</li></ul>
Sports kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Light blue PE shirt available</li><li>● Navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings</li><li>● Trainers (not plimsolls)</li></ul> <p><b>On PE days, we would like children to still wear an Oldway jumper or cardigan. We recommend that the children wear tracksuit bottoms/ leggings in the winter months. We request that children DON'T wear a tracksuit top.</b></p>



# Year 6 Engineers

Year 6 had the chance to take part in a whole day of engineering led by the Institution of Structural Engineers (StructE). The children were challenged to design and build their own Paignton Tower. Throughout the day, we built scaled towers to represent designs using paper. Amazingly, many of these towers supported 2kg weights! What a fantastic opportunity for our Year 6 pupils.





## Admissions 2026: School tours for prospective parents

Thursdays from 9.00 - 10.00am

- September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>
- October: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>

**Limited spaces - book now**

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Education  
Trust



## National Gymnastics Finals!

Congratulations to Qiao Qiao, who came second on beam in the National Gymnastic Finals, representing the South West. What a fantastic achievement



## Stoke Gabriel Police Football Club

We are very proud of Mia, who has been selected to play for Stoke Gabriel Police FC U12/U13 girls' team. Well done Mia!!



# Peter Pan Performances

Wow! Year 6 delivered two spectacular performances of 'Peter Pan' last week; Team Lost Boys on Tuesday and Team Pirates on Thursday. The singing, acting, set, music and audience were all amazing. We were blown away by both performances. We are very proud of every single pupil who took part. What a way to finish their Oldway journey!





# School Council Lunch

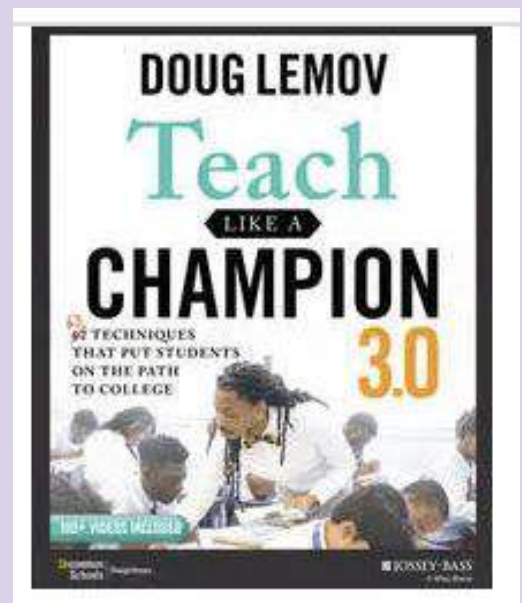
We celebrated the work of our school council last week with a pizza party. They were joined by Mrs Bamber, Mr Hallett and Mrs Ross (chair of governors) who enjoyed reflecting on all their hard work over the year. You have all been superstars.



# Classroom Excellence

School improvement is at the heart of all we do. Our Senior Leadership Team, alongside the leaders of Riviera Education Trust and the other trust schools, are constantly seeking to improve the offer for Riviera pupils.

In September, we will launch our 'Classroom Excellence' programme to further develop our offer in the classroom and to ensure that we have greater consistencies across the school. Many of the principles for 'Classroom Excellence' will be based on Doug Lemov's 'Teach like a champion' approach. We are looking forward to developing this programme and implementing it in the classroom.



# Beach Trips

As part of our 'Riviera 70' personal development offer, all of our children visit a local beach. The children enjoyed exploring our beautiful coastline.



# New Nursery Stay and Play

Our new nursery children had an amazing time during the Stay and Play session on the Gruffalo Trail in our Oldway Wild Learning area. This was our fourth Stay and Play session this term, and it's been wonderful to see the children exploring, playing, and making new friends. We're very much looking forward to welcoming them all properly when they start in September!



# Landscapes of Antarctica

This half term in writing, Year 5 have been exploring global biomes, with a focus on the frozen landscapes of Antarctica. They have created beautiful watercolour paintings of birds from different biomes, inspired by the artist Jackie Morris. They also produced striking mixed media artwork capturing the dramatic scenery and wildlife of Antarctica. Their creativity and talent have been truly impressive!



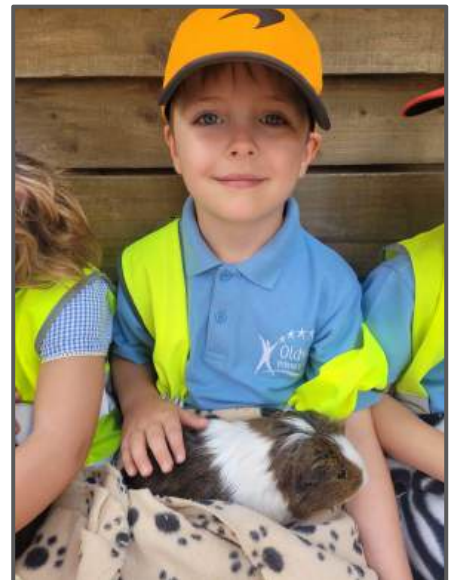
# Year 1 Nature Exploration

Year 1 had a fantastic time at Dawlish Warren Nature Reserve. They explored with nets, discovered insects, went pond dipping, and bug hunted in the woods. A brilliant day of hands on learning, linking perfectly to our science topic on animals and their characteristics. The ranger commended the children on their exceptional behaviour.



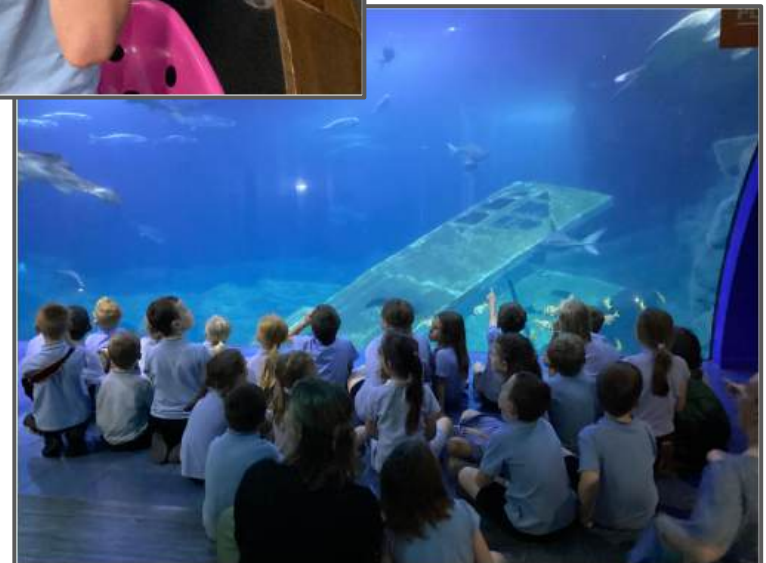
# EYFS Animal Adventures

There were plenty of smiles from our EYFS children during their recent visit to the Totnes Rare Breeds Farm. The children had the opportunity to meet lots of animals and were even able to have a cuddle with some of them. We all had a wonderful time.



# Year 2 'Under the Sea'

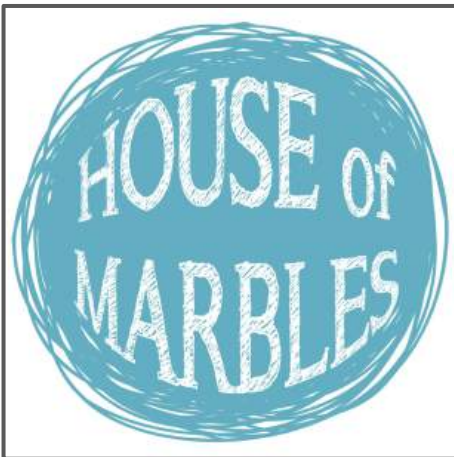
Year 2 had an amazing trip to Plymouth Aquarium. As well as having time to explore the incredible sea life, we also had the opportunity to take part in some fascinating workshops. We learnt about what could be found inside a whale's stomach and even got to handle real animal artefacts.



# Super Supporters

## OSF Summer Fair

The OSF raised an incredible £4,200 this year's Summer Fair. A huge you to each and every one of you who made this possible. What a fantastic pot of money to make sure all of our children have some great experiences.



## House of Marbles

We have been lucky enough to receive three large boxes of new toys, including marble runs, dancing ribbon wands, harmonicas, skipping ropes and 'squisho'sauruses' for a special reduced cost to schools. We look forward to seeing the children using these fantastic resources.

## Rotary Club of Preston

A heartfelt thank you to the Rotary Club of Preston for a donation of £200 towards books. We purchased this set of recommended reads. The children are absolutely delighted, and we are truly grateful for your generosity. We can't wait to dive into these stories and start exploring the new adventures together.



## Ice Lollies with the Head

Congratulations to all these pupils who were awarded an 'Ice Lolly with the Head'. We are incredibly proud of these children and hearing about the reasons they were chosen makes us smile.



## Golden Phone Calls

We're very proud of all our children who receive golden phone calls. Every fortnight, teachers nominate a pupil and write a lovely message for Mrs Bamber to share with their family. Golden phone calls celebrate children who uphold the Oldway Values - aspiration, responsibility and kindness.

Making the phone calls is the highlight of Mrs Bamber's week.



# Plastic Fantastic

In a recent visit to TBGS, some of our Year 4 pupils enjoyed the final workshop in a series, entitled 'Plastic Fantastic!' In chemistry, they enjoyed making slime. In computing, they used Scratch programming to design shapes. Later, in technology, the children learned how to recycle polymers and loved getting to use the CAD/CAM equipment to 3D print their designs to make key chains. Huge thanks to Torquay Boys' Grammar School for giving us these amazing opportunities.



# Churston Workshops

Some of our Year 5 pupils have visited Churston Grammar School this term to take part in their fantastic workshop. The first visit focused on French, German and Spanish and was delivered by Churston's Year 9 pupils. The second trip was run by Year 12 and the workshops focused on English and Science. Both days included a range of games and fun quizzes with plenty of opportunities to learn through problem solving and fun. Thank you Churston for inviting us to take part in these exciting workshops.



# Performing Arts at Oldway

Mrs Scott



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## What a year

This year has been an exciting year for Performing Arts at Oldway. From performing with the Young Voices choir in Birmingham to a fantastic Year 6 production, the children have shown great enthusiasm and showmanship and have really demonstrated their theatrical skills!

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## What's next?

Next year we will be expanding our Performing Arts offer whilst refining the experiences we will provide for the children. We will be launching the Oldway School Choir - a year round opportunity for children to represent the school at local events. We will continue to offer Drama club with Mrs Scott and Mrs Layland and there will even be a dance and singing club in the Summer term - Beat Squad! Blossoms will continue to offer private music tuition - please don't forget that group lessons are a great way to bring down the cost of lessons and also boost children's confidence. Please contact Blossoms for more information.

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## Watch This Space!

### Autumn Term

Young Voices Choir with Mrs Rendell (Years 4/5/6)

Drama Club with Mrs Scott and Mrs Layland (KS2)

### Spring Term

Oldway School Choir (KS2)

Drama Club (KS2)

### Summer Term

Oldway School Choir (KS2)

Drama Club (KS2)

Beat Squad with Miss Collis (KS2)

# How do I access help from Torbay Food Alliance?

**We cannot take referrals through social media - if you need help with food please do not message us through Facebook as this will only delay you getting the help you need.**

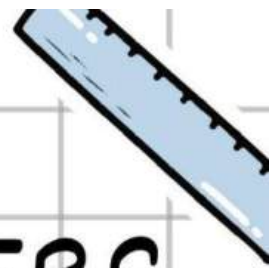
You can request help by calling the Torbay Community Helpline on

**01803 446022**

The Helpline is open 10am - 1pm and 3pm - 6pm Monday to Friday and 11.30 am - 12.30pm on Saturdays.

If you cannot phone, you can complete the online form at [bit.ly/torbayhelpline](https://bit.ly/torbayhelpline) and they will call you back

If you have a question about anything else, or just want to keep up to date with news, you can message, like and follow us on Facebook - simply click the Facebook logo on the menu above. Please note that our Facebook page is run by volunteers, so we may not always be able to reply straight away.



# Y6 PARENTS/CARERS

*You are invited to an online workshop:*

## SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITION

DATE - TUESDAY 5TH AUGUST 2025

TIME - 15:45 - 16:45

ONLINE VIA TEAMS *(joining code below)*

*Discuss the  
common  
secondary  
transition  
concerns.*

*Helpful tips to  
support your  
child's mental  
health during the  
transition.*

*Explore signs and  
reasons for  
worries about  
change.*

*Microsoft Teams*

*Meeting ID: 379 847 996 671 5*

*Passcode: Ge3FE33U*



*Join us online*





# Come along to a Peep group



Peep is a fun and friendly free group for parents and carers with children 0-5 years, where we share ideas and activities that support your child's talking and development through play and everyday life.

Get to know other families while finding out how the things you do at home boost your child's confidence and brain development.



Scan QR code  
to watch video

Come and meet us with your children 0-5 years every  
Wednesday morning 10-12 from the 30<sup>th</sup> of July:

The Windmill Centre Pendennis Road Torquay

For more information Contact

Kate Smith 07919 218400

Annette Smith 07741 296518

[www.people.org.uk/parents-area](http://www.people.org.uk/parents-area)

Supporting parents and children to learn together

peep

# Upcoming Events

July  
**12**

## Under the sea party

Come and sign up to our Summer Bookquest. Games, music & crafts. Fancy dress encouraged all ages welcome. 10-11.30 £2 per child. Pre-book book from 19/06

July  
**15**

## Look, there's a submarine!

Come with us on an underwater submarine adventure full of sensory fun. Aimed at Babies - 4yrs 10.30-11.30 pre-book. £2 per family.

July  
**22**

## Seaside Adventurers

Explore the world of rockpools with the Seaside Adventurers. 10.30 Free, pre-book from 08/07

July  
**28**

## Stop Motion Workshop

Create your own sea creature and learn how to bring them to life using stop motion. Two session 10.30 5-8 years & 13.30 9-13 years £4 per child. Pre-book from 19/06.

August  
**05**

## Make a story workshop

An interactive fun workshop to help you create your own stories through games, pictures and much more. £1.50. Pre-book from 22/07

August  
**07**

## Fun Science

Explore water pressure, discover how fish breathe and make your very own Ocean in a pot to take home!! 2pm £2.50 per child pre book from 24/07.

Call, come in or go to Eventbrite\* to book 01803 714460  
Eventbrite booking on certain events only.



# Upcoming Events

August  
**08**

## Deep Sea Discovery

Explore and create an array of Deep sea creatures or maybe make your own! 11.00-12.00 £1.50 Pre-book from 25/07

August  
**12**

## Watercolour Painting

Create your own sea themed book with beautiful water colour painting. 10-11.30 7+ £3 per child pre-book from 19/06.

August  
**15**

## Ninja Starfish Craft

A Starfish and Seahorse storytime and craft session. 11.00-12.00 £1.50 per child pre-book from 01/08

August  
**19**

## Ocean Lego Creation

Come on an ocean adventure that combines Lego and coding. Aimed at ages 8+ 2pm-4pm £3 Pre-book from 05/08

August  
**22**

## Water Safety RNLI

Volunteers from the RNLI will be joining us in interactive water safety session. Aimed at 5-7yrs. Free Pre book from 08/08

August  
**28**

## Tiddler performing arts workshop/The Little Mermaid

Themed crafts, games, dance & sensory activities for 4-7year olds. 10.00-12.00 7-13 years. 13.00-15.00,, £6 per child. pre book from 19/06

Call, come in or go to [Eventbrite\\*](#) to book 01803 714460  
Eventbrite booking on certain events only.

# Play Torbay



Summertime  
PLAY

The Healthy Holiday and Food programme sessions are open to bookings. Please click on this page to follow the link and find out more about eligibility and how to book.



**Summer HAF  
Play Sessions**

**Piano, Violin and  
Singing.**

**Sign up now ready  
for September start.**

**Lessons take place  
during the school  
day and are  
charged at:**

**One to one:  
30 minutes £20  
20 minutes £13.50**

**Groups:  
from £7**

**for more details  
contact:**

**Laura@blossomsmusic.co.uk  
07515805812**

**Blossoms**  
**Music @ Oldway**





OLDWAY GARDENS GROUP

# **SUMMER FROGGY FUN AT OLDWAY**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July until end of September

**Collect a trail sheet from the Tea Hut!**

### **Opening Times:**

Monday - Thursday 10am - 1pm

Friday, Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm



Limited parking at Oldway.  
Parking available in side roads.

Only £1  
per sheet!

# SUMMER

at House of Marbles

Sand Art



£5.99

Quilling



£6.99

Scratch Art



£3.99

Mosaics



£5.99

## Craft Workshops

all through summer!



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MARBLES

Pottery Road, Bovey Tracey, Devon, TQ13 9DS  
houseofmarbles.com | 01626 835285



# PLAY & RECREATION Facilities

at Mayfield School, Torquay



## SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Open to the public on  
the following dates:

JULY						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

AUGUST						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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**Mayfield  
School**

### Facilities include:

- Full disabled access
- Fully enclosed and secure grounds
- Play park
- Assault course
- Football pitch
- Mugga / Sports pitch
- Picnic area
- Shaded seating
- Sand pit
- Toilets

**10.00am - 3.30pm**  
(weather permitting)

£1 per child and stay all day, refreshments available for 50p

There will be staff on site, but parents remain responsible for their own children



**SUMMER HOLIDAY**  
**CRICKET**  
**CAMPS**  
AT PAIGNTON CRICKET CLUB

**AGES 5-7**

**AGES 7-15**

9:30-12 / £13

9:30-3 / £28

**EVERY *TUESDAY***  
***AND THURSDAY***

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Including Paignton's overseas  
Player!**



Book your space today!  
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# OCEAN ACADEMY

9-13 yrs



## SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY CAMP

### TRY...

Interviewing, graffiti, music production, beat-making, lyric writing, podcasting, music video making, jingle production, photography, DJing, animation, live broadcasting + more!

### MAKE FRIENDS + HAVE FUN!



9-13 yrs  
18-21st Aug  
10am-2pm  
4-day course  
in Paignton

BOOK NOW:  
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**SOUND  
COMMUNITIES**



# PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB GIRLS DAY



**FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**

**10-2PM, @PAIGNTONRUGBYCLUB SANDS  
ROAD!**

**ALL AGES WELCOME NO EXPERIENCE  
NEEDED**

**DEVELOP YOUR SKILLS  
TRY SOMETHING NEW  
GIVE RUGBY A GO!**



**FOR ALL INFORMATION AND WAYS TO BOOK  
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**FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM:  
PAIGNTON RUGBY CLUB**

# Attendance & Punctuality

**Making sure your child goes to school on time is really important for their learning. If they're late a lot, it can cause some issues.**

It's important for children to be on time for school because it helps them do their best in learning. Being punctual means forming good habits for the future. So, it's a big deal that your child gets to school on time.

Here's the deal: according to the Department for Education's rules, there's a specific time in the morning when schools stop marking who's there. If your child shows up after that time, they won't just get a late mark – they'll be marked as absent (*unauthorised absence*) for the whole morning.

If your child is late because of something important, like a doctor's appointment, the school will understand that. However, if there's no good reason, they'll mark it as an unauthorised absence.

So, it's best to be on time! Here are some things you might want to know:

**Why does my child get marked absent for the whole morning even if they came before lunch?** If your child arrives after a certain time in the morning, the school has to mark them absent (unauthorised absence) for the whole morning. It's a rule they have to follow.

**Can I get a fine if my child is late a lot?** Yes, if your child has 10 or more times of being late (unauthorised absences) without a good reason, you might get a fine.

**It seems a bit strict that my child gets a late mark if they are just a couple of minutes late.** Schools have rules about being on time, and being even a little late can count as not being on time. It's important to try to leave early to avoid being late.

**What if our whole family overslept, and it's not my child's fault?** Even if it's not your child's fault, being late because of oversleeping is still counted. They might get a late mark or be marked as absent (unauthorised absence), depending on how late they are.

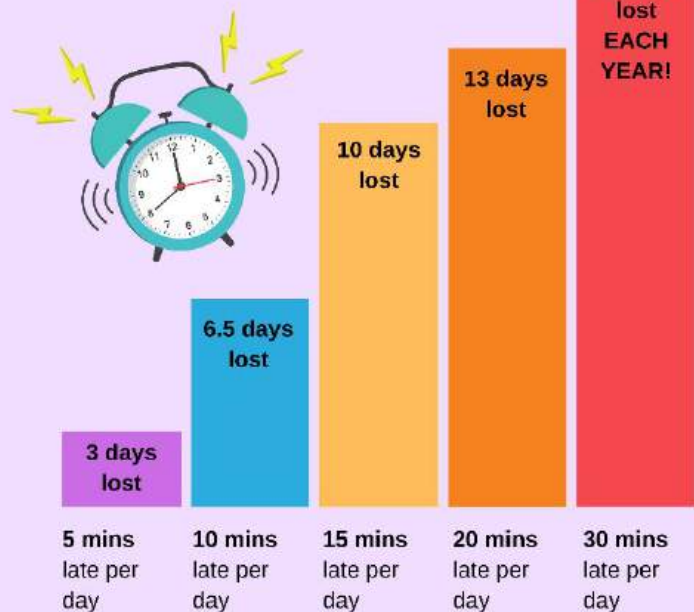
**What if there's a traffic jam or something else that's not my fault?** The school usually can't change the rules for one person, but if there's a big problem, like heavy snow causing delays for many people, they can make allowances.

**What if I tell the school my child will be late? Do they still get a late mark?** Yes, they might still get a late mark, but it's good if you tell the school. They'll know you're aware, and it helps if you say when your child will arrive and why they're late.

**Do I have to tell the school if I know my child will be late?** It's really helpful if you do. If your child is very late, telling the school might help them understand why and maybe say it's okay.

**What if I am trying to get my child to school on time but they don't want to go?** If your child is refusing to go to school on time, you can contact the school. They have a team that can work out why and maybe help your child and you.

## LOST MINUTES = LOST LEARNING!



**If a pupil arrives late, but before 9.05, they will be marked as late (L)**

**If a pupil arrives after 9.05 they will be marked as absent for that session (U)**

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

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

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