



Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Friday 16th January 2026

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Weekly Attendance

Whole School 94.29%

Top Class Attendance

1st - Elberry Cove - 99.07%

2nd - Oddicombe - 99.04%

3rd - Berry Head - 97.92%

Shells - 92.67%

Broadsands - 95.94%

Goodrington - 97.78%

Preston Sands - 96.44%

Livermead Sands - 90.08%

Torre Abbey - 86.21%

Fairy Cove - 97.33%

Oyster Cove - 97.22%

Saltern Cove - 91.27%

Babbacombe Beach - 95.79%

Maidencombe Beach - 88.15%

Meadfoot Beach - 96.74%

Anstey's Cove - 94.06%

Beacon Cove - 97.42%

Hope Cove - 87.65%

Breakwater Beach - 83.33%

Churston Cove - 94.06%

Fishcombe Cove - 91.91%

St Mary's Bay - 95.93%

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 a fabulous start to the Spring Term! We began the Spring Term with a Personal Development day - an opportunity to reinforce the power of 'belonging' within our school community and to celebrate our school values. We also focus on wellbeing through PSHE lessons, anti bullying messages and online safety - there was a lovely atmosphere around school and many children were excited to share their Christmas news.

All of our pupils have come back to school ready to learn. We welcomed visitors from another local school this week who commented on fantastic attitudes to learning. It's the highlight of my day to walk around classrooms and to see amazing learning everywhere I go.

In other good news, we had the final report from the English Hub who have been supporting the implementation of our phonics programme over the past 2 years. They described the Oldway phonics journey as 'remarkable' and we agree! Our children have made amazing progress due to their hard work, the dedication of our staff and the support of parents. We couldn't ask for more!

Emma Bamber
(Head of School)



School Opening Times

The school gates are open at the following times:

Morning opening times: 8:30 - 8:45am

Morning registration: 8:45am

Afternoon opening times: 3:10 - 3:30pm

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

Oldway Diary Dates Spring 2026



| Spring 1: Aspiration | Spring 2: Responsibility |
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| <p><u>January</u></p> <p>5th First day of Spring Term 5th Personal Development Day 7th Sound Communities Club starts for Year 6 9th Steve Darling MP to visit Oldway 12th Year 5/6 football league fixtures (Boys) 15th Census Day 19th Year 5/6 football league fixtures (Girls) 22nd Year 5/6 handball/tchoukball festival at Paignton Academy Sports Hub for St Marys Bay 26th Year 3/4 mixed team football fixtures 27th Netball friendly matches at Oldway 27th Young Voices performance in Birmingham for Oldway choir 29th Year 4 handball/tchoukball festival at Paignton Academy Sports Hub for Anstey's Cove 29th Heatree residential information meeting for Year 5 parents 30th Year 4 trip to Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, Great Hall, Exeter</p> <p><u>February</u></p> <p>2nd 'Mummy & Me' visit to Oldway swimming pool 5th Year 1 handball/tchoukball festival at Paignton Academy Sports Hub for Livermead Sands 6th NSPCC Number Day 6th Doel Cup Year 5/6 boys football 9th/10th 'Glow in the dark' Dodgeball for Year 1 - 6 9th Presentation from the Dental Team - Year 2 10th Stay and Play for parents and pre school children 10th Safer Internet Day 11th Wonderstruck Festival Y5 Brixham College 11th TBGS Able and Talented workshop 12th 'Dream Big' careers day (TBC) 13th Last day of half term and non-uniform Fundraiser</p> <p>Half Term: 16th - 20th February</p> | <p><u>February</u></p> <p>Year 2 Paignton Zoo trip - dates TBC Year 6 SATs/teacher assessment Q and A for parents at 3:30 pm - date TBC Year 1 Phonics Screening Info meeting for parents 23rd Staff and children return to school 23rd Personal Development Day 25th 3:30 - 6:30pm Parents / carers consultations</p> <p><u>March</u></p> <p>2nd 3:30 - 6:30pm Parents / carers consultations 2nd Secondary school allocation day 2nd Launch of 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' healthy eating project 5th World Book Day 6th Doel Cup Year 5/6 girls football 9th Science Week 12th Year 5/6 Outdoor Education Sports at Paignton Academy Sports Hub for Berry Head 16th/17th Class Photos with Fraser Portraits 19th Year 3 Outdoor Education Sports at Paignton Academy Sports Hub for Oddicombe Beach 20th Comic Relief 24th Year 1 Paignton Library trip 25th Community Open Day - History of Oldway 25th Year 2 visit to Christ Church 26th Year 2 Outdoor Education Sports at Paignton Academy Sports Hub for Fairy Cove 31st OSF Easter disco 31st Year 5 RAMM trip for Churston, Elberry and Berry Head</p> <p><u>April</u></p> <p>1st Year 5 RAMM trip for Churston, Elberry and Berry Head 2nd Last day of term and non-uniform fundraiser</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Easter Holidays Staff and pupils return for the summer term on Monday 20th April 2026</p> </div> |

Oldway Shells Nursery

Shells have been enjoying exploring all things wintery since coming back after the Christmas holidays.



Looking for childcare that fits around your family?

At The Shells Nursery, we've got you covered with care from 7:45am - 5:30pm! We currently have limited spaces available for 3-year-olds with immediate starts (term-time only, 38 weeks).

- ✓ Safe, happy environment
- ✓ Hands-on experiences and child-led exploration
- ✓ Warm, experienced staff

Come and see for yourself!

Call us today on 01803 557190 to book your visit - we'd love to meet you!



Parent and Carer Survey

During the year, we collect pupil, parent and staff voice through surveys. We are grateful for the responses to the 'Oldway Parents and Carer Survey'.

And we love to hear such positive feedback!

Communication has improved recently.

My child is thriving, very excited to go to school and is always continuing learning at home.

It's super friendly! My son's teacher is approachable, understanding and kind and I couldn't wish for more.

Honestly, my daughter has never been more settled. I can't thank you enough.

Our response to your comments about roads, parking and traffic ...

You said you would like us to challenge parents who park on zig zags.

We regularly remind parents about courteous and safe parking. We appeal to our school community to take this seriously.

You said you would like us to contact the council and police

Both the police and council have been contacted regarding parking. There has been an increase in presence in recent weeks.

You said you would like everyone to take our neighbours into consideration

We regularly remind parents to park courteously and email parents when an issues is raised.

We appreciate that parking is tricky, that the weather has been poor, that parents need to get to work and that 600 pupils need to enter the site at the same time.



Don't forget that breakfast club opens at 7:45 until the start of the school day at a cost of £4.40.

Classroom Excellence

At Oldway, our vision is that every child has the best experience possible. We work hard to improve every element of school life.

In September, we launched an initiative called 'Classroom Excellence' based on the principles of Doug Lemov's 'Teach like a Champion'. The aim is to use evidence informed research to make teaching and learning as effective as possible. Our teachers meet each week to explore the research and think about how this can be adapted into teaching and learning at Oldway for our children. Recently, we have been developing our approach to Oracy, and focusing on increasing the opportunities for talk in class.

Choral response is a highly effective technique within the broader framework of oracy development, primarily used to build confidence, embed key knowledge, and ensure full-class participation in speaking activities. It is particularly useful for modeling and rehearsing new or complex vocabulary, technical terms, phrases, or definitions. Saying words aloud repeatedly helps embed them in students' long-term memory, increasing the likelihood they will use them in their own verbal and written work.



Good News!

Teachers from another local primary school visited Oldway this week and were very impressed with the pace of lessons, the level of engagement from pupils, the amount of talk within learning and the calm, purposeful atmosphere in all classrooms.



Turn and talk is an effective, low-stakes pedagogical strategy used to develop students' oracy skills by providing a structured opportunity to verbally process and articulate their ideas with a partner before sharing with the wider class



Steve Darling MP

Steve Darling (MP for Torbay), his Deputy Leader, Cordelia Law, his assistant Cameron Hanson, and Steve's ever faithful dog, Jennie, enjoyed a school tour followed by a very special School Council meeting. The children had pre-prepared questions to ask Steve, about his role as an MP, the Houses of Parliament and his thoughts on some local and national issues. Mr Hallett and Mrs Bamber were very impressed by the confidence shown by the pupils when asking their questions and how beautifully they all listened.

The pupils and staff at Oldway would like to thank Steve, Codelia and of course Jennie, for taking the time to come and visit us and share what it is like to be a councillor and member of Parliament.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

Well done to these pupils who are the first of 2026 to be selected by their teachers to attend Hot Chocolate with the Head. As you can see, some of them were lucky enough to enjoy an extra special hot chocolate with Steve Darling, Codelia Law, Cameron Hanson and Steve's dog, Jennie.



OWL Bird Feeders

The Reception children enjoyed their first OWL session of 2026. They made bird feeders and carefully hung them on the trees to help keep our feathered friends full through the winter.



Football News

Paignton Academy was once again a hive of footballing action, with schools from across Paignton competing in the second round of league fixtures.

It was a brilliant evening on a fantastic playing surface and Team Oldway showed that they are more than up for the challenge ahead! The quality of football that was on show, against some really good teams, was of a high standard and we are proud of every single player.

Oldway Team 1

Oldway (1) 2-0 Oldway (2) (Harry, Nathan)

Oldway 1-0 Curledge St (Eddie)

Oldway Team 2

Oldway (2) 0-2 Oldway (1)

Oldway 0-0 Kings Ash

Oldway 1-0 Preston (Junior)



Players of the match: Kooper and Tyrion

Sunshine Club

Despite some very cold and rainy weather, Sunshine Club have still shone this term. They had a great time during their first session playing parachute games and which helped keep them warm and cosy. The wet weather on their second session created an opportunity to have a Lego party. Their wonderful and creative structures included a play park, houses, aeroplanes, boats, a beautiful garden and even a town.



'Papa Penguin'

This term, Reception are really enjoying the story 'Papa Penguin', a heartwarming story about a superhero dad who protects his egg in the harsh Antarctic.

Take a look at some of their amazing observational paintings of penguins, which have been inspired by this tale.



Rotary Shoebox Appeal

This year Oldway Primary School will be again supporting the Rotary Club to give aid to disadvantaged children in Eastern Europe by participating in the Rotary Shoebox Scheme. There are 3 types of content you can choose to fill boxes; Child, Teenage or Household.

If you would like to fill a box for a child, please complete the Google form below by Friday 23rd January. We can then order the boxes, which will be delivered to school for collection.

[Rotary Shoebox Google Form](#)

The deadline for boxes to be filled and returned to school will be Friday 9th March. We will be in touch as soon as we have the shoeboxes for you to fill. Please see attached guidance for advice on filling the shoeboxes.

Rotary Shoebox Scheme

www.rotaryshoebox.org

Advice on filling your shoebox

Child ~ For young children

PLEASE NOTE: Boxes for children aged 0 to 3 years must only contain NEW items.

All boxes in this category will be opened and the contents checked to ensure that we comply with customs requirements in each of the countries to which we send your gifts. Failure to comply can result in fines being imposed on the charity or goods being destroyed.

Boxes for children aged 4 and over can include pre-loved toys, but they must be in "as new" condition.

Cars, trucks, etc, balls, complete jigsaws, colouring books, pens, crayons, yo-yo, bubble, blowers, wooden and plastic toys, pencil case, pencil sharpener, dominoes, playdough / plasticine & cutters, fluffy toys, dolls, stickers, writing pads, skipping rope, scarf, mittens / gloves, hat, harmonica, games, cards...

Teenagers ~ up to 18 years age

Sportswear, scarf, gloves, socks, hat, football memorabilia, writing materials, games, playing cards, tennis ball, tooth brush & paste, roll-on deodorants, comb, mirror, costume jewellery, make-up, hair brush, toiletries, clothing repair kits, sketch pad, coloured pens / pencils...

Household Goods ~

For older folk & families

Scarves, gloves, hats, wrapped soap, toothpaste, toothbrush, disposable razors, shampoo, soap flakes, pan scourers, antiseptic cream, bandages, face or body creams, cosmetics, pens, writing pad & envelopes, T-lights, candles, sewing kit, scissors...

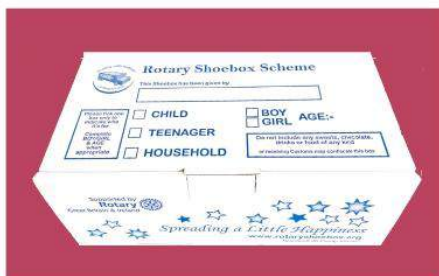
All items with a 'Use By Date' should have at least 6 months left.

WHAT NOT TO INCLUDE IN ANY BOX

Do not include any sweets, chocolate, drinks or food of any kind
(They are against Customs regulations at country borders)

Battery operated toys, conflict related items, matches, inflammable liquids, inflammable aerosols (eg: deodorants & hair spray), seeds or any other living material, automatic washing machine powders

Please securely sellotape tops of liquid containers.
Protect anything sharp and do not put anything sharp into a CHILD box



- It is important to indicate on the box lid, who the box is for.
- The contents are of good quality.
- The box should be completely filled.
- Remember that the recipient will be opening the box in eager anticipation, and especially with the toys for the children, quite possibly the first real gifts they have received for a very long time.
- Do not sellotape the lid down

“Spreading a Little Happiness”

Huge thanks to
Oldway Primary
School



Charity Number : 1206656

Mummy and Me

Monday 2nd February

Oldway Primary School has offered Mummy and Me at Christ Church an amazing opportunity to use its Swimming Pool on Monday 2nd February from 9.30- 11.30.

Higher Polsham Rd, Paignton TQ3 2SY
Oldway will have a lifeguard on duty during each session.

Rules apply....

Swimming Nappies must be worn

No more than 8 adults in the pool at a time.

We have divided the time into 4 slots to allow as many families as possible - please arrive 20 mins before session to be ready.



9.30 - 10.00am
10.00 - 10.30am
10.30 - 11.00am
11.00 - 11.30am

If you do not wish to swim, Mummy and Me will meet as usual at Christ Church for informal coffee, cake, chats and sensory play 9.30 -11.30am

Please book in by messaging
Lena Fearnley on 079 033 76340

Monthly Housing and Cost Of Living Surgeries

Need advice with benefits, housing or finances?

Come along to one of our Cost Of Living Surgeries where you can speak to a Benefits Adviser and Housing Officer.

Support with your housing needs, signposting and liaison with housing services.

Dealing with notice to quit and the eviction process.

Housing standards and dis-repair
Illegal evictions.

Tenancy rights.
Devon Home Choice

Benefits

Checking what benefits and financial support you might be able to get to help with.

Surgeries held monthly. In person appointments in Torquay, Paignton and phone appointments in Brixham



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 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.



GLOW IN THE DARK DODGEBALL

OLDWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY 9TH FEBRUARY - 4:30 - 5:30 (YR 1) 5:45-6:45 (YR3) & 7:00-8:00 (YR5)

TUESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY - 4:30 - 5:30 (YR 2) 5:45-6:45 (YR4) & 7:00-8:00 (YR6)

£7.50 PER CHILD/ PLACES LIMITED

BOOK ONLINE SPORTYSTARS.CO.UK

FACE PAINT

MUSIC

LIGHTS

FUN!





Stay and Play Morning

Drop in for a relaxed chat about local services and the support available in our community with Mrs Bateman (SENDCo) & Miss Chalk (Family Support Worker). Enjoy tea, coffee & biscuits free of charge. Younger children are welcome to stay and play.



Tuesday 10th February 9am - 10:30am
Oldway Conference Room

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

OMETV

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

OmeTV is another app which encourages users to 'make friends from all around the world'. People can search profiles by age and gender and send direct messages or photos. However, the app is primarily used for video calls. When using this feature, users are connected at random, although only their country of origin is shared. People can then either choose to move on to the next chat or can stay in that call for as long as they wish.

STRANGER DANGER

While young people generally know not to share personal information with strangers, the safety of their home and the distance offered by technology can make them feel more relaxed and uninhibited. Combined with the fact that OmeTV provides a webcam function – and anonymity – it can be an easy way for groomers to gather information, ask to connect on other social media platforms, or potentially request intimate images.

EXPLICIT CONTENT

Unfortunately, there are a lot of users who use OmeTV's webcam feature to expose themselves. While users can swipe to the next call quickly, it's not something that can be filtered out completely – so young people could easily be exposed to highly inappropriate images.

REPORTING DIFFICULTIES

When video calling, the other person's username is often hidden and therefore they can't be blocked or reported. There is a 'Report Abuse' tab at the bottom of the video, but the speed with which calls can swipe past can make it difficult to use this system. There's also little evidence to suggest that offenders are dealt with appropriately (through warnings or account termination, for example).

AGE VERIFICATION

17+

Although the site states that users must be 18 or over, there's no way to verify this, and it's easy to use an existing Facebook account to log in, or for users to set up a fake account. To access OmeTV, users simply need to press a button confirming they're an adult, which means it's likely many users will claim to be much older than they are.

VIDEO RECORDING

When young people are chatting live on a webcam, they could be coaxed by others into doing things they don't feel comfortable doing, or persuaded that no harm can come from it. What they don't know is whether the other user is recording them. These videos could then be used to embarrass or blackmail them, or they could be kept by a potential online predator.

LIMITED PARENTAL CONTROLS

OmeTV has very limited parental controls. There is a 'safe mode', but this is of little practical use given that explicit content isn't filtered out. While the site lists several rules and regulations, there are few apparent ways to enforce them or restrict what users can see or do.

Advice for Parents & Carers

FOLLOW AGE GUIDELINES

OmeTV has an age recommendation of 18 and over, which suggests the developers are aware that it may facilitate adult content. It's important to adhere to the age guidelines and try to restrict access to the app for younger users. If you find it on an under-18's device, talk to them about the potential risks and explain why they probably shouldn't be using it.



DISCUSS THE DANGERS

Maintain communication with your child about online safety and empower them to protect themselves. Simply deleting an app from their device impacts their independence and can cause resentment. Instead, highlight news reports of predators exposing themselves to children on the internet, and discuss what they should do if asked for explicit images.



DISCOURAGE CHATS WITH STRANGERS

Remind your child of the dangers of talking to strangers online. The anonymity OmeTV offers, plus its webcam function, makes it an attractive place for groomers to network and create inappropriate content. Explain that your child may see something which upsets them – and that it's a crime for anyone to expose themselves to a young person online.



ENABLE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Regardless of how responsible your child may be, it's essential to use parental controls on their device. It's easy for young people to get lured in by others, feeling they've built up a trusting friendship and being coaxed into doing things they wouldn't normally do. Ensure in-app purchases aren't enabled on their device, and emphasise that they can always talk to you about anything online that worries them.



Meet Our Expert

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



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10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

ESSENTIAL ONLINE SAFETY

Children and young people use the internet every day to learn, play, and connect, but the online world is not always safe. For adults, it can be hard to keep up with the risks, including harmful content, cyberbullying and scams. These 10 tips provide clear and practical advice to support safer and healthier digital habits, helping young people to make informed, secure choices when using technology.

1 START EARLY CONVERSATIONS

Begin talking about online behaviour from the moment children start using devices. Use age-appropriate language and revisit topics regularly, making it clear they can speak to you about anything that upsets or confuses them. Keeping these chats open helps build trust, so children are more likely to come to you when needed.

2 PROMOTE SAFER SHARING

Children can overshare without understanding the risks. Remind them that photos, locations, or messages can be copied or shared beyond their intended audience. Explain how even private messages or group chats can be saved and/or misused. Talk about what is appropriate to post, message, and who it's safe to share with.

3 ENCOURAGE DIGITAL BALANCE

Many apps and games are designed to keep users engaged through rewards, likes, or constant updates. These features can make it hard for children to switch off. Talk openly about how these systems work and help children recognise when it's time to take a break. Building in tech-free routines supports a healthier balance and awareness of their screen time.

4 CREATE A SAFE SPACE FOR CONCERNS

When children come to you with a concern, respond with interest and care, rather than with alarm. Keeping your reaction measured helps them feel safe and supported. This doesn't mean ignoring serious issues; it means showing that you're there to help. When children trust that they can speak openly, they're more likely to feel supported through unpleasant online experiences, and to ask for help in future.

5 STAY INFORMED AND CURRENT

With emerging technologies like AI moving and changing so quickly, it's important to stay updated on how children are using new platforms, apps and games. Ask them to show you what they use and let them take the lead as you explore together. This opens up valuable conversations and helps you stay ahead of emerging risks and trends.

6 TEACH CRITICAL THINKING

Talk to children about how to recognise unreliable information or scams online. With AI-generated videos, photos, and stories becoming harder to spot, help children question what they see and encourage them to look for evidence, check sources, and ask questions. These skills will help them avoid risks, make smart choices, and develop healthy habits for the future.

7 SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Involve children in conversations about device usage so they feel included. Agree on digital rules such as screen-time limits, age-appropriate apps, and no devices in bedrooms overnight. Use parental controls to block or filter harmful content and explain that rules are there to protect and support them, not to spoil their fun.

8 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

Children often copy the behaviour of adults around them. Show them what balanced, respectful, and mindful use of technology looks like, such as avoiding scrolling during family time and speaking kindly in messages. If you expect certain behaviour from them online, make sure your own habits reflect the same standards.

9 EXPLORE PRIVACY SETTINGS TOGETHER

Show children how to use privacy tools on apps, games, and websites. Teach them to use strong passwords, block or report others in response to problems, and avoid sharing personal details. Explore settings together so they feel confident and in control, and explain that these features are there to help them stay safe online.


10 KNOW WHERE TO GET HELP

Familiarise yourself with tools and organisations that support online safety. The National College offers online safety guides and webinars which provide tips on staying safe. Websites like Report Harmful Content and CEOP can be used to report when something goes wrong. Show children how to report or block users, and where to go if they feel unsafe. Make sure they know that asking for help is always the right thing to do, and be prepared to support them.


Meet Our Expert


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The National College

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.

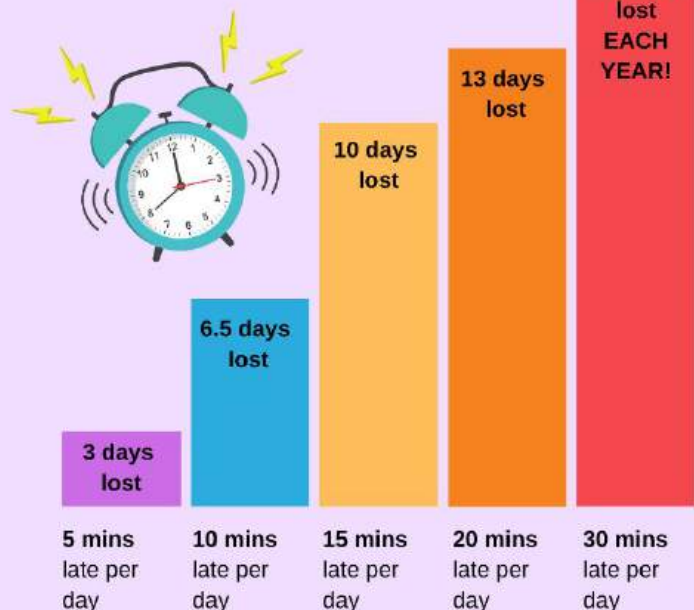
What if there's a traffic jam or something else that's not my fault? The school usually can't change the rules for one person, but if there's a big problem, like heavy snow causing delays for many people, they can make allowances.

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)



Absence line: 01803 557190 option 1
Absence line (text only): 07775 680213

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| Autumn Term 2025 | 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 |

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| Spring Term 2026 | 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 |

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

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.

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| Winter | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Navy V-neck jumper/sweatshirt/ cardigan● Charcoal grey or black trousers/ skirt/ pinafore dress● Light blue short sleeved polo shirt |
| Summer | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Navy V-neck jumper/sweatshirt/ cardigan● Charcoal grey or black trousers/ shorts or skirt/ pinafore dress● Light blue short sleeved polo shirt● Blue gingham dress |
| Sports kit | <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Light blue PE shirt available● Navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings● Trainers (not plimsolls) <p>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.</p> |

