



# Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Wednesday 25th June 2025

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## Weekly Attendance

**Whole School 93.58%**

### Top Class Attendance

1st - Churston Cove - 97.67%

2nd - Torre Abbey - 97.28%

3rd - Babbacombe - 97.15%

Shells - 92.86%

Broadsands - 93.51%

Goodrington Sands - 93.10%

Hollicombe Beach - 94.96%

Livermead Sands - 93.36%

Fairy Cove - 93.63%

Oyster Cove - 92.70%

Saltern Cove - 93.53%

Meadfoot Beach - 96.88%

Oddicombe Beach - 92.57%

Ansteys Cove - 89.90%

Beacon Cove - 92.42%

Hope Cove - 94.93%

Elberry Cove - 95.35%

Fishcombe Cove - 93.79%

Berry Head - 86.70%

Breakwater Beach - 93.14%

Shoalstone Beach - 89.84%

St Mary's Bay - 90.11%

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,

Wow! What a delight to look through the newsletter and see all of the opportunities that our children have here at Oldway. We've been very lucky to welcome some fantastic visitors, had some amazing trips and been involved in some extraordinary experiences. A real highlight this term has been feedback from our visitors who have commended the children on their outstanding behaviour and engagement. A visiting poet even phoned into school to say how blown away he was with our children and the behaviour in assembly and in the workshops. We are very proud of our pupils and love this kind of feedback.

The highlight of this week will be the summer fair on Friday and we're looking forward to seeing you there. We very much appreciate the work that OSF do and hope you'll be able to support the fair and raise money for your children in school. We've even ordered some warm and sunny weather for the event!

Kind regards,  
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

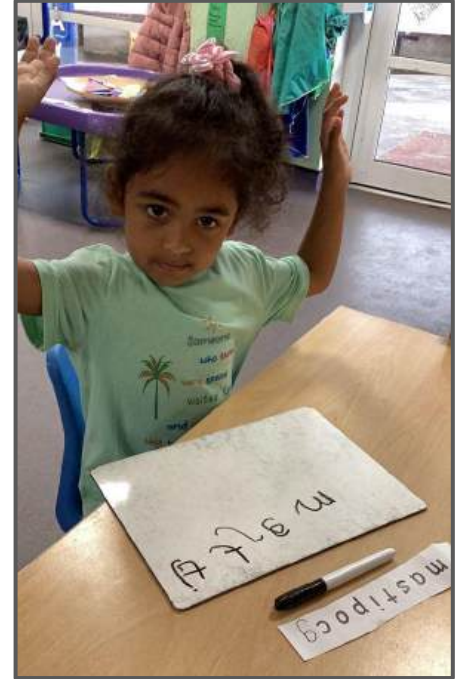
Morning registration: 8:45

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.

# Shells Nursery

Shells Nursery had a fantastic time with learning based on an African theme. They enjoyed creating an African art silhouette and used cutting skills to cut out a wild animal. During OWL (Oldway Wild Learning), they made animal faces with paper plates, sticks and leaves, as well as dens for the zoo animals. As well as exploring Africa, they have been watching the nursery caterpillars change. They have seen the butterflies emerge from their cocoons and watched them fly away.



**Instil a love of learning that lasts a lifetime  
with a place at The Shells Nursery**

We're accepting applications for September 2025  
for children who will be 3 years old by 31st August 2025

*"We have seen a massive boost in confidence  
in our daughter ... She is always excited to go  
to nursery, she is always greeted so warmly  
by her teachers and she always  
comes home happy."*

**APPLY BY: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July!**



# GB Paralympic Athlete

This half term we were visited by David Hill, who is a GB Paralympic athlete who competed at both the 2004 and 2016 Paralympics!

All of the pupils in the school were invited to take part in a fun fitness circuit and had an absolute blast! David also led a whole school assembly and the pupils enjoyed listening to his inspirational story before having the chance to ask him a variety of questions.

Thank you so much to those who have already kindly collected sponsorship for the event. The money raised goes partly to help support Olympic and Paralympic athletes and partly for new sports equipment for the pupils at Oldway.

Huge thank you to David for spending the day with us. He has inspired us all to be aspirational and to aim high with our goals.



# Ice Lollies with the Head

Congratulations to these pupils who were chosen by their teachers to have an 'Ice Lolly with the Head' in the two weeks leading up to half term. We are very proud of these pupils as they have been showing our school values all of the time! It is always a very special event and it is lovely to find out why each pupil has been chosen.



A huge well done to all these pupils who are the first to be chosen this half term.



# Reception Butterfly Life Cycles

As well as Nursery, Reception have also loved learning about the life cycle of a butterfly. It has been a fantastic learning experience for our EYFS children, watching the changes take place and releasing the butterflies.



# Guinea Pig Cuddles

To inspire their learning in both science and English this term, the Year 1 children were treated to a very special visit from Mrs Edworthy's guinea pigs.



## NSPCC 'Move a Mile' Day

Everyone joined in with the NSPCC 'Move a Mile' day and we had some very creative ways to move a mile. Thank you for all your donations, we raised a fantastic £267.47. All children had a 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' session to help them to understand that abuse is never their fault, and that they have the right to be safe.



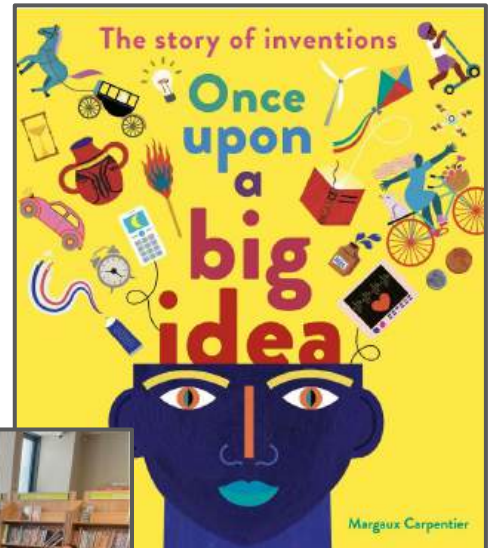
## Children's Parliament

Each year, Riviera Education Trust holds a children's parliament event for schools in Torbay. The winners from Torbay and the team from Oldway (RET winners) were privileged to visit the houses of parliament. They had a fantastic day and were complimented on their amazing attitude and behaviour. They saw parliament in action, a very rare treat. Huge thanks to Mr Biddles for driving and to Mrs Layland for accompanying the children.



# Poet in Residence

We were very lucky to take part in the 'poet in residence' week in Torbay to encourage a love of poetry. We were visited by the award-winning children's poet, James Carter, who delivered assemblies across the school and then worked with some of our Year 2 children. Oyster Cove also had an amazing time learning and writing poems at Paignton Library with James.



# Year 6 Taleblazers Geology

Year 6 had a fantastic morning with Rick and Elaine from Taleblazers, who came in to talk Rocks! They were introduced to the world of Geology and what it is like to be a geologist working in the field and how that looks around Torbay. They handled different types of rocks, learned to use a hand lens and walked the Toilet Roll of Time!



# Torbay Symphony Orchestra

Before half term, we were lucky enough to be chosen to host the wonderful Torbay Symphony Orchestra. The staff and pupils in Years 4 and 5 were blown away by the orchestral experience. Some of the pupils were even given the opportunity to conduct!



## Eco Warriors

This term, Eco Warriors have been designing stickers to go around the classroom light switches, encouraging us to turn off the lights and save energy.



## Space Odyssey Dome

Year 5 had the exciting opportunity to explore space in the interactive Space Odyssey Dome. They learned about the planets, constellations, and many fascinating facts about the universe - including who and what might be out there. It was a truly out-of-this-world experience that the children (and staff!) thoroughly enjoyed. Maybe we have a future astronaut in school?



# Paddleboat Theatre

KS2 enjoyed a marvellous, nautically themed performance from Paddleboat Theatre. They were absolutely enthralled with the amazing set, catchy songs and of Steve the Seagull!! Huge thanks to the OSF (Oldway School Fundraisers) for funding such a fantastic event.



# Year 4 Able and Talented Workshop

Some of our Year 4 pupils recently enjoyed a visit to TBGS for an able and talented workshop, entitled 'Me, Myself and I'. The children had a lovely morning. In art, they created mind-maps, which explored their sense of identity, illustrating these beautifully. During drama, they choreographed a performance, using expressive movement and percussion. This was set to the poem *The Island Man*. The children finished the morning thinking about the bigger philosophical questions posed by each of the activities. Everyone had a fantastic time!



# Happy Days Charity Grants

Happy Days Charity are offering funding to families who have a child or children with special educational needs, who have been the victims of domestic abuse or have a life-limiting condition, to allow them to go on family holiday breaks, group day trips, visiting the theatre and more!! If you would like to find out more about this opportunity or apply, please visit their website: [Happy Days Charity](http://www.happydayscharity.co.uk).

# Baton of Hope Competition

Oldway's Mental Health Ambassadors are thrilled to let you know about a wonderful opportunity for your child to take part in a fun and meaningful **art competition** – all about the *5 Ways to Wellbeing*.

This exciting project is part of the lead-up to the **Baton of Hope** event, coming to **Torbay on 30th September 2025**. The Baton of Hope is a nationwide movement that aims to open up important conversations around mental health and emotional wellbeing, while spreading a powerful message of **hope** and support.

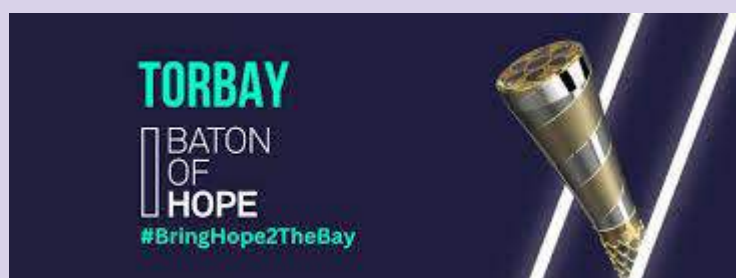
Our competition invites children to explore the *5 Ways to Wellbeing* – **Connect, Be Active, Take Notice, Keep Learning, and Give** – through creative artwork. These simple, proven ideas help boost wellbeing and resilience in children and adults alike.

## Why get involved?

- It's a chance for your child to express themselves through art in a fun and creative way.
- Their work could be selected for **public display** as part of the Baton of Hope celebrations!
- There are **prizes** to be won.
- Most importantly, it's a great way to help children understand how to look after their own wellbeing – something that will benefit them for life.

**If your child would like to enter, please bring their entries to the school office by 9:00 am on Thursday 26th June.**

Let's help our children shine – creatively and emotionally.



# TORBAY

BATON  
OF  
HOPE



# ART COMPETITION

PRIMARY STUDENTS

**"WHAT MAKES  
YOU HAPPY?"**



Make some art about  
one, some or all of  
these themes

## 5 WAYS TO WELLBEING

-  **CONNECTING**
-  **TAKING NOTICE**
-  **BEING ACTIVE**
-  **LEARNING**
-  **GIVING**



**Closing date: 27<sup>th</sup> June**

**3 VIP Judges:**

-  **Jim Parker (Torbay Weekly)**
-  **David Gledhill (Riviera FM)**
-  **Jacob Brandon (Artizan Gallery)**

## PRIZES

**We HOPE to give an amazing prize to the winner.**

**10 runners up will receive a £20 book voucher**

**All prize winners will be displayed at the Baton of Hope event**

[www.facebook.com/BatonOfHopeTorbay](https://www.facebook.com/BatonOfHopeTorbay)  [Batonofohope@Torbay.gov.uk](mailto:Batonofohope@Torbay.gov.uk)



# Summer Fair

## Friday 27th June

3.00-6.30pm

Come and join us after school for some great family fun! **EVERYONE** welcome!

Admission: Adults £1 / Under 12's FREE

**INFLATABLES**

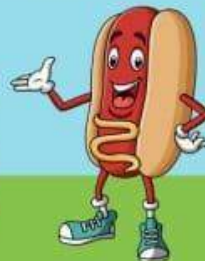
**TOMBOLA**

**GAMES**

**ACTIVITIES**

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**ARENA SHOWS**





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# What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS



If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.



## RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

### WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

 Universal, suitable for all ages	 Parental Guidance required	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over	 Suitable for people aged 12 and over anyone younger must be accompanied by an adult
 Suitable for people aged 15 and over	 Suitable for people aged 18 and over	 Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers	

### WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

### LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

Source: [www.bbfc.co.uk](http://www.bbfc.co.uk)

## RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

### WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

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PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:



### LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

### PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: [www.pegi.info](http://www.pegi.info)



# 5 things you'll find at a peep group

**Ideas for learning through play:** shared in a relaxed way with ideas for things to do at home

**Stories and singing:** we're not going for the x-factor

**Shared experiences:** parenting is a tough gig!

**Your Peep family:** we're all in this together

**Signposting:** if you need help, we'll help you get it

**For more info on free Peep groups contact:**

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Email: [kate.smith@torbay.gov.uk](mailto:kate.smith@torbay.gov.uk)

<https://www.peeple.org.uk/what-is-peep-intro-parents>

**peep** supporting parents and  
children to learn together

**Free**

# Midsummer Music Event

Torbay and South Devon  
Music  
Centre



Always wanted to play a musical instrument?  
Now's your chance.

No prior experience needed,  
just bring along your enthusiasm.



Already play one instrument, why not try another?  
Come along and join in the opportunity to try several different  
orchestral instruments.

Meet the teacher and 'taster' sessions with TSDMC's qualified teachers  
and Alumni music graduates.

Performances from current pupils who this  
year performed at the Royal Albert Hall  
as well as locally at the Devon County Show.



The TSDMC tuck shop will be open  
and Refreshments will be on sale.

**Time and date:** 16.30-18.30 on Friday 11th July 2025

**Place:** Torquay Boys' Grammar School.

**Cost:** FREE

**Ages:** 6-18 years.



For more information and to let us know you  
are coming along please contact:

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Check out our website [www.tsdmc.org.uk](http://www.tsdmc.org.uk)



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# OPEN DAY

## THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2025

**10:00 am - 11:20 am Presentation and Guided Tour**

**4:00 pm - Presentation\***

**5:00 pm - Presentation\***

*\*From 4pm, you will be able to tour the school at your leisure, view classrooms, displays and have an opportunity to take part in interactive sessions.*

**\*\*Booking not required\*\***

**\*\*No parking available onsite\*\***

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# TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

OPEN  
DAY

Book a  
tour time at  
[tbgs.co.uk/  
join-us](http://tbgs.co.uk/join-us)

Come and take  
a look  
**Monday 7 July**  
Tours at  
**9:30 & 2:00**



# Dare to join a top Grammar School? It might not be as hard as you think...

If your son will be in Year 6 in September 2025, you can now register to take the entrance tests for Torquay Boys' Grammar School. We're excited to welcome our next potential students!

The tests will be on Saturday, 20 September 2025 and they have been thoughtfully-designed to cover the Maths and English that your son has been learning at primary school. No extra tutoring is needed - just bring your enthusiasm.



## Additional Support for Pupil Premium Students

We believe every child should have a chance to shine, no matter their background. That's why we're excited to team up with Atom Learning: the leading platform for the entrance tests. If your child qualifies for Pupil Premium, they can access a fantastic free online programme to help build their confidence and skills for test success. It has been shown that students with a glimmer of academic potential make more

progress in schools such as TBGS, and this offer of PP support is part of our continued effort to encourage as many students as possible to consider us for secondary school.

Not eligible for Pupil Premium? You can still try Atom Learning with a free five-day trial on their website: [atomlearning.com](https://atomlearning.com).

To apply to take the tests, complete the online registration form: [tbgs.co.uk/join-us](https://tbgs.co.uk/join-us)

## Why you should dare to join us?

TBGS is renowned for providing students with:

- a top-quality, rich and varied curriculum, which enables academic progress, whilst encouraging inquisitive minds;
- a wide range of extra-curricular pursuits, and sporting opportunities, contributing to developing the whole person;
- a caring environment and strong pastoral system allowing the nurturing of academic excellence of each individual.

The essence of what TBGS strives to do is captured in our clear mission to:

- **enable** students' enjoyment of learning for its own sake, whilst developing their creative talents to fulfil their intellectual potential;
- **provide** individuals with the knowledge and skills to respond to a changing world with confidence and humility;
- **encourage** each person to be reflective, open-minded and principled so that they can make a positive contribution to their community and the wider world.

**Excellence    Integrity    Leadership**



## TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL



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Libraries  
Unlimited

# Starting School event at Paignton Library

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July - 11.00am**

.Are you starting school in September?

Come and join us for stories and activities linked to starting school and find out about how the library can help you on this new adventure! Suggested donation £1.50

For more information call 01803 714460



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# 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)

# 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>



<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	Non-Pupil Day	Thursday 5th September 2024
	Non-Pupil Day	Friday 6th September 2024
	First day	Monday 9th September 2024
	Half Term	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024
	Last day	Friday 20th December 2024
	Christmas holidays	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Tuesday 7th January 2025 inclusive

<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 6th January 2025
	First Day	Tuesday 7th January 2025
	Half Term	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025
	Last day	Friday 4th April 2025
	Easter holidays	Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April 2025

<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