



Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Tuesday 25th February 2025

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Weekly Attendance

Whole School 94.41%

Top Class Attendance

1st - Meadfoot - 98.12%

2nd - Fairy Cove - 97.78%

3rd - Anstey's Cove - 97.70%

Shells - 94.63%

Goodrington Sands - 91.67%

Broadsands - 96.39%

Hollicombe Beach - 91.09%

Livermead Sands - 88.58%

Torre Abbey Sands - 96.13%

Oyster Cove - 94.99%

Saltern Cove - 93.06%

Babbacombe Beach - 91.41%

Oddicombe Beach - 92.99%

Beacon Cove - 93.97%

Hope Cove - 97.31%

Elberry Cove - 94.89%

Fishcombe Cove - 96.30%

Churston Cove - 93.97%

Shoalstone Beach - 91.61%

Breakwater Beach - 95.83%

St Mary's Bay - 90.94%

Berry Head - 96.00%

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,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. We started this week with a 'Personal Development' day and everyone settled back into school very well. This included learning around anti bullying and online safety - very important topics that we revisit every half term.

Our new values focus is 'Responsibility' and we love seeing our children taking responsibility! Our student leaders took responsibility for setting up parents' evening and they conducted a parent survey. They did a great job! We're seeing children taking responsibility for 'Marvellous Manners', 'Positive Playtimes' and 'Legendary Lines' and it is making Oldway a lovely place to be.

We welcomed many of you to Parents' Evening in Gibson Hall on Monday and look forward to seeing the rest of you tomorrow. We prioritise communication and ask that every family makes contact with their child's teacher to discuss their progress.

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

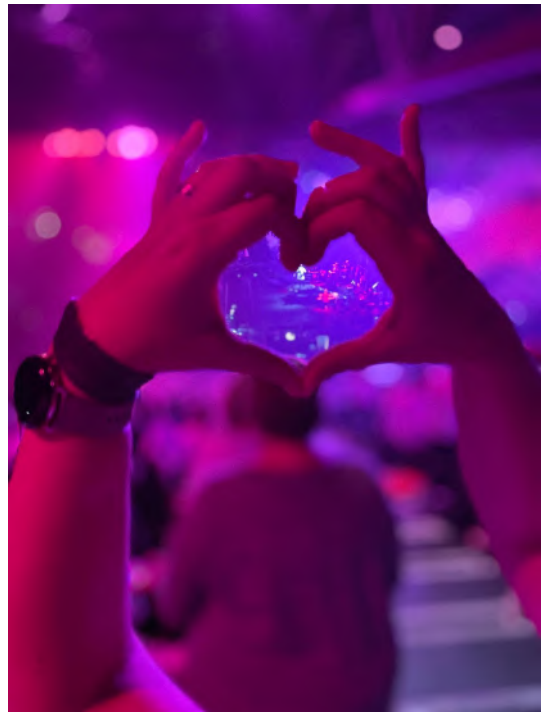
Morning registration: 8:45

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.

Young Voices

Our Young Voices Choir had the best time in Birmingham. They spent the afternoon rehearsing all the songs ahead of the big show in the evening. The staff were very proud of our amazing pupils who represented our school and it's values wonderfully. They were calm, respectful and engaged the whole time. A magical experience that they won't ever forget.



Attendance Matters

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*Do you think your class has the best attendance in the school?
Are you proud to be in school everyday?*

New this term!

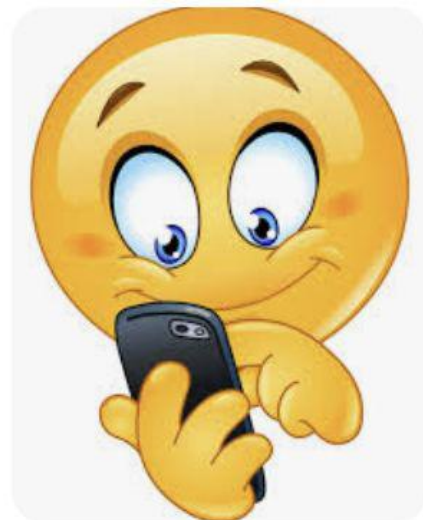
Each half term, the class with the highest average attendance will be invited into class in the last week for a celebratory breakfast!

Will it be your class this half term?

Attendance Champions

Each year group has an attendance champion. They will check attendance, make contact with parents and help to break down barriers to school attendance. If your child's attendance is below 90%, you will get a friendly phone call from one of our attendance champions.

Year 6 - Eva Rowe
Year 5 - Lindsay Chalk
Year 4 - Zoe Milligan
Year 3 - Laura Bateman
Year 2 - Chris Hallett
Year 1 - Lynn Oliver
Reception - Emma Bamber



Year 6 Basketball

Year 6 have been really enjoying their PE sessions with Lloyd Blacker from the Torbay Tigers this half term. They love his fast paced, energetic coaching sessions and are loving developing all the skills needed to become fantastic basketball players.



Community Eco Heroes

How fantastic to see our lovely pupils being proactive in the community! Esmé, Asher, Lily, Olivia and Scarlett did a charity litter pick through Paignton, getting tonnes of rubbish and raising over £400! We're very proud of you.



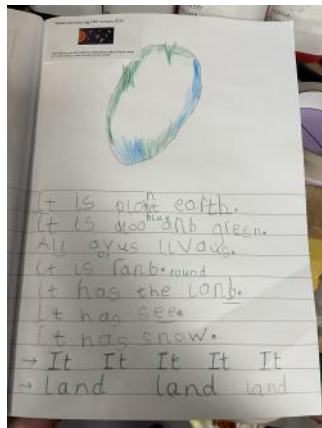
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra

Year 4 attended a performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra in the great hall at Exeter University. The children were excited to perform two songs which they had been practising in music lessons. The children spoke about their favourite parts being 'the awesome conductor', singing along with 'You're welcome from Moana' and the 'Pirates of the Caribbean music'. A special thank you to the parent helpers who attended and made the trip possible.



Reception Space Exploration

Reception have loved learning about space this half term! The children have produced some incredible writing about the planets in the solar system. They spent time looking really carefully at the planets to create some wonderful pieces of art using paper mache and watercolour paints. They also enjoyed baking biscuits and decorating them as planets.



Football News

League Fixtures

The Year 5/6 girls played the second of their league fixtures at Paignton Academy in January. The first of their matches was against White Rock Primary and the girls put on a dominant display, winning 2-0, with both goals coming from Mia. A special mention goes to Jess in goal who pulled off a fantastic save from a one-one-one situation late in the match.

The second match was against Curledge Street Academy. This was a fantastic end-to-end battle, with both teams playing excellent football. The match ended 0-0, meaning that Oldway continue their unbeaten run in the league.

Fantastic teamwork from all involved.



We are looking for a local business to sponsor our football teams. If you or someone you know might be interested, please contact the school office on oldwayoffice@rivieraet.co.uk or 01803 557190.

Young Lives vs Cancer Swim

Some of our wonderful team organised a sponsored swim to raise money for Young Lives vs Cancer last week. They braved the cold water and have raised over £500. Please follow [this link](#) if you would like to donate.



Hot Chocolate with the Head

More fantastic 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' Fridays to finish the week. These children demonstrate our school values - Aspiration, Responsibility and Kindness - and have been recognised by their teachers. We're very proud of all of them.



Year 5 Wonderstruck

Year 5's Wonderstruck trip to Paignton Academy was an exciting exploration of science. The day began with an immersive science show: students experienced powerful air blasts, Mrs. Christopher attempted to make Peter fly with his homemade rocket backpack, and Miss Caulfield faced the challenge of breaking a concrete slab on Peter's chest while he lay on a bed of nails. The children thoroughly enjoyed the thrilling demonstrations. Afterwards, they put their skills to the test by designing and launching rockets to hit a target. It was a fun-filled and inspiring science day!



Personal Development Day at Oldway: February 24th

'Personal Development' is the development of a pupil's individual skills, attitudes, and understanding. This includes the development of self-awareness, self-esteem, and emotional intelligence, as well as the development of skills related to communication, teamwork, and critical thinking. The goal of personal development is to help pupils develop into confident and capable individuals who are able to navigate the challenges of modern life.

Personal Development Day

Every half term at Oldway, we begin with a day which is focused on Personal Development. This is a day which is dedicated to supporting children to have a positive sense of themselves, respect for others, social skills, emotional well-being and a positive disposition to learning.



Oldway School Values: Aspiration, Responsibility and Kindness

Each half term we focus on one of our Oldway values. In the second half of Spring term we will focus on Responsibility. Our whole school assembly will have this value at the heart of its core messages and each class will discuss what this value looks like for their behaviour at school.

Online Safety

In a world which is dominated by technology, it is vital that our children understand how to stay safe online. On our personal development days, every teacher teaches a lesson about 'Online Safety', which is carefully designed to educate each year group about the essentials of using the internet safely.

Anti-Bullying

At Oldway, we take anti-bullying extremely seriously. In addition to class discussions about showing kindness to each other, each class will spend a session focusing on anti-bullying during the PD day. The children are reminded about what bullying is and taking responsibility for how we speak to each other..

PSHE

Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education learning and development is fundamental to the children's developmental journey, their understanding of the world around them and their recognition of their own self-worth as a citizen. On our personal development days, the children begin learning the next step in their PSHE education, which focuses on Life in the Wider World; Health and Wellbeing; and Relationships.

Handwriting 'Oldway Presents...'

We will be doing our whole school 'Handwriting' competition which all classes will be involved in on our personal development day. The children will be writing poems linked to our core value 'Responsibility', focusing especially on the quality of their handwriting. There are golden pencils ready for the champions! We want our pupils to recognise that taking pride in our achievements is important.

SEND Coffee Morning

Lynn and Laura would like to invite you to a coffee morning on Monday 3rd March 9am - 10am, with a focus on Torbay Graduated Response. You will also have time to complete a parental questionnaire and give any suggestions for future coffee mornings.

Please ensure you complete the form below so that we can ensure we cater for everyone. If numbers are too high, we will add another date.

[Coffee Morning Google Form](#)

Many thanks, Oldway SENDCos



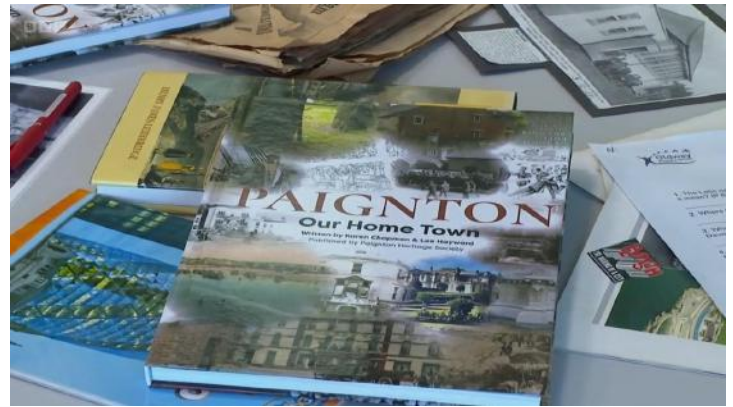
Devon County Swimming



We are thrilled to announce that six of our talented students achieved Devon County Championship qualifying times in swimming and represented Paignton at County Level last week! Their dedication, hard work and perseverance have paid off and we couldn't be prouder of their accomplishments. This is a fantastic milestone for our girls. Congratulations Freya, Arabella, Bella, Phoebe, Skyla and Millie.

Oldway on Spotlight

This term, BBC Spotlight aired the coverage of the recent book launch, held at our school! We are so proud of Mr Harman, the Paignton Heritage Society and our wonderful Y6 pupils from Oldway Primary School, who not only acted as advisors for the book but also assisted in presenting during the book launch. Some were even interviewed by the reporter as part of the TV coverage! They all spoke so eloquently and passionately about their experiences during the process and we couldn't be more proud of them all.



Year 1 Paper Sculptures

Year 1 have been creating their own paper sculptures based on the work of the artist, Charles McGee. They have been learning about patterns, strong tones and contrast.



Paignton Academy Sports Festivals

Saltern Cove and Anstey's Cove have enjoyed their sports festivals at Paignton Academy this term. They were able to try new activities and sports and had great fun. Their behaviour and kindness were fabulous too.



ADDITIONAL spaces available in our Breakfast and After School Clubs!

We have been able to increase our wrap around care and will have some spaces available in both Breakfast and After School Club from January 2025.

- **Breakfast Club** runs from 7:45am until the start of the school day and costs £4.00 per session.
- **After School Club** runs from the end of the school day until 6:00pm and costs £8.25 per session.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast or After School Club, please complete the form(s) below and we will contact you to confirm if you have received a space.

[Breakfast Club Request Form](#)

[After School Club Request Form](#)





Oldway Communication Channels

Do you have something to share?
Has something happened that has made you smile?
Do you have a concern that you need resolving?

Who can you contact?

Your child's class teacher using Seesaw or in person.

Any member of Oldway SLT:



Emma Bamber
(Head of School)



Chris Hallett
(Deputy Head)



Hannah Fox
(Assistant Head)



Zoe Milligan
(Assistant Head)



Eve Edworthy
(Assistant Head)

Our SENDCos and Family Support Workers:



Laura Bateman
(Sendco)



Lynn Oliver
(Sendco)



Eva Rowe
(DSL/FSW)



Lindsay Chalk
(FSW)

Our SLT, SENDCOs and FSWs can be found at the school gates along with our Inclusion Team before and after school.

At Oldway, we love to hear good news and we also take concerns seriously. We are a large school and work very hard to make sure we are available to listen. Please use any of the channels listed above, come to the school office or email: oldwayoffice@rivieraet.co.uk



Drop-In/Coffee Morning: Seeking Support for Your Child's School Placement?



Tuesday 25 February 10:00-12:00
Parkfield House, Paignton. TQ3 2NH

Have you recently received a letter or email naming a school or setting for your child or young person and it is not the setting you wanted? Do you have questions about how special school placements are allocated? Are you thinking of requesting a change of setting for your child? We invite you to join us for an informal chat.

Hosted by Torbay Council's SEND team, SENDIASS, and SEND Family Voice Torbay, this informal drop-in session is here to provide support, answer your questions, and help you move forward.

Whether you need guidance or just a listening ear, we're here to help. Pop in and access the support you need.

For more information contact us

 **07554 040107**

 **admin@familyvoicetorbay.org**

Come And Join Us...

All Welcome



Come, make friends. relax, continue Postnatal education and have fun!

During term time

Every Monday 9.30 -11.30am

At Christ Church, Torquay Rd, Paignton TQ3 2AA

Every Monday Afternoon 1 -2.30pm

Teen Parents

Every Tuesday 9.30 -11.30am

At Saint Martin's Church, Barton Hill, Rd, Torquay TQ2 8JA

Every Wednesday 9.30 -11.30am

At Preston Baptist Church, 62 Old Torquay Rd, TQ3 2RB

Every Thursday 9.30 -11.30am

At St Mary's Church Hall, St Marys Square, Milton St, Brixham TQ5 0BU

Every Friday 9.30-11.30am

At St Matthias Church, Wellswood, Babbacombe Rd, Torquay TQ1 1HW

For further details call - Lena Fearnley on 0790 337 6340

Come and Join Us...

All welcome

Charity Number : 1206656

NEW

Mummy and Me

Come make friends. Relax, continue postnatal education and have fun.

0-12 months



Join our Facebook Page



Every Monday 9.30 – 11.30am

During term time

At Christ Church

Torquay Rd, Paignton TQ3 2AA



For further details call Lena Fearnley on 079 033 76340

Come and Join Us...



Charity Number : 1206656

Mummy and Me Teen Parents

NEW

With babies up to 2 years



Starting
Monday 4th
November



Come make
friends. Relax,
continue postnatal
education and
have fun.

Every Monday 1pm – 2.30pm

During term time



At Christ Church

Torquay Rd, Paignton TQ3 2AA



For further details call Lena Fearnley on 079 033 76340

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.

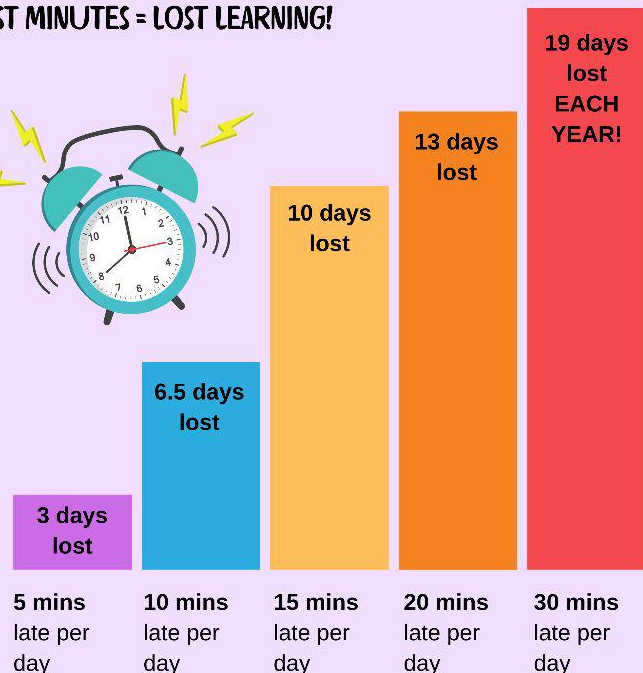
What if there's a traffic jam or something else that's not my fault? The school usually can't change the rules for one person, but if there's a big problem, like heavy snow causing delays for many people, they can make allowances.

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">● 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>



Autumn Term 2024	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

Spring Term 2025	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

Summer Term 2025	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