



# Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Monday 20th January 2025

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## Weekly Attendance

**Whole School 94.79%**

### Top Class Attendance

1st - Berry Head - 98.48%

2nd - Oddicombe - 98.39%

3rd - Hope Cove - 97.42%

Shells - 91.33%

Goodrington Sands - 93.97%

Broadsands - 93.56%

Hollicombe Beach - 95.40%

Livermead Sands - 97.35%

Torre Abbey Sands - 97.38%

Fairy Cove - 96.89%

Oyster Cove - 96.65%

Saltern Cove - 97.14%

Meadfoot Beach - 93.78%

Babbacombe Beach - 95.21%

Beacon Cove - 95.70%

Ansteys Cove - 95.31%

Elberry Cove - 97.42%

Fishcombe Cove - 92.06%

Churston Cove - 95.56%

Shoalstone Beach - 97.10%

Breakwater Beach - 91.99%

St Mary's Bay - 89.17%

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,

We had the privilege this week of hosting a book launch for Paignton Heritage Society. The Heritage Society has worked incredibly hard with a range of partners to produce a local child-friendly history book. Our Y6 pupils played the role of advisors to make the book as appealing as possible to children. We welcomed local dignitaries, members of our school community and the BBC Spotlight team. What a fantastic event that will live long in our memory!

On a different note, our 'Positive Playtimes' have been a roaring success. The children's feedback has been resoundingly positive - their smiles say it all!

We are passionate about our school value of 'Kindness' and work very hard to listen to our pupils and families. We can always be found at the school gates, teachers can be contacted by Seesaw and our office staff are the friendliest team.

Please see our 'Communication Channels' poster for details. We look forward to hearing from you should you have any concerns; good news is also welcome too and is always shared with our staff team.

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

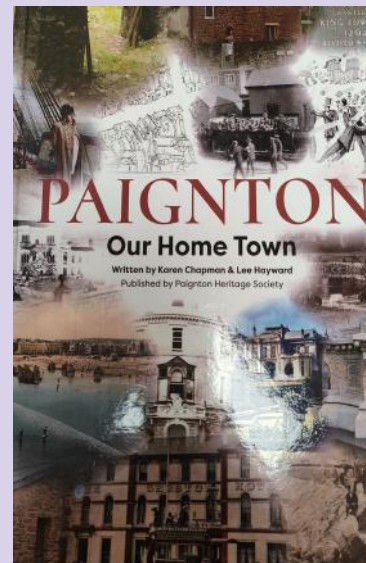
Morning registration: 8:45

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.

# Paignton Heritage Society

This week, we welcomed the Spotlight TV cameras into school! Paignton Heritage Society was launching a new child-friendly history book about Paignton for which some of our Y6 children acted as advisors. We welcomed Paignton Heritage Society members, the Deputy Mayor, local councillors, local media and film makers as well as pupils, parents and school staff. It was wonderful occasion which was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Paignton Heritage Society for all of their hard work.



# Positive Playtimes

Mr Hallett has been working very hard with our school council to develop 'Positive Playtimes'. OSF have generously donated funds, local businesses have donated tyres and parents have donated colouring books and toys. The following changes have been put in place...

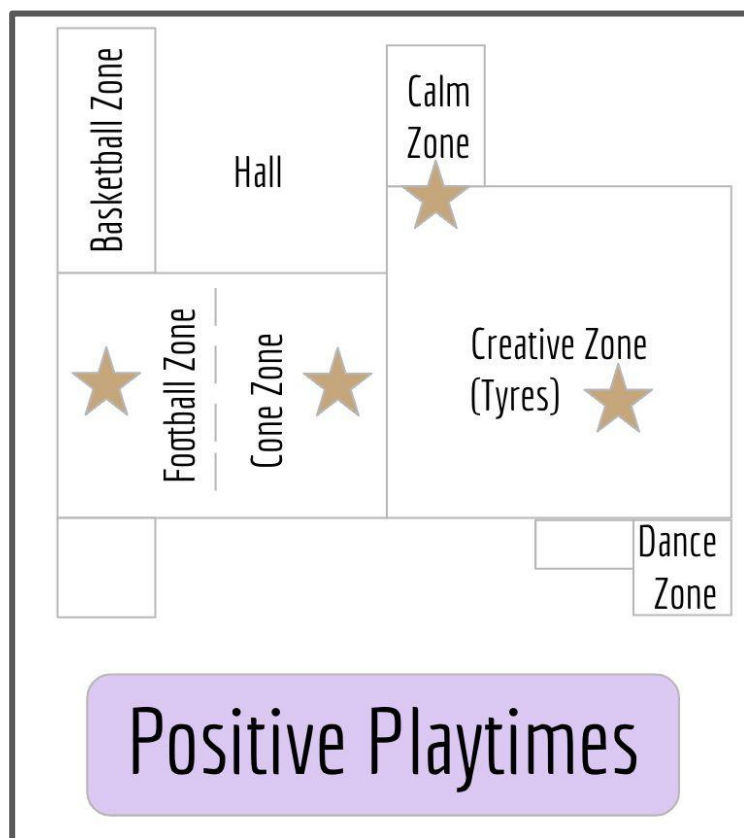
3 x outdoor speakers for music and dancing.

Basketball hoops (and balls!) at the side of Gibson Hall.

Barriers to create a football zone in the main playground.

Zoned areas: Calm zone, cone zone, creative zone and dance zone in KS2.

Children (and staff!) are loving the new playtimes and we will continue to develop KS1 playtimes over the next few weeks.



**Oldway Primary School**

### Oldway Routines

Legendary Lines	Marvellous Manners	Positive Playtimes
Eyes forward and hands and feet to yourself 	Say please, thank you, sorry, excuse me, may I ... 	Be kind and safe with each other 
Single file, space between and mouths silent 	Sit respectfully: look and listen 	Take turns and be safe with equipment 
Stay to the left 	Greet people with a smile and hold doors open for others 	Take care of the equipment 
Calm, slow and no overtaking 	Tidy up after yourself 	Ensure others are having fun 

**First time, Every time, Everywhere, Everyone**

# Positive Playtimes





# 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)



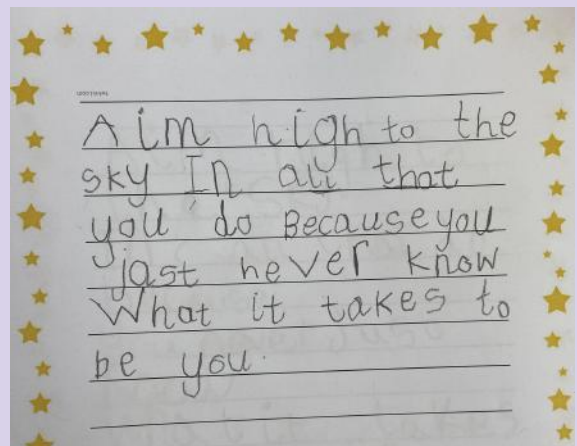
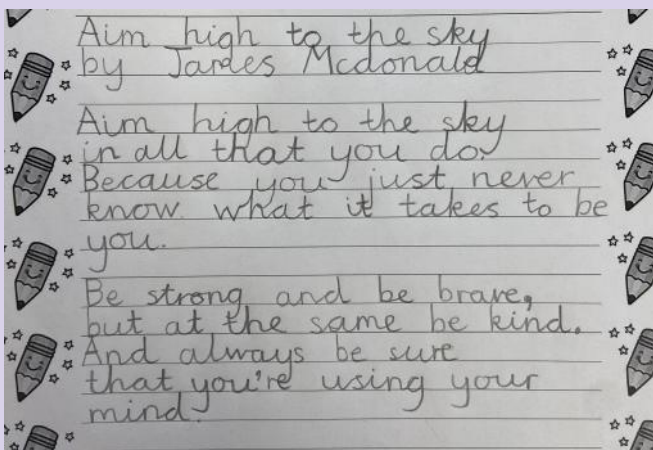
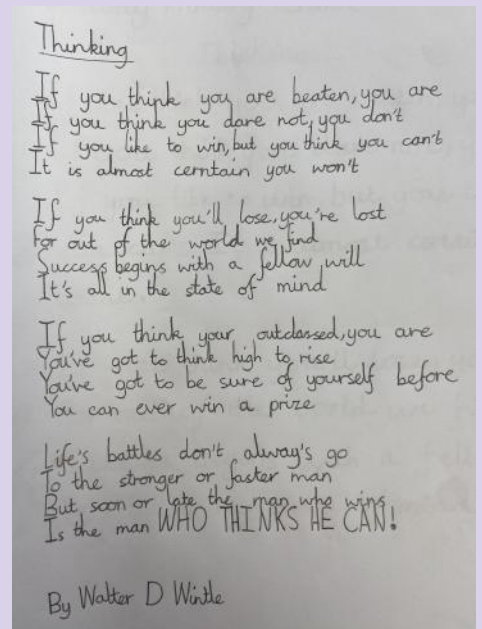
Lindsay Chalk  
(FSW)

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](mailto:oldwayoffice@rivieraet.co.uk)

# Personal Development Day

On our Personal Development Day at the start of the half term, we introduced 'Oldway Presents', our new handwriting competition for all pupils. Pupils in each year group presented a poem on the theme of aspiration, using their best handwriting. The entries were judged and prizes were awarded to the winners during Praise Assembly. There were certificates and golden pencils for 'best in class' and additional certificates for the entries judged to be the best in their whole year group. The standard of entries was very high and we look forward to awarding 'most improved' certificates for progress next time.



# OLDWAY PRESENTS



## Handwriting COMPETITION

*Is your writing...*

Perfectly presented?  
Lovely and legible?  
Fantastically Fluent?

If you have *perfect presentation*, here is your  
chance to show off your skills!



**Open to everyone.**

Prizes for the best in year group  
and best in class

# Poppy Appeal



Thank you to everyone who bought a poppy from our lovely Year 6 pupils, we raised £176.45 for the Royal British Legion.

## NHS Pharmacy First

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service enables children and adults to get convenient access to healthcare advice and treatment where appropriate, for seven common conditions without the potential delay of having to wait for a GP appointment? Accessing the service may mean that can help children feel better and back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the conditions covered under the service.

There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local Boots pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service.

Support for the following conditions can be accessed under the service, free of charge (unless NHS prescription charges apply):

<u>Common condition</u>	<u>Patient eligibility</u>
Earache	1 to 17 years
Impetigo	1 year and over
Infected insect bites and stings	1 year and over
Sore throats	5 years and over
Sinusitis	12 years and over
Uncomplicated urinary tract	Women 16 to 64 years
Shingles	18 years and over

## 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



## Year 2 Little Red Riding Hood

Year 2 took their invisible baskets and little red hoods through the forest today to look for some things to beat the Big Bad Wolf! They were inspired by their Nosy Crow's Little Red Riding Hood story, where Little Red doesn't need a woodcutter to save her but is clever and quick enough to save herself!



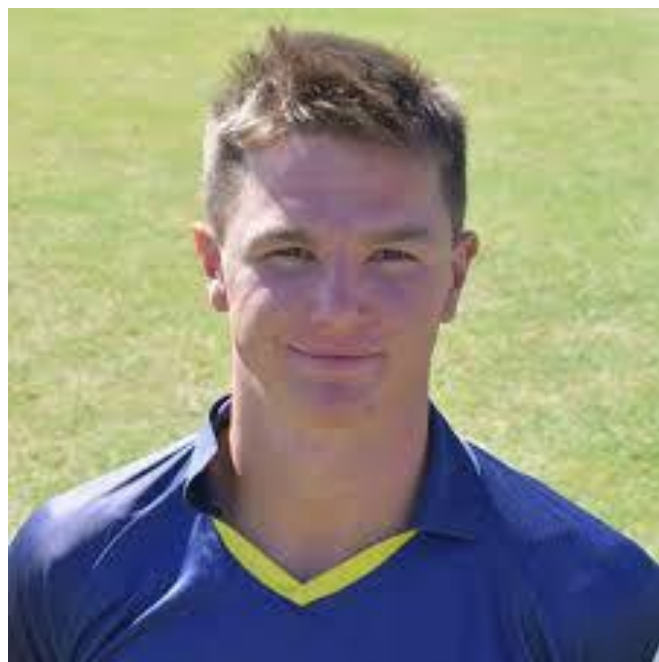
## Hot Chocolate with the Head


Congratulations to these children who enjoyed 'Hot Chocolate with the Head'. What a lovely way to finish our weeks..



## Cricket News

Congratulations to ex-Oldway pupil, and Hampshire cricketer, Sonny Baker, who has been selected to represent England on the upcoming Lions tour of Australia. Sonny captained our school side in 2014, and has returned to see us a number of times - most recently in 2022 when he came to lead an assembly and a training session for our pupils. Good luck, Sonny!






**Bedz4kidz**  
Cosy Nights, Brighter Days

Following a successful referral from a partner school, Bedz4Kidz provides beds and bedding essentials to children in the South Devon area who, for whatever reason, don't have anything suitable of their own.

Once a family has been identified, seek their consent and submit a referral. Bedz4Kidz will then contact the family to discuss the number of items required and or book a home visit to measure up for the items they need. We ask that a representative from the school is present to act as a familiar face for their family. We will then deliver the items to the family home directly.



**Referral criteria**


**Lack of a bed/suitable bedding of their own** – the child(ren) does not currently have a bed of their own and is, instead, sleeping on the floor, sofa, sharing a bed etc.

**Financial hardship** – the family is experiencing financial difficulties that prevent them from being able to purchase a bed or bedding.

**Child's age** – The child is under 18 years old and living at home with the parent/carer.

**Residence status** – the family has a stable residence ensuring the bed/bedding will be used in a secure and consistent living environment. Please do not refer families that are moving out of South Devon imminently.

**Referral agency approval** – the family has been referred by a partner school/service known to Bedz4Kidz.



**We can provide**


- Single bed frames
- Single bunk beds
- Single mattresses
- Mattress protectors
- Pillows
- Pillow protectors
- Fitted sheets
- Duvet covers
- 4.5, 7.5 or 10.5 tog duvets

We will provide 1 of each item per child named in the referral following a call with the family to discuss their needs.

We do not provide double beds or beds for parents/carers – please do not refer on this basis. Cots can be ordered but we'd prefer to supply a single bed and a bed guard for younger children.

British Bed Guidance states that children on the top bunk should be 6+. British Bed Guidance also states children under 4 must be given a 4.5 tog duvet for risk of overheating.

All of the items we provide are brand new, bed frames come flat packed, and parents/carers must have capacity to build them. Our mattresses are rolled and will fully expand after 24 hours.




**Misuse**

Bedz4Kidz reserves the right to revoke access to the referral process if it is determined that it is being misused OR if referred families are found not to be genuinely in need.



**Contact**

Email us at: [bedz@wiltonbradleytrust.org](mailto:bedz@wiltonbradleytrust.org)  
Call Cheshire on: 07517461562




Please **do not** copy families into your emails to us – we only contact the families via phone after they have been referred.

## Bedz4Kidz

We are proud to share that our school is a partner with Bedz4Kidz, a wonderful charity dedicated to ensuring every child has a comfortable place to sleep. Have you ever paused to think about where or how your child sleeps each night? If you feel your family could benefit from support with bed frames, mattresses, or bedding items, please don't hesitate to contact Eva Rowe in confidence.

**What does your sleep environment look like?**

**Who is there?**

**How does it feel?**

**What do you love?**

**What would you change?**

**How do you feel in the morning?**



## Woodwork Club

We have started a woodwork club for Reception and year 1. We began the session talking about safety goggles and why it's important to wear them. We decided to create our own using tubes, sequins and tissue paper. We then went onto learning how to use and be safe with a saw. The children are excited to start using hammer and nails next week!



## Solar Systems

In Reception, we are learning about the solar system. We used vinegar and bicarbonate of soda to create bubble planets. We used pipettes to transfer the liquid. The children were fascinated by the chemical reaction and loved talking about what they could see.



## UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD



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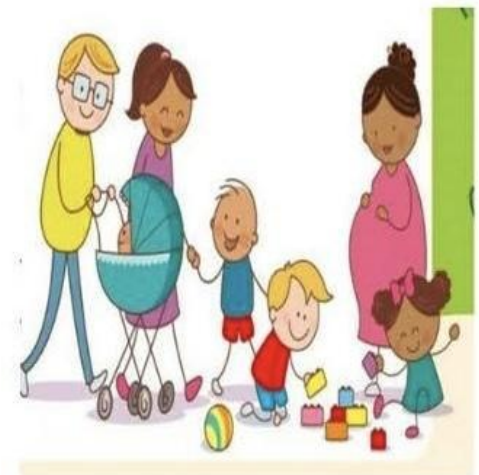
12:00pm – 2:00pm for 10 weeks at Parkfield House, Paignton, TQ3 2NH

**On the following Fridays**

**14th Feb, 28th Feb / 7th March, 14th March, 21st March, 28th March /  
4th April, 25th April / 2nd May, 9th May**

We may cover topics including:

- Feelings
- Importance of Play
- Effective Communication
- Developmental Needs
- Challenging Behaviour
- Sleep



**To book a place, please contact  
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course for all parents,  
grandparents and carers of  
children aged 6 months to 6  
years.**

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St. Cuthbert Mayne School  
Presents



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**FROZEN**  
THE WEST END MUSICAL

Music and Lyrics by  
**Kristen Anderson-Lopez & Robert Lopez**  
Book by  
**Jennifer Lee**

Originally directed on Broadway by  
**Michael Grandage**

Based on the Disney film written by Jennifer Lee and directed  
by Chris Buck & Jennifer Lee

Originally produced on Broadway by Disney Theatrical  
Productions

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre  
International(MTI) All authorised performance materials are also supplied by  
MTI

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21st May -24th May @7pm

Matinee @ 2pm 24th May

**£10 adults and £6 students**

<https://www.st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk/school-performances/>



# 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.

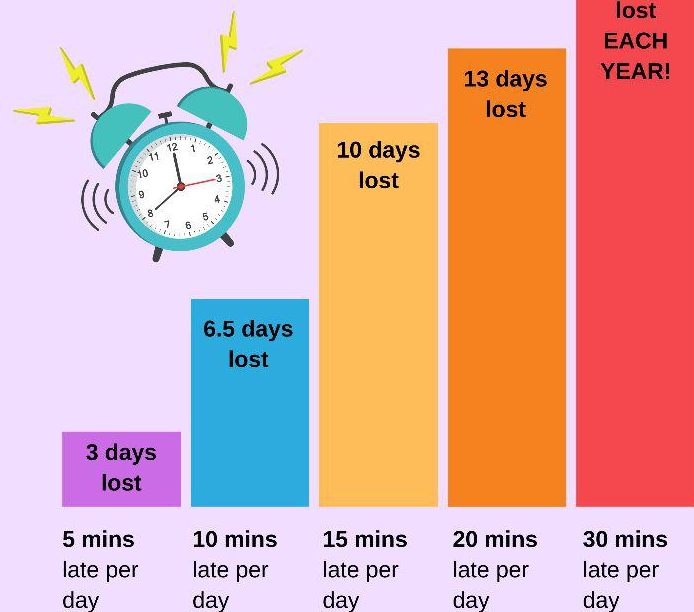
**What if there's a traffic jam or something else that's not my fault?** The school usually can't change the rules for one person, but if there's a big problem, like heavy snow causing delays for many people, they can make allowances.

**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