



Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

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Weekly Attendance

Whole School 95.55%

Top Class Attendance

1st - Beacon Cove - 98.28%

2nd - Oddicombe - 98.02%

3rd - Oyster Cove - 97.88%

Shells - 96.33%

Broadsands - 97.72%

Goodrington - 95.85%

Preston Sands - 93.87%

Livermead Sands - 95.34%

Torre Abbey - 95.34%

Fairy Cove - 95.38%

Saltern Cove - 96.84%

Babbacombe Beach - 92.57%

Maidencombe Beach - 87.04%

Meadfoot Beach - 97.57%

Anstey's Cove - 96.81%

Hope Cove - 95.44%

Berry Head - 92.94%

Breakwater Beach - 87.96%

Churston Cove - 96.68%

Elberry Cove - 97.65%

Fishcombe Cove - 93.90%

St Mary's Bay - 96.17%

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,

I hope you're all enjoying the better weather. It certainly makes a huge difference in school and the field is now fully in use for KS2 breaks and lunchtimes.

We are heading for the time of year when statutory assessments take place. KS2 SATs take place next week, from Monday to Thursday. Our year 6 staff and pupils have worked very hard to be prepared and to show the progress they have made.

Assessments are only a small part of the picture and that there is so much more to celebrate about every child. They are, however, ready to show the amazing progress they have made and we wish them all well for next week.

The summer term is always super busy and we look forward to plenty of trips and events in the coming weeks. There is always a buzz when the children return and we know how much trips and events enhance our curriculum offer.

Emma Bamber
(Headteacher)



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

Welcome New Families

A huge warm welcome to all the families who have been offered a place at Oldway Primary School in September. We are absolutely thrilled that you'll be joining our school community.

Starting school is such a special milestone, and we can't wait to see those new smiles at our gates. We look forward to meeting you all at our parent welcome meeting and Stay & Play "settling in" sessions.

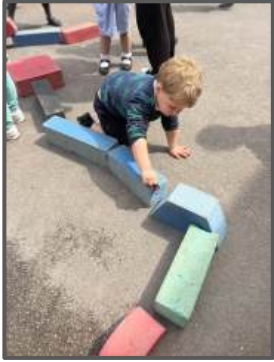


Welcome!

We're so excited to
welcome you to the
Oldway family!

Shells Nursery on Track

Shells Nursery had a fun and messy time making their own train tracks. They then made trains travel on the track and thought about what they would be able to see if they took their imaginary journeys.



Shells Nursery at Oldway for 2 - 4 year-olds

“Mrs El and the rest of the team are first class. We receive multiple updates each week and the feedback on Seesaw and from parents evenings has been fantastic.”

Parents' survey April 2026



Shells Nursery at Oldway for 2 - 4 year-olds

“The quality of care at this nursery is truly exceptional. Every member of staff is warm, attentive and genuinely invested in each child's wellbeing. They create a safe, nurturing environment where children feel valued, supported and able to thrive every single day.”

Parents' survey April 2026



Shells Nursery at Oldway for 2 - 4 year-olds

“The environment is fantastic, with bright, engaging indoor spaces and excellent use of the outdoors. My boy benefits from fresh air, exploration and active play every day. Shells feels safe, stimulating and thoughtfully designed to support learning and development.”

Parents' survey April 2026



The best thing about Shells Nursery is

“Watching my child feel seen, valued and happy every day...”

“The care and attention they give to my child.”

“... the interesting/vibrant timetable of activities planned for the children.”

“... happy, approachable staff to nurture my child at the same time as preparing her for primary school.”

“The staff really are fantastic.”

Parents' survey April 2026



Car Park Safety

As you are aware, our school car park is a very busy area. We are a large school with over 80 adults working on site, and the staff car park is primarily for their use.

We have allowed access to the car park for those displaying a disabled badge and have also permitted parents and carers to use the top car park for breakfast club drop-off.

However, in recent weeks at least four staff cars have been hit by vehicles using the car park. Unfortunately, several cars have been damaged and, in these cases, the driver responsible has not left their details or alerted the staff member involved.

While we understand that parking locally can be difficult, if these incidents continue we will have to review access to the car park.

The car park is small and anyone using it must take great care and be patient. It is also essential that anyone driving on site when children are arriving or leaving drives **very slowly and with extreme caution**.

The safety of our children must always come first, and you may need to wait while manoeuvring your vehicle. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in helping us keep our school community safe.



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.



My Turn, Your Turn

'My turn, your turn' is a teaching strategy used in oracy to model and practice spoken language, especially for building full sentences and vocabulary. It involves a teacher or student saying a sentence ("my turn"), and then the class repeating it together ("your turn"). The strategy can be adapted to different learning stages, from choral repetition for exact phrases to more independent responses. This starts in our phonics programme (RWI) and continues through the school.

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



OWL (Oldway Wild Learning)

We love making the most of our outdoor spaces during our OWL (Oldway Wild Learning) sessions.

Shells continued their learning about 'Journeys and Travel', using natural materials to make their own routes to follow.

Maidencombe Beach have been busy making clocks during their OWL session. The children worked very hard to ensure they used different length sticks to represent a clear minute and hour hand and carefully counted the number of sticks/ stones they needed to represent the numbers.

Before the Easter holidays, our Reception and Nursery classes had a wonderful time on their Easter Egg Hunts at OWL. The children searched high and low for hidden eggs and enjoyed every moment of the adventure.



Allotments

Some of our classes have been busy at the allotment. They've trimmed back the rosemary bush, filling the air with its wonderful scent. The beds are now prepared and ready for planting a variety of fruits and vegetables. We've also created our own sensory area, and our chard is thriving. The allotment is quickly becoming one of the children's favourite places to spend time!



Motor Skills

Nursery and reception had a super first Motor Club skills session. They enjoyed playing with scarves, playing with our parachute and making our way around routes that we drew in the playground!



School Crossing Patrol

We have said farewell to Dave, our School Crossing Patrol, and thank him for his many years of service. The children enjoyed thanking him in assembly this morning and the whole Oldway family wish him well.

We warmly welcome Ellie, our new School Crossing Patrol and hope that she settles quickly into her new role. Please make sure you give her a lovey Oldway welcome.

A promotional graphic for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. It features a smiling man with a diamond-shaped sticker on his nose. The text reads: "THANK YOU FOR BEING AMAZING TOGETHER WE HAVE RAISED AN INCREDIBLE £354.71". The Comic Relief logo and "RED NOSE DAY" are also present, along with the date "FRIDAY 20 MARCH".

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RED NOSE DAY

FRIDAY 20 MARCH

Eat Them to Defeat Them

The peas, peppers, carrots and broccoli have now all been defeated!!

Eat them to defeat them is a national initiative to get children to eat more vegetables in a fun way. Every pupil from Nursery to Year 6 are offered a bit of each vegetable to try in class and some classes have learnt more about the vegetables they are trying.

No pupil will be forced to eat vegetables during this time.



Celebrating our School Values

Congratulations to all the pupils who were nominated by their class teachers for 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' last term.

Well done to the pupils who were nominated for the first 'Ice Lolly with the Head' of the year!

These children all display our school values of Aspiration, Responsibility and Kindness. We are very proud of them all.



Uncover the Secrets of Paignton!



Are you ready to become a history detective?

If you're aged 8 to 13 and have an appetite for adventure, the Paignton Heritage Society wants YOU for our brand-new group:



JUNIOR EXPLORERS



This isn't your average history lesson. We're diving deep into the "anything and everything" of our local area. From hidden ruins to local legends, you decide what we investigate. If it's interesting, we're on it!

THE DETAILS

WHEN: The last Saturday of every month

TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

LAUNCH DATE: Saturday 30th May 2026

JOIN THE EXPEDITION

Be there for our very first meeting and help shape the future of the Junior Explorers!

Ready to start exploring?

For more information, please contact Mr. Harman



Digital Leaders

Our digital leaders had the opportunity to meet Lee Parkinson MBE, better known as Mr P ICT!

Oldway had the pleasure of hosting Lee, as he delivered ICT training to a selection of teachers from the local area.



Mini Kandinsky Artists

Breakwater Beach made the most of the beautiful sunshine and took their art lesson outside. They were responding to the work of Wassily Kandinsky, a Russian artist who lived in Germany. Kandinsky explored how sound and music could be expressed through colour and shape, often using vibrant concentric circles in his artwork. Inspired by this, they created their own pieces, thinking about how different sounds might look in colour.



Beach School

We are very excited that 'Beach School' has launched at Oldway. Our Reception pupils had an amazing afternoon for their first session. They learnt how to create channels and watched the water meander down. What a fabulous opportunity in our local area.



Spring Adventures

We had so many exciting adventures in the Spring term. EYFS had a visit from the 'Animal Man', Y1 visited Paignton library, Y2 visited Paignton Zoo and Maidencombe Beach had a trip to the beach. We work hard to make our curriculum interesting and exciting with lots of opportunities beyond the classroom. The children had a fabulous day and there was a great buzz around the school.



We are very proud of Isabelle, who is joining the 'Run a Mile' event on 31st May to raise money for the RNLI. If you would like to sponsor Isabelle, please find the links below.



ISABELLE'S MILE



Lifeboats

Fundraising in aid of the RNLI

**HELP ISABELLE SUPPORT
THE TORBAY RNLI LIFEBOATS!**



Isabelle is running a mile to raise money for the Torbay RNLI lifeboats

All donations are greatly appreciated!

Scan the QR code to donate!

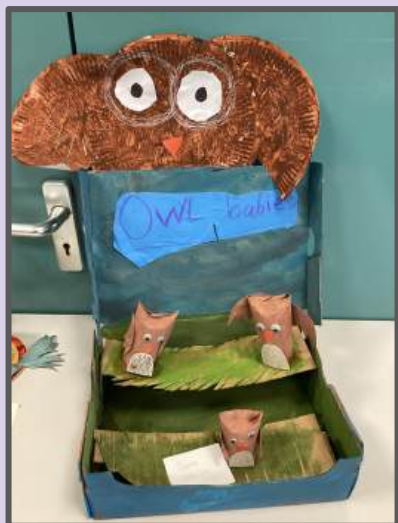


World Book Day Character Creations

The Reading Champions had a tough job choosing the winners of the character creation competition during World Book Day. We had so many amazing entries!

Each class had a winner, then an overall winner was chosen for each year group, and finally, the top three winners across the whole school were selected.

Congratulations to everyone who took part – your creativity was truly incredible!



Sports News

We take great pride in all our sporting achievements at Oldway and are very proud of all our children who show their talent and resilience in our sports events and clubs.

Trust Swimming Gala

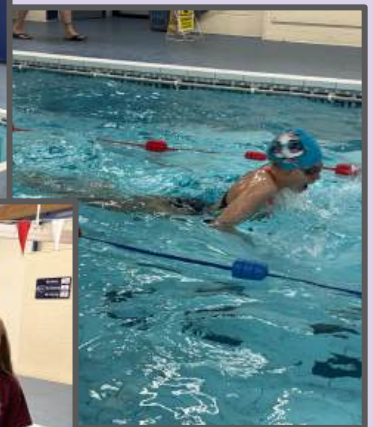
We are so lucky to have an amazing indoor pool at Oldway and our children have an incredible swimming offer.

A team of Oldway pupils proudly took part in the annual Trust Swimming Gala, held at Oldway Primary School. Key Stage 2 children from across the Trust competed in a variety of races, as well as some fun and energetic relay events.

We are incredibly proud of how well our pupils represented both themselves and Oldway. They showed fantastic teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the event, even earning extra points for their positive attitudes.

We're delighted to share that Oldway achieved a well-deserved first place — a brilliant accomplishment!

A special congratulations to Phoebe Lovelock (Year 5/6), who was awarded Outstanding Performance of the Day, and to Summer Ellor (Year 4), who received the Outstanding Effort award.



Girls' Rugby Festival

The Year 5 girls attended the Girls' Rugby Festival at Paignton Rugby Club, alongside other local primary schools.

It was a brilliant day and lots of fun was had. The morning was a carousel of rugby themed activities led by sports leaders from St Cuthbert Mayne. The afternoon gave the girls a chance to involve themselves in matches against the other schools.

The girls represented Oldway with pride and all had a great day.



Girls' Netball Tournament

The School Games tournament were a triumph for Team Oldway. Both teams played 8 matches and both came out first place in their category. They won every match and showed determination, great sportsmanship and resilience throughout.



Team A

Oldway 6-0 Abbotskerswell
Oldway 6-0 Kingskerswell
Cockington B 1-7 Oldway
Oldway 4-0 White Rock
Oldway 3-0 Sherwell Valley
Preston 0-7 Oldway
Oldway 5-1 Cockington A
Oldway vs Shiphay we won but weren't able to record the score

Team B

Oldway 1-0 Sherwell Valley
White Rock 1-7 Oldway
Kingskerswell 2-7 Oldway
Oldway 8-0 Abbotskerswell
Oldway 9-0 Watcombe
Oldway 1-0 Warberry
Roselands 0-6 Oldway
St Margaret's 0-8 Oldway



Year 5/6 Boys' Football Friendly

To support Sherwell Valley, in the run up to their upcoming National Finals, our Year 5/6 boys accepted an invitation for a friendly at short notice, despite only playing their league fixtures the evening before.

Oldway v Sherwell Valley is one of those fixtures that, throughout the years, has provided many entertaining match ups and this one did not disappoint. This match was never about the result, but more the opportunity to play against a very good team. The lads played four quarters, each as well contested as the other by both teams but Oldway, thanks to some heroic goalkeeping from Isaiah and tidy finishing from the goalscorers, ended the match with a 4-2 win.

Sherwell Valley 2-4 Oldway (Charlie, Harry, Eddie and Tommy)



Player of the matches: Isaiah

Year 5/6 Girls' Bradfords Cup

The girls travelled to Devon County FA's Coach Road to play in the Bradfords Cup, competing alongside 15 other schools from across Devon.

The girls were drawn in group D for the first stage of the tournament. The aim was to qualify for the cup stage in the second round

First Group Stage

Oldway 2-0 Starcross (Skyla)

Oldway 0-1 Gatehouse

Oldway 1-0 Bradley Barton (Hazel)

The girls finished second in their preliminary group, qualifying for the cup stage. These matches were against the top teams from the other groups and were great battles, with excellent football on display. The girls should be very proud of their performance across the whole day.

Oldway Team 2

Oldway 0-1 Sherwell Valley

Oldway 0-1 Warberry

Oldway 1-1 Rydon (Skyla)



Players of the tournament: Skyla and Ava

Year 5/6 Girls' League Fixtures

The third round of schools' league fixtures took place at Paignton Academy. Well done to all of the players, who were fantastic again, and a special thanks to the family and friends who came to support us.

The girls played confidently in both matches, creating lots of scoring chances and defending comfortably throughout.

The girls have now won all six of the league matches they have competed in so far this season, conceding only one goal along the way - quite an achievement!

Oldway 3-0 Sacred Heart (Skylar, Skyla and Nevaeh)

Oldway 2-0 Roselands (Skyla x2)



Player of the match: Skyla

Year 3/4 Oldway Team

Our two 3/4 Team Oldway football teams once again demonstrated all our Oldway values and performed incredibly. Oldway Blues and Yellows played one game each as another school was unable to attend. However, both team and performances were outstanding. There was some incredible football on display including a volleyed goal from a corner!

Oldway Blues

Oldway 6-0 Curledge Street (Lenny x2, Rex, Harry AM, Romi & Obi)

Oldway Yellows

Oldway 4-0 Kings Ash (Jesse x2 and Hugo x2)



Players of the matches: Harry AM and Hugo

Year 5 Boys' Team

The two Year 5 Boys' teams were very excited to don the Team Oldway kit and play a friendly against Kings Ash. It was a really enjoyable evening with both teams playing two 'action packed' matches. It was great to see the boys enjoying themselves and celebrating every goal, tackle and save. The boys were a credit to the school. The same goes to the players and coaches at Kings Ash, who were great opponents.

Across the four matches, the goals were scored by:

Rudy x2, Jacob x2 and Jamie



Players of the matches: Harry HG and Jordan

Year 5/6 Boys' League Fixtures

We were once again back at Paignton Academy, with footballing action from schools, from across Paignton, competing in the fourth round of league fixtures.

It was arguably our best league performances of the year. Both teams faced tricky matchups against teams towards the top of the table and the subsequent matches did not disappoint. The standard of football from the two Oldway teams and our opponents was superb and both Oldway teams come away with 4 points each. As always, we are proud of every single player.

Oldway Team 1

Oldway 0-0 Roselands

Oldway 2-1 Kings Ash (Harry x2)

Oldway Team 2

Oldway 0-0 Curledge Street

Oldway 2-1 Sacred Heart (Josh x2)



**Players of the matches:
Charlie and Kooper - Luke and Josh**

Year 3/4 Oldway Team

Our Year 3 and 4 football teams both played their respective league games against Roselands here at Oldway. Roselands weren't able to attend the previous league fixture evening so we invited them to Oldway. Both teams also played an additional friendly against a second Roselands team.

Both teams demonstrated brilliant teamwork, resilience and wonderful school spirit in their matches.

Oldway Blues

Oldway 5-0 Roselands B

Oldway 1-2 Roselands A

Oldway Yellows

Oldway 4-0 Roselands A

Oldway 8-0 Roselands B



Players of the matches: Rex and Alfie W

Rowcroft Hospice



Visit our open garden

Date and time: *Saturday 9th May 2026
10am until 4pm*

Address: *Oldway Gardens
Oldway Mansion
TQ3 2TY*

Entry: *£5 suggested donation, including a
historic tour and a 45-minute
pictorial presentation.
Raffle, refreshments, and
various stalls available.*

Hosted by the Oldway Gardens Group
raising funds for Rowcroft
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On the following Tuesdays 2026

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We cover many topics, including:

- Feelings
- Importance of play
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- Challenging behaviour
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To book a place please contact
Andrew Wright or Gabrielle Dale on

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07776 495028

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Understanding your child is a course for all parents, grandparents and carers of children ages 6 months to 6 years.

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DO YOU THINK YOUR CHILD MIGHT HAVE OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER (OCD)?



OCD is short for **Obsessive Compulsive Disorder**, and involves obsessions & compulsions.

Obsessions are thoughts, images, or urges that are unwanted, repetitive, and distressing. For example, a child might worry that someone will get sick if they don't wash their hands in a certain way, or that something bad will happen if their books aren't lined up 'just right'.

Compulsions are things that children do, to try and prevent something bad from happening or to reduce the distress they feel from an obsessions. For example, excessive hand washing, repeatedly checking doors are locked, or having to replace a 'bad' thought with a 'good' thought

JOIN OUR RESEARCH TRIAL

We're looking for families of children **aged 5 to 12** years old who might have OCD to take part in a study. In this study, families will be randomly assigned to receive either:

Online Support and Intervention (OSI) for OCD: A brief, therapist-guided online programme that parents/carers work through at home. Parents/carers get regular support from a therapist by phone or video call.

Usual Treatment:
This is the treatment that services would usually offer children with OCD.

We want to see if OSI for OCD is something families and services find helpful and manageable, so we can plan a bigger study in the future

HOW TO FIND OUT MORE

If you are interested to find out more, please email jemma.regan@nhs.net quoting the 'OCD Empower study'



Thank you for helping us improve care for children with OCD!

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PAIGNTON ACADEMY OPEN EVENTS



OPEN EVENING THURSDAY 18TH JUNE

Tours at 4.30pm and 6.10pm - WATERLEAT ROAD
Attendance will be by pre-booking only

To book please click on the link below:

[Paignton Academy Event Booking Form June 2026](#)

or visit our website and click on 'Our Academy', 'Visit Us' (in Quick Links)

We are expecting high demand so early booking is essential.

Further Open Events will take place in October



Open Evening

For Year 5 children
with their parents/carers

Thursday 18 June 2026, 5 - 8 pm

by appointment only



Click on the link or scan the QR code below to book your appointment for a tour, including the opportunity to find out more about the college by meeting staff and students.

<https://forms.gle/5nV5MJvmyMUY1sGT8>

The Spires College
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01803 400660
www.thespirescollege.com



Dear Year 4 and 5 Students, Parents and Carers,



I would like to invite students, parents and carers to join us for our Open Days to hear about our brilliant school:

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|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday 29 th June | 8.15am 9.15am |
| Tuesday 7 th July | 8.15am 9.15am |
| Thursday 10 th September | 8.15am 9.15am |
| Wednesday 16 th September | 8.15am 9.15am |
| Tuesday 22 nd September | 8.15am 9.15am |
| Thursday 24 th September | 4.00pm 5.00pm 6.00pm |
| Thursday 8 th October | 8.15am 9.15am |

Please allow 2 hours for the 8.15am tour as this will include viewing the line up and registration routine before a full tour of the school and presentation.

Please allow 1.5 hours for the 9.15am tour which will include a presentation followed by a full tour of the school.

To reserve a space at one of our Open Days please visit tqacademy.co.uk/why-torquay/open-days/ or scan the QR code below.

For more information please contact us at the school:

T: 01803 329351 E: admin@tqacademy.co.uk



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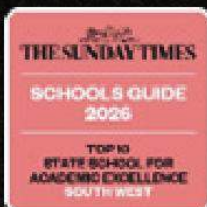


OPEN EVENING 23 JUNE 2026

WELCOME SPEECH AT 6.30PM
SUBJECT VISITS AND SITE TOUR
UNTIL CLOSE AT 8.30PM

BOOK YOUR PLACE VIA THE QR CODE BELOW OR AT
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TORQUAY GIRLS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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 2026, you can register to take the entrance tests for Torquay Boys' Grammar School from 1 March 2026. We're excited to welcome our next potential students!

The tests will be on Saturday, 19 September 2026 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. 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.

To apply to take the tests, complete the online registration form: 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.

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Coombeshead Academy



OPEN EVENTS

-Summer 2026-
Friday 8th May
Tuesday 30th June
Thursday 9th July
9.30am to 11am

To book your place please click here



Tel: 01626 201800

Email: admissions@coombesheadacademy.org.uk

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Oldway Diary Dates Summer 2026



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| <p>April 20 April - Staff and pupils return 20 April - Personal Development Day (Kindness) 22 April - Earth Day 2026 23 April - Year 3/4 Cricket Sports Festival: Hope Cove 23 April - Year 6 SATs meeting for parents 24 April - Parent coffee morning with school nurse 24 April - Curriculum Plans to parents 28 April - Bikeability assembly for Y5 30 April - Year 1/2 Bat and Ball Sports Festival: Fairy Cove</p> <p>May 4 May - Bank Holiday Monday 7 May - Year 5/6 Cricket Sports Festival: Breakwater Beach 11 - 14 May - Year 6 SATs 15 May - Y5/6 Paignton Academy Swimming Gala 19 May - Year 3 Pizza Making Workshop 19 May - Year 5 Boys' football matches vs White Rock (at home) 20 - 22 May - 'Snooze at the zoo' Residential for Year 4 21 May - Census Day 21 May - Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket Festival at South Devon Cricket Club 22 May - Y3/4 Boys' Doel Cup Football Tournament 22 May - Non uniform (tombola prizes OSF summer fair) 22 May - Last day before half term</p> <p>Optional KS1 SATs during June</p> <p>Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception pupils will be communicated directly to parents.</p> <p>SPORTS DAYS Mon 29 June - Nursery 9:15am Tues 30 June - Reception sports day 9:15am Tues 30 June - KS1 sports day 1:15 pm Weds 1 July - Y3 & Y4 sports day 9:15 am Fri 10 July - Y5 & Y6 Sports day 1:15pm</p> | <p>June Y1 trip to Dawlish Warren - dates to be confirmed in June 1 - 2 June - Non-pupil days 3 June - Pupils return 3 June - Personal Development Day (Aspiration) 3 June - 9 June Year 4 construction project 3 - 13 June - Year 4 multiplication check 4 June - TBGS - Year 4 Gifted and Talented group - Me, Myself and I 4 June - Year 5/6 Boys' Cricket Festival at South Devon Cricket Club 5 June - Move a Mile day for NSPCC 8 June - Year 1 phonics screening week 8 June - Year 6 Swim Safe 12 June - Y3/4 Girls' Doel Cup Football Tournament 15 - 18 June - Bikeability Year 5 and 6 16 June - UK Parliament visit for Children's Parliament Winners 2025 18 June - Year 1/2 Striking/Fielding Festival: Class TBC 19 June - Year 5 Children's Parliament at Torquay Town Hall 22 - 25 June - Bikeability Year 5 and 6 23 June - Year 2 Plymouth Aquarium trip 24 June - TBGS - Year 4 Gifted and Talented group - Plastic Fantastic Event 25 June - Year 3/4 Rounders Festival: Meadfoot Beach 26 June - New class information to parents 29 June - Nursery sports day 9:15am 30 June - Reception sports day 9:15am 30 June - KS1 sports day 1:15pm</p> <p>July 1 July - Y3 & Y4 sports day 9:15am 1 July - New Reception Parents Welcome 4pm 1 July - Open evening 5 - 6:30pm 2 July - Class swap (all children to new classes/ teachers) 2 July - Year 6 transition day for all Torbay schools 3 July - Transition day part 2 for some secondary schools 3 July - OSF Summer Fair and Non-Uniform Day 3:30pm 7 July - Devon Civic Award Presentation Night 9 July - Year 5/6 Rounders Festival: Elberry Cove 10 July - Y5 & Y6 Sports day 1:15pm 10 July - End of year reports home to parents 13 July - Digital Leaders trip to Exeter University (TBC) 14 July - Rock Steady Concert (TBC) 15 July - Year 6 Show 6pm 'Dare to Dream' 16 July - Year 6 Show 6pm 'Dare to Dream' 16 July - EYFS Rounders Festival 17 July - School Council lunch with Head, DHT & Chair of Gobs 17 July - Nursery Graduation Party 2:15pm 20 July - Sound Communities Boom Bus 20 July - Year 6 Leavers' Celebration 6:00pm 21 July - Last day for pupils</p> |

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.

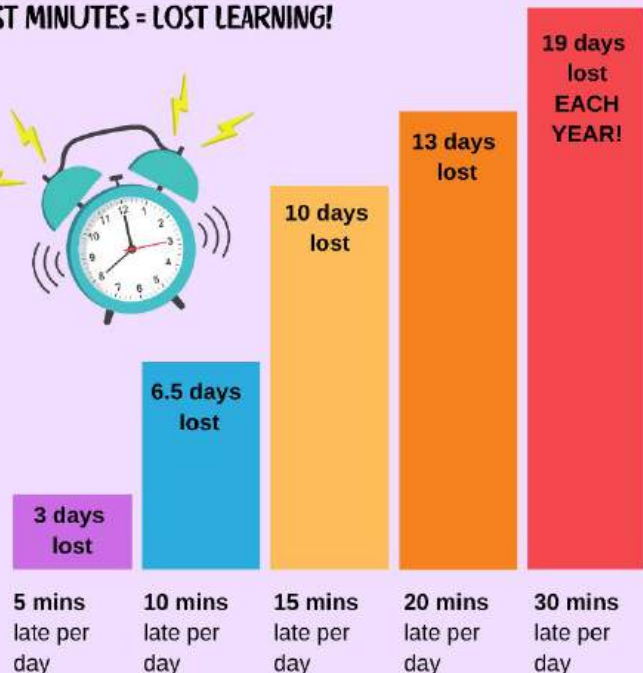
What if there's a traffic jam or something else that's not my fault? The school usually can't change the rules for one person, but if there's a big problem, like heavy snow causing delays for many people, they can make allowances.

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> |

