



Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th June 2026

Website: www.oldwayschool.co.uk

Telephone: 01803 557190

Email: oldwayoffice@rivieraet.co.uk

Weekly Attendance

Whole School 94.26%

Top Class Attendance

1st - Broadsands - 97.24%
2nd - Oyster Cove - 96.58%
3rd - Elberry Cove - 96.16%

Shells - 95.66%
Goodrington Sands - 95.74%
Preston Sands - 94.23%
Livermead Sands - 91.94%
Torre Abbey Sands - 95.01%
Fairy Cove - 90.43%
Saltern Cove - 95.09%
Babbacombe Beach - 92.97%
Maidencombe Beach - 87.09%
Meadfoot Beach - 95.80%
Oddicombe Beach - 95.58%
Anstey's Cove - 95.65%
Beacon Cove - 93.63%
Hope Cove - 94.65%
Berry Head - 94.09%
Breakwater Beach - 84.24%
Churston Cove - 95.56%
Fishcombe Cove - 93.55%
St Mary's Bay - 95.28%

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,

It's an exciting and busy half term as we head towards the end of the school year. We are busy planning for September and writing reports ready to share your child's progress with you. All of our pupils are heading to a period of change as they move classes, and our year 6 pupils are facing a more significant change as they move on to secondary school. All staff are mindful of these changes and we are working hard to make these changes as smooth as possible.

We are also delighted to be welcoming new families to school: 2 year olds to our extended nursery, 3 year olds to Shells and new Reception children. We can't wait to get to know you!

There are opportunities to support your child in school over the next few weeks; sports days, which are always a highlight; open evening, where you have the opportunity to review the year the meet the next teacher; new parent events for our youngest pupils; the Y6 production and the OSF summer fair.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

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

Oldway Diary Dates Summer 2026

Summer 1	Summer 2
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 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 Optional KS1 SATs during June Stay and Play for Nursery and Reception pupils will be communicated directly to parents. 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	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 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

Snooze at the Zoo

Year 4 had a fantastic time on their Snooze at the Zoo residential at Dartmoor Zoo. The children enjoyed a range of expert-led workshops exploring conservation, enrichment making and placing, and close encounters with some of the zoo's residents. They had a BBQ, hot chocolate and marshmallows, zoo tours, a scavenger hunt, a night walk to see the nocturnal animals, sketched their favourite things and had lots of fun making memories with their friends.



**Dartmoor
Zoological
Society**



Our Eco Code



O

Our planet stays cleaner when we choose not to litter,



L

Look after our school, keep it tidy and better.



D

Do your part daily: recycle what you can,



W

We all share this space, so protect it together as one plan.



A

Apple cores, fresh foods, healthy choices each day,



Y

Your actions can help in a big, caring way.



Pick up your rubbish, use bins every time,



Recycle and reuse, it's a habit that shines.



In our school grounds, keep everything neat,



Make healthy food choices, good snacks can't be beat.



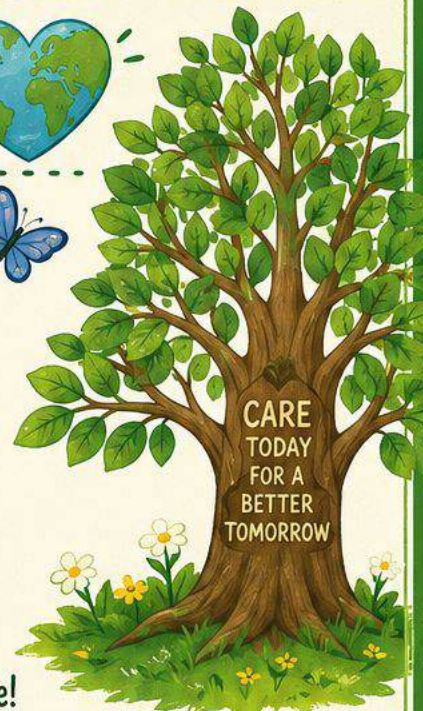
All of us working together with care,



Respect for our planet is something we share.



You can make change, start today, show you care!



Your school and your Earth will thank you—**OLDWAY!**

Everyone is an Eco Warrior

At Oldway, we are creating responsible citizens who look after our world. Goodrington Sands had a great time litter picking but unfortunately they found lots of rubbish!



Future Musicians

We're delighted to let you know that we have a new music space which gives us greater capacity for individual and whole class music lessons. We now have a room dedicated to individual lessons which allows classes to use our music room more regularly. Our Shells Nursery have had a great time learning about instruments and sounds in our music room in the last few weeks.



Oldway Wild Learning

Shells had a super time in OWL (Oldway Wild Learning) hunting for minibeasts. They made sure to look high and low and were super explorers. Well done, Shells.



Looking for childcare that fits around you?



We've got you covered with care from 7.45am - 5.30pm! Join the fun at The Shells Nursery - we have limited spots open for 3-year-olds with immediate or autumn starts. Term-time only over 38 weeks.

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

Want to see for yourself?

Contact us on 01803 557190 to book a visit.



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



Learning in Nature

We love to learn in nature using our beautiful natural surroundings, whether it is in our OWL sessions, Beach school or enjoying our school allotment.

Reception have had a fantastic time at their Beach School sessions, creating moats around their sandcastles. They also marked the water line in the sand then used stones and shells to predict where the water might reach. One session was made even more special, as the children were treated to chips courtesy of The Rugga Shack — a lovely surprise that everyone thoroughly enjoyed.

Broadsands class had a lovely afternoon in the allotment, watering the plants and enjoying story time together.



Celebration Ice Creams

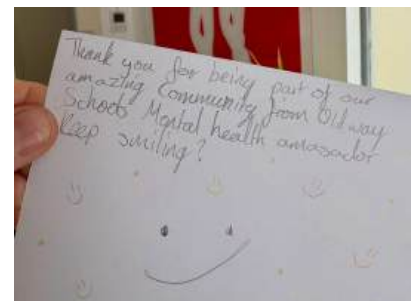
The Year 6 children had a well-deserved end-of-SATs-week celebration. With the whole field to themselves in the beautiful sunshine, the children had the opportunity to chill out, make memories and enjoy an ice cream! We are so immensely proud of their efforts, determination, resilience, and enthusiasm. Well done Year 6.



Community Kindness

Our wonderful Mental Health Ambassadors have been delivering some kindness cards to people in our local area.

One business, LukeTom Web Design & Development, thanked them on their Facebook page, saying 'What a fantastic group of young people, spreading positivity and reminding us all how powerful a little kindness can be.'



Building Futures

Over the past two weeks, the pupils in Year 4 have been working very hard to create models, sharing their ideas for redeveloping the old Paignton Picture House as part of their 'Let's Build Project'. They had to develop a new concept for the picture house as well as considering sustainable materials and community use too.

The pupils were visited by local experts including engineers, architects and project managers. Following this, they formed groups and discussed their ideas and used materials to turn their ideas into a model of their vision.

The project culminated with each group presenting their ideas, alongside their model, to a panel of judges.

The pupils were amazing! They prepared well and all spoke clearly. When some were worried, others rallied around and supported them. The teamwork on display was inspiring. As well as learning so much, the pupils also had a great time doing it.

Well done to all of the pupils and staff in Year 4.



Mummy and Me

We love to work alongside our local community and were delighted to host 'Mummy and Me' in our pool. The mums enjoyed the experience of swimming with their little ones, in many cases for the first time. So many wonderful memories made.



Young Writers and Photographers

Andrew Ryder, from the Rotary Club of Preston, came into our whole school assembly to present certificates to those who entered the 'Young Writer' and 'Young Photographer' competitions. Well done to all pupils who entered and received their certificates. Congratulations to Roux and Charlotte, whose entries both won the district competitions! Amazing!



Ice Lollies with the Head

Well done to all of these Oldway superstars who finished this half term with 'Ice Lollies with the Head'. It's always such a treat to hear why they have been nominated.



Gymnastic Finals

At Oldway, we love to celebrate our pupils and we have some fabulous news. At the recent British Gymnastics Grade 3 National Finals, Qiao Qiao competed for the South West team against 53 athletes from 14 teams across the country. She came away with two individual silver medals - on Floor and on Bars. Everyone at Oldway is super proud and we're sure you'll join us in wishing her every success for the future.



All Aboard

Our Early Years children had a wonderful time on the Paignton to Kingswear steam train!

As part of our curriculum learning about the local area, the children enjoyed spotting familiar landmarks and points of interest along the beautiful journey. We rounded off the day with a trip to the beach, where they continued exploring and identifying key features of our coastline.





TBGS Workshops

Over the past few weeks, some Year 4 pupils were lucky enough to attend workshops, hosted by Torquay Boys Grammar School. One entitled 'Food, Glorious Food' and the other 'Me, Myself and I'.

Food, Glorious Food

In a geography session, they got to grips with food miles and where different food comes from. In a languages lesson, they looked at traditional foods enjoyed in different countries and in food tech, they rolled up their sleeves and followed a basic recipe, learning about ingredients and putting their measuring skills to the test.

Me, Myself and I

The children took part in three lessons: drama, art and philosophy. They enjoyed it thoroughly and represented Oldway amazingly. The pupils had a wonderful compliment from a teacher at the Grammar School, who said: "The children of Oldway are a credit to the school".

All the pupils who attended these days had a fantastic time and we are really proud of them.





Summer Fair

Friday 3rd July

3.00–6.00pm

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

NEW FOR 2026! 30 minute show by circus performer
ELFIC THE JESTER

INFLATABLES

TOMBOLA

ACTIVITIES

GAMES

FOOD & REFRESHMENTS

ARENA SHOWS



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.

Year 5/6 Girls' League Winners

Paignton Academy was once again the venue for the final league matches of the season!

The girls continued the fantastic display of teamwork and skill which has characterised their season this year. They won their remaining two fixtures, securing the league title. The girls remain unbeaten in the league all season, with an outstanding 10 wins from 10 games. What a fantastic achievement!

Thank you to all the families who came along to offer their support.

Oldway 1 - 0 King's Ash (Skylar)

Oldway 1 - 0 Preston (Ava)

Player of the match: Skylar



Finishing the league with a 100% win record is quite some achievement. They proudly lifted the cup in the KS2 celebration assembly, whilst 'We Are the Champions' sounded through Gibson hall.

Year 5 Boys' Football Friendly

This time it was for a friendly match against White Rock. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening of football with both teams playing two matches! It was once again great to see the players from both teams enjoying themselves and celebrating every goal, tackle and save. All of the players were a credit to their schools!

Thank you to White Rock for travelling to play us and a special thank you to the family and friends who came to support us.

Across the two matches, we scored an impressive 19 goals!

The Oldway goals were scored by: Reuben x2, Harry T, Jacob, Kian x3, Harry H x4, Kooper x4, Eddie x4.



Players of the matches: Jamie-Lee and Sonny

Year 5/6 Girls' Cricket Festival

Oldway's cricket team, or as they named themselves 'The Oldway Super Chargers', spent a day at South Devon Cricket Club taking part in the Devon Cricket Foundation's Countdown Girls' South Competition.

The girls had a fantastic day in the sunshine, finishing third in a very competitive league, which they were delighted with.

They represented Oldway brilliantly, showing great sportsmanship and playing some exceptional cricket. Well done girls.



Year 3 Plate Winners

Our Year 3 boys spent the day at the Bradfords Community Cup in the sunshine at The Devon FA and left as Plate Champions!

The boys finished 3rd in their group, following the morning matches, and therefore entered the plate competition. They finished top of 'Plate Group 1' on goal difference, following the afternoon matches, which earned them a place in the final!

The final was a very close, tense match with the opposition hitting the bar in the final moments - but the Oldway team fought hard and won 1-0. Well done boys! We couldn't be more proud

What a great day! Thank you to Saints Southwest for organising, all of the teams we played along the way and the friends and families that came to support us!

Group Stage

Oldway 0 - 1 Sherwell Valley

Oldway 2 - 0 St Michaels (Alfie, Jesse)

Oldway 1 - 2 Bradley Barton (Mason)

Plate Group 1

Oldway 3 - 1 Chudleigh (Alfie x2, Mason)

Oldway 4 - 0 Ippelpen (Alfie, Jesse x3)

Oldway 0 - 2 Decoy

Final

Oldway 1 - 0 Gatehouse (Alfie)



Player of the matches: Isaiah

Year 3/4 Football Fixtures

Both of our year 3/4 football teams played their remaining fixtures at Paignton Academy. With four games each, there was a flurry of goals, great team work and fantastic spirit from both sides.

Oldway Blues managed to win two of their games, drawing once and losing once.

Oldway Yellows managed to win every game scoring a massive 17 goals in total. Everyone who played did the school proud!

With these results, it looks as if Oldway Yellows have won the league and both teams will be heading to Finals' Night.

Oldway Yellows

Oldway Yellows 9 - 0 Curledge Street

Oldway Yellows 3 - 1 Oldway Blues

Oldway Yellows 3 - 1 Kings Ash

Oldway Yellows 2 - 0 Preston

Goal scorers: Mason (4), Alfie W (4), Jesse (4), Joey (2), Albie (3)

Oldway Blues

Oldway Blues 4 - 2 Preston

Oldway Blues 1 - 3 Oldway Yellows

Oldway Blues 2 - 2 Roselands

Oldway Blues 4 - 0 Curledge Street

Goal scorers: Lenny (2), Obie (3), Rex (3), Romi (1)



Players of the matches: Jesse and Obi

STAY & PLAY

Coffee Morning

AT OLDWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

MONDAY
22ND JUNE
MONDAY
13TH JULY



9-10:30AM



FREE TEA, COFFEE

*a friendly space to
come play and chat.*



**SCHOOL
UNIFORM
SHOP**



**INFORMATION
ABOUT SERVICES**
in our local area.



Ann from Tissues and Issues

*will also be present for help and advice
regarding SEN needs referrals.*



Mrs Bateman
SENCO

*will be available,
for help and advice.*

Miss CHALK

Family support worker

Lets get School Ready!



Tuesday 30th June: 1.30pm – 2.15pm
Paignton Library



Are you starting school in September 2026?!
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!

Pre-booking essential: 01803 714460 or
paignton.library@librariesunlimited.org.uk

Free- donations welcome

20 APPS PARENTS & CARERS NEED TO KNOW

www.SocialWorkersToolbox.com



Snapchat

Messages and photos disappear. Children can be pressured to send images because they believe they will not be saved. Location sharing can show where a child is in real time.



Roblox

Although it looks like a children's game, it includes chat features. Children can be contacted by strangers and slowly groomed through friendly game play.



Kik Messenger

Accounts can be anonymous. It is often used to move conversations away from apps parents may check.



Fortnite

Voice chat allows children to talk to strangers during games. Language and behaviour are often inappropriate.



TikTok

Children can see adult content, receive sexual comments, and be contacted by strangers. Live videos allow real-time interaction, which can quickly become unsafe.



Telegram

Messages and groups are encrypted, making them difficult to monitor. It is used to share sexual images, harmful material, and to keep conversations hidden from adults.



Hoop

The app connects directly to Snapchat and encourages children to add new contacts quickly, including people they have never met.



Reddit

Children can easily access sexual, violent, or extreme material through posts and comments.



Instagram

Messages allow strangers to contact children directly. Many children run secondary accounts that parents do not know about. There is strong pressure around appearance and popularity.



OmeTV

Random video chats with strangers. No effective safeguarding. Sexual content and adult behaviour are common. Children have no control over who appears on screen.



LiveMe

Children can broadcast themselves live to anyone watching. Viewers can comment in real time, including adults.



BeReal

The app prompts children to take photos instantly, which can lead to oversharing without thinking about safety.



WhatsApp

Private chats and group chats are often used for school or friendship groups, but bullying, exclusion, and sharing of images can happen quickly and spread widely.



Yubo

The app is designed to meet new people. Children can live stream and chat with strangers, which can quickly become sexual or exploitative.



Calculator+

These apps look like calculators but are used to hide photos, videos, and messages from parents and carers.



Twitch

Children watch and interact with live streamers through chat, which often includes adults and unmoderated comments.



Discord

Children join private chat servers linked to gaming or interests. These spaces are often unmoderated and can include adults, sexual content, or harmful language.



Monkey

Children are placed into random video chats with people they do not know. They have no control over who appears on screen.



YouTube

Children can be exposed to adult content through suggested videos, comments, and live streams, even when watching innocent clips.



Bumble

This is a dating app. Despite age limits, some under-18s access it to talk to adults looking for relationships.



**Churston Ferrers
Grammar School**

Learning to create a better world



OPEN DAY

Booking is required
via this link



THURSDAY 25th JUNE 2026

10.00am - 11.20am Presentation and Guided Tour

4.15pm - 5:45pm Presentation and Guided Tour

5:30pm - 7:00pm Presentation and Guided Tour

****Parking will be available on-site for the afternoon Presentations and Tours****

Churston Ferrers Grammar School, Greenway Road, Brixham, Devon, TQ5 0LN
T: 01803 842289 W: churstongrammar.com E: enquiries@churstongrammar.com





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
Westlands Lane, Torquay TQ1 3PE
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:

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



Scan me to book
one of our open
days





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
WWW.TGGSACADEMY.ORG/OPENEVENING

book here



TGGS



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.

Excellence Integrity Leadership



TORQUAY BOYS' GRAMMAR SCHOOL



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

**OPEN
DAY**

Tours
8 July
at 9:30
& 2:00

Dare to be
www.tbgs.co.uk
enquiries@tbgs.co.uk



St Cuthbert Mayne School

Educating For Life In All Its Fullness

Discover your future at St Cuthbert Mayne School

We are proud to offer:

- A welcoming community
- High-quality teaching and excellent results
- A wide range of subjects, clubs and enrichment
- Strong pastoral care focused on wellbeing
- Excellent SEND support

We provide the environment to help you succeed and grow with confidence in your learning.

**Come and see for yourself
at our open events.**

**Click to book your place
or scan the QR code!**



st-cuthbertmayne.co.uk | 01803 328 725



Follow Us!





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

www.coombesheadacademy.org.uk - Coombeshead Road, Newton Abbot TQ12 1PT



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**

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

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

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.

Winter	• Navy V-neck jumper/sweatshirt/ cardigan • Charcoal grey or black trousers/ skirt/ pinafore dress • Light blue short sleeved polo shirt
Summer	• 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	• Light blue PE shirt available • Navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings • Trainers (not plimsolls) 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.

