



Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Monday 20th July 2026

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Weekly Attendance

Whole School 95%

Top Class Attendance

1st - Elberry Cove - 97.6%

2nd - Oyster Cove - 97.5%

3rd - Oddicombe Beach - 97.1%

Shells - 94.2%

Broadsands - 96.3%

Goodrington Sands - 95.7%

Preston Sands - 93.5%

Livermead Sands - 95.5%

Torre Abbey Sands - 94.9%

Fairy Cove - 95.1%

Saltern Cove - 95.2%

Babbacombe Beach - 95.1%

Meadfoot Beach - 96.3%

Maidencombe Beach - 86.7%

Ansteys Cove - 96.1%

Beacon Cove - 96.5%

Hope Cove - 95.2%

Berry Head - 94.7%

Breakwater Beach - 85.2%

Churston Cove - 94.7%

Fishcombe Cove - 94.6%

St Marys Bay - 94.6%

Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another year, it is always good to celebrate the fabulous achievements at Oldway.

In the past few days we have received our KS2 SATs results and we are delighted to have increased our outcomes from last year and that our combined outcomes are well above the national expected standard. Our year 6 pupils and staff have worked incredibly hard to make sure that our pupils leave us ready for secondary school. We're also delighted to have celebrated our Nursery graduation and look forward to welcoming all of our new Reception pupils as they begin their school career. We look forward to meeting new families who will be welcomed into the Oldway community.

There will be changes at Oldway as we seek to further improve our offer for our children and we'll keep you informed of everything as we move along our continual improvement journey.

We hope that the summer is a relaxing and happy family time for all of you and look forward to welcoming everyone back to school in September. Term starts on Monday 7th September with our 'Personal Development' days.

Have a lovely summer!

Emma Bamber (Head of School)



School Opening Times

The school gates 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 - 4:30.

Celebrating success!

94%

94% of pupils
passed the Phonics
Screening check

These **OUTSTANDING**
results mean that we are
in the top 10% in the
country!

86%

86% of pupils
achieved a good level
of development

This is **SIGNIFICANTLY**
ABOVE the national
average of 72%!

KS2 SATS results*

We're happy to report that these are our best results in
4 years!

READING	Expected Standard: 79%	Greater Depth: 25%
WRITING	Expected Standard: 76%	Greater Depth: 14%
MATHS	Expected Standard: 81%	Greater Depth: 26%
COMBINED	Expected Standard: 73%	Greater Depth: 8%

- **Expected Standard:** working at the expected standard for a child at the end of year 6
- **Greater Depth:** working at a greater depth within the expected standard, with a strong understanding of the curriculum

*unvalidated data





PARENT WELCOME MEETINGS



We know how important communication is for our families.

During the first week of September, we will have parents welcome meetings straight after school in our conference room.



All meetings start at 3:30pm in the conference room.



Tuesday 7th September at 3:30pm

Y1 & Y2 led by Eve Edworthy

Assistant Head for lower years



Wednesday 8th September at 3:30pm

Y3 & Y4 led by Zoe Milligan

Assistant Head for middle years



Thursday 9th September at 3:30pm

Y5 & Y6 led by Hannah Fox

Assistant Head for upper years



EYFS families have already had a welcome meeting before the summer break.



If you have more than one child, please don't feel that you need to attend more than one meeting.



The slides will be sent to parents after each meeting and will be added to the website.

We look forward to seeing you! ♥

Oldway Staffing News



Hello, my name is Sarah-Jane Atkins, and I am delighted to be joining the team at Oldway Primary School. I have two children and I am passionate about supporting young people to grow in confidence and enjoy learning. Originally from Paignton, I have been living and teaching in Somerset since 2009, so I am especially excited to be returning to Torbay and being close to the sea again. In my spare time, I enjoy exploring new places, spending time outdoors, and taking coastal walks. I love the sense of calm and happiness that comes from being near the beach and nature.

I am really looking

forward to getting to know the children, families, and staff at Oldway Primary and becoming part of the school community.



Hello! My name is Miss Roach, and I am delighted to be joining the Oldway team in September. Having recently completed my teacher training, I am incredibly excited to begin my teaching career and become a part of such a welcoming school community. I am passionate about creating a positive and inclusive learning environment where every child feels valued, supported, and encouraged to achieve their best. Building strong relationships with my class and helping them develop confidence is my priority.

Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my friends and family, including my two springer spaniels, Jasper and Ollie. P.E. is my specialist subject, so I also love sports, especially football and formula one. Reading is another hobby of mine and I firmly believe nothing beats getting lost in a good book! I am looking forward to getting to know the children and their families and becoming an active member of the Oldway community.



Hello! My name is Mrs Wingrove and I am joining the teaching team at Oldway this September. Since I became a teacher in 2013, I have taught in both KS1 and KS2 and am passionate about providing an exciting and enriching education for all children. Getting to know children, building relationships and creating an engaging and inclusive classroom environment are some of the aspects of teaching that I enjoy most, along with the variety that working with children provides - no two days are ever the same! Becoming part of the thriving school community at Oldway is something I am very much looking forward to.

Outside of the classroom, I love spending time outdoors exploring the beautiful beaches and the countryside that the South West has to offer. I also enjoy reading, as well as keeping active through walking, swimming and Pilates.



Goodbye and Thankyou!

As the school year draws to a close, we say goodbye to many members of our Oldway community. Firstly, to the whole of our Y6 cohort who will be heading off to their secondary schools. Your legacy will stay at Oldway and we wish you the best of luck.

We also say goodbye to several staff members. Alex Fortune will be heading off to work at Roselands, our sister school. We'll miss you and hope you settle well in your new role. Kevin Newton will be leaving us and will be much missed. We wish you well in your next venture.



We also say goodbye to Emma Collings (SEND admin), Lucinda Parker (TA), Sohana Uddin (MTA), Harriet Hobbs (MTA), Sandra Thompson (MTA) and Louise Clements (MTA). Your commitment and dedication has been very much appreciated and we wish you all well in the future.

A huge thank you to Becky Ross, a governor for 7 years and our chair of governors for 4 years. Your guidance, support, time and effort has been very much appreciated.



We also thank Becky Read for her time and commitment as a governor.

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Personal Development Days at Oldway Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th September 2026 for Y1 - Y6

'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 first half of the autumn 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 take responsibility for how we speak to each other and for tackling bullying if we see it.

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. During 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 certificates for most improved and golden pencils ready for the champions! We want our pupils to recognise that taking pride in our achievements is important.

New for September 2026



OUR MOBILE PHONE POLICY

BE READY ~ BE RESPECTFUL ~ BE SAFE



Our priority is a safe, focused and distraction-free learning environment for every child.

1 WHO CAN BRING A PHONE?



No phones allowed for children in EYFS, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4.

Children must be dropped off and collected by an adult.



YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6

May bring a phone only if they walk to / from school unaccompanied AND parental consent has been given.

2 YEAR 5 & 6 RULES



Parental consent form must be completed before bringing a phone to school.



Turn phone completely off before coming onto the school site.



Phone will be stored securely in the classroom all day.



You will get your phone back at the end of the school day.

Phones must stay off and in bags until you have left the school gates.

3 WHY WE HAVE THIS POLICY



Keeps everyone safe.



Supports positive friendships and wellbeing.



Helps us stay focused on learning.

The school and Trust cannot accept responsibility for loss, theft or damage to any device.

4 MISUSE IS NOT ALLOWED



No pupils' phones seen, heard or used anywhere on the school site (including playgrounds, fields and clubs).



Unauthorised use will be treated as a breach of the Behaviour Policy.

5 CONSEQUENCES



FIRST BREACH
Phone taken and returned at end of day. Parents notified.



SECOND BREACH
Phone taken and returned to a parent. Meeting with class teacher.



REPEATED BREACHES
Permission removed. Further sanctions applied.

6 EXCEPTIONS



In exceptional personal or medical circumstances, the Headteacher may grant special permission.



Requests must be made in writing. A bespoke plan will be agreed.

7 OUR PROMISE



A safe and caring environment



Focused learning every day



Working together for every child



THANK YOU

for supporting our policy and helping us keep our school a great place to learn.



Education Trust

MEET OUR SENIOR LEADERSHIP TEAM

Introducing the key staff members supporting your children and our community at Oldway.



MRS E BAMBER - Headteacher



MR C HALLETT - Deputy Head



MRS E EDWORTHY -
Assistant Head: Lower School



MRS Z MILLIGAN -
Assistant Head: Middle School



MRS H FOX -
Assistant Head: Upper School



MRS L BATEMAN -
SENDCo



MISS ROWE -
DSL/Family Support Worker

We are here to help. Reach out with any questions!



Phone



Email



Location



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EYFS (Reception and Nursery) drop off and pick up in the EYFS playground.



Year 1 drop off and pick up in the Year 1 playground.





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Year Group	Drop Off	Pick Up
Year 2: Fairy Cove		
Year 2: Oyster Cove		
Year 3: Drop off in the playground by the music hut.		
Year 4: Drop off by the year 4 stairs.		



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Maidencombe Beach will be dropped off and picked up from the entrance under the canopy next to the middle playground.

Year 5 drop off and pick up in the KS2 playground, doors to the left of the building.



Year 6 drop off and pick up in the KS2 playground, doors to the right of the building.

Allergies & Healthy Eating



We would like to remind all families that our school is a *nut aware* environment.

Due to the presence of students with severe nut allergies, we kindly ask that you **do not send any nuts or nut-based products** (including peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars containing nuts, etc.) in your child's lunchbox or snacks.

Even small traces of nuts can trigger life-threatening allergic reactions. By working together, we can help ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students.



Healthy Breaktime Snacks

We kindly remind you to provide your child with a healthy snack for break time each day. We encourage snacks such as fresh fruit, vegetables, rice cakes, or plain crackers.

Please do not send any snacks containing nuts, as we have children in school with severe nut allergies.

Thank you for your support in promoting a healthy eating habits for our pupils, Research consistently shows that providing nutritious snacks positively influences students' academic performance, behavior, and overall well-being.

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.



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)

Autumn Term 2026	Non-Pupil Day	Thursday 3rd September 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Friday 4th September 2026
	First Day	Monday 7th September 2026
	Half Term	Monday 26th October - Monday 2nd November 2026 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 2nd November 2026
	Last Day	Friday 18th December 2026
	Christmas Holidays	Monday 21st December 2026 – Monday 4th January 2027 inclusive

Spring Term 2027	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 4th January 2027
	First Day	Tuesday 5th January 2027
	Half Term	Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027
	Last day	Thursday 25th March 2027
	Easter holidays	Friday 26th March – Friday 9th April 2027

Summer Term 2027	First day	Monday 12th April 2027
	Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
	Half term	Monday 31st May - Monday 7th June 2027 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 7th June 2027
	Last day	Friday 23rd July 2027
	Summer holidays	Monday 26th July - Friday 3rd September 2027 inclusive

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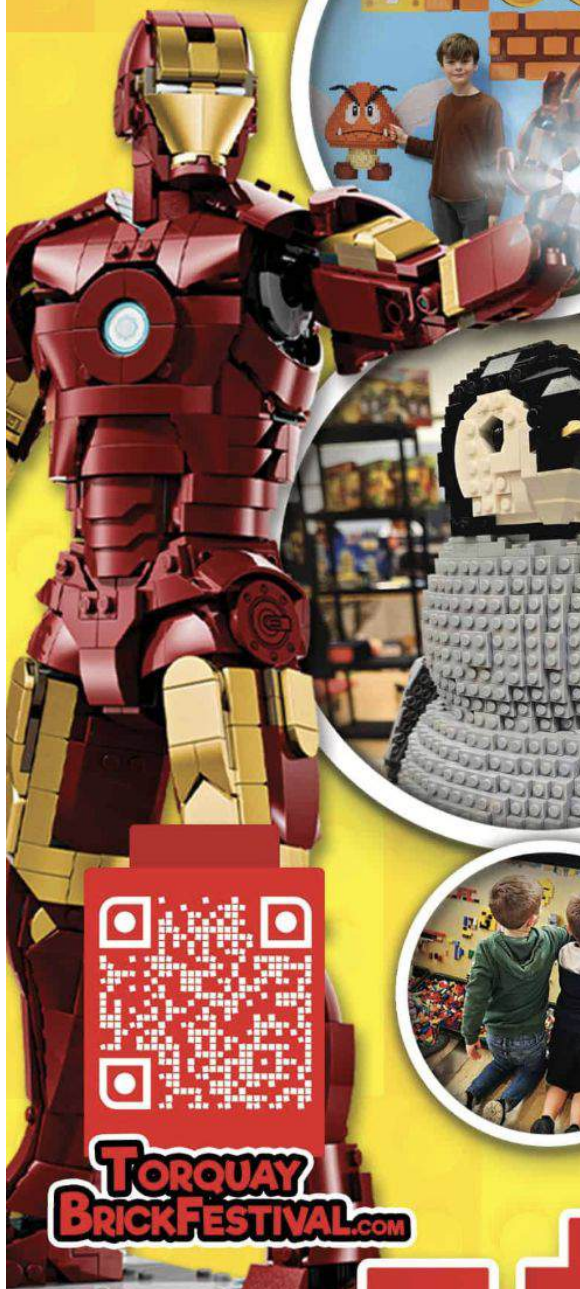
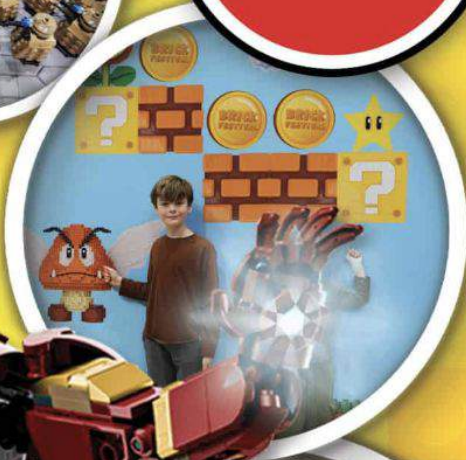
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Finals' Night Success

for our football teams



**Y3/4
CUP WINNERS:
OLDWAY**



- ★ This evening, in the beautiful sunshine, our football teams took part in the Paignton Schools' League football Finals' Night at Paignton Academy.
- ★ After competing all season in the league, both of our Y5/6 boys teams, our Y5/6 girls team and both of our Y3/4 mixed football teams all qualified for their respective semi finals.
- ★ Both of our Y3/4 teams won their semi finals, qualifying for the Cup Final against each other, with the Yellows lifting the winner's trophy!



**Y5/6 GIRLS
CUP WINNERS:
OLDWAY**



- ★ Our Y5/6 girls won their semi final, qualifying for the Cup Final, which they won with practically the last kick of the game!
- ★ Our Y5/6 boys teams both competed well, with Oldway 1 qualifying for the Cup Final and Oldway 2 earning a place in the Plate Final. Oldway 2 gave it their all, finishing runners up in the plate. Oldway 1 scored a late equaliser, forcing penalties! But they banished the memories of past penalty heartaches and lifted the cup as winners!



**Y5/6 BOYS
CUP WINNERS:
OLDWAY**



- ★ On top of this, Skyla was crowned the 'Golden Boot' winner for the Y5/6 girls league!
- ★ We are very proud of all of the players and their coaches, who have given up so much of their time leading training sessions and matches throughout the year.
- ★ Thank you also to the parents and staff from the school for your loyal support, not just tonight but throughout the year.
- ★ A thoroughly great way to end the season!



Aspiration,
Responsibility,
Kindness

Proud of Our Players
Stronger Together



OUR Y6 PLAY WAS **Absolutely Magical!**

A SHOW TO REMEMBER AND A STANDING OVATION ALL ROUND!

Disney **DARE TO DREAM**

A CELEBRATION OF DISNEY'S GREATEST HITS

What an incredible performance! Our Y6 pupils absolutely shone on stage and gave us a show filled with talent, teamwork and lots of Disney magic.

Thank you for your hard work, dedication and for creating such a special production. We are so proud of every single one of you!

It was a wonderful way to celebrate all you've achieved and to sign off before your next adventure at secondary school – we wish you the very best!

Well done, Year 6!
You were amazing! ♥



★ To Our Amazing Pupils

You gave everything you had and created a show we will never forget. You should be so proud!

★ Thank You to Our Audience

Thank you for your support and for being part of such a special evening. Your cheers made it even better!

★ Thank You to Our Staff

A huge thank you to all of our Y5/6 staff for your time, hard work and belief in our pupils. You are amazing!

★ A Special Thank You to Mrs Scott

Mrs Scott, thank you for your incredible dedication, creativity and guidance. You have brought this show to life and inspired every single one of us. We are so grateful!

*Dreams Today *
Brighter Tomorrows *
Forever in Our Hearts*

Well done, Year 6!
You've been incredible! ♥



NURSERY GRADUATES!

What a wonderful afternoon!

Parents were invited in to celebrate with us.
Gibson Hall was beautifully decorated,
we sang songs, enjoyed cakes and a party,
and had lots of fun in the photo booth
wearing our cap and gown!

It was a lovely event and
we are SO proud of all of you!



= THE CLASS OF 2026! =