



Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Friday 4th September 2026

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Walking Home Alone

For the safety of all our children, we ask that all pupils up to and including Year 4 are collected directly from their teacher at the end of the day. If you wish your year 5 or 6 child to walk home independently, please complete the form that has been sent via email and Seesaw.

Children will only be allowed to be released by their teacher with your direct permission. Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe!

Attendance

Every minute counts! Coming to school helps your child learn, grow, and make lasting friendships. Let's make every day a great day together!



Head of School Message

Dear Parents and Carers,
A very warm welcome back to a new school year! We've been busy getting ready and look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday. Our staff will be ready to greet you at the gates at 8:30am and teachers will be ready for you in their classrooms. Please check your drop off and pick up locations in the newsletter.

We are excited to begin this new school year with a few changes. Our 2 year old Nursery opens this week and we are delighted that our Nursery building project has been completed and is ready for our youngest children. Our teachers have been busy preparing their classrooms and we have had two days of teacher training to make sure that we are providing the best opportunities for your children.

We extend a special welcome to all children who will be starting their Oldway journey for the first time this week. We are looking forward to getting to know you! We look forward to welcoming everyone to school on Monday 7th September.

Emma Bamber (Headteacher)



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.



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 8th September at 3:30pm

Y1 & Y2 led by Eve Edworthy
Assistant Head for lower years



Wednesday 9th September at 3:30pm

Y3 & Y4 led by Zoe Milligan
Assistant Head for middle years



Thursday 10th 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! ♥

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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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.



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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.





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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: Saltern Cove		
Year 2: Oyster Cove		
Year 3:		
Year 4:		



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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.

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



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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.

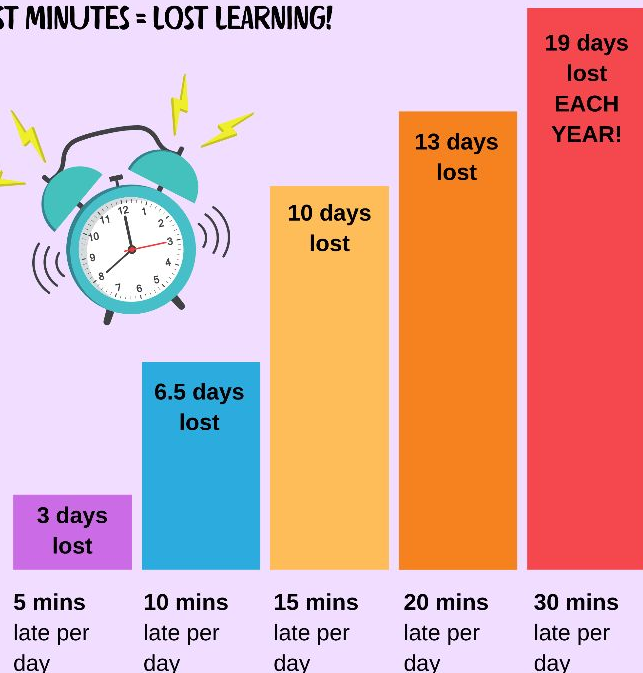
What if there's a traffic jam or something else that's not my fault? The school usually can't change the rules for one person, but if there's a big problem, like heavy snow causing delays for many people, they can make allowances.

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)



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Absence line: 07775 680213

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