Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Friday 23rd October 2026

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Weekly Attendance

Whole School 94.98%

Top Class Attendance

1st - Elberry Cove - 98.32%
2nd - Preston Sands - 97.73%
3rd - Hollicombe - 97.64%

Shells - 92.51%
Goodrington Sands - 94.67%
Livermead Sands - 93.27%
Torre Abbey Sands - 94.06%
Oyster Cove - 96.08%
Saltern Cove - 92.59%
Babbacombe Beach - 96.91%
Meadfoot Beach - 96.46%
Oddicombe Beach - 90.74%
Anstey's Cove - 95.00%
Beacon Cove - 96.21%
Hope Cove - 89.70%
Maidencombe Beach - 89.70%
Churston Cove - 92.69%
Shoalstone Beach - 96.59%
Berry Head - 96.75%
Fishcombe Cove - 97.24%
St Mary's Bay - 97.40%

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,

What a fabulous half term at Oldway with so many highlights! Our 2 year olds have settled beautifully in Nursery and the nursery garden is proving to be a huge success; we've had a lovely Harvest celebration with an amazing number of food donations for our local community - thank you; some of our Insight mornings have taken place and been very well attended and thoroughly enjoyed; our student leaders have been elected and prefects have applied for their jobs; a fabulous sculpture has been created and is now on show at Paignton Zoo - don't forget to visit and vote over half term; phase 1 of our adventure playground is complete and phase 2 is incoming; our peripatetic 'Blossoms' music room is looking fabulous at the bottom of the UKS2 building; Y6 staff and pupils have had another successful residential - huge thanks to all of the staff involved, and we have recruited new people to our team and look forward to working with them after half term.

We have shown many families around the school on our school tours, and we look forward to welcoming them to the Oldway family if they choose to join us. Keep spreading the word about our fabulous school and wonderful community. We hope you have a lovely half term break and look forward to seeing the children back on Tuesday 3rd November.



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

Eco Council

Our Eco Council had their first meeting this week and have put together lots of fantastic ideas as to how they plan to make Oldway Primary School even more sustainable and environmentally friendly. What a great team they are!





We now have a battery box for recycling all types of household batteries. If not recycled or disposed of correctly, batteries can be dangerous to our environment. By disposing of batteries in the correct way, we are protecting our environment, the plants and creatures that live within it.

Well done, everyone! If you have any household batteries you wish to dispose of, this box is in the school office. Thank you, everyone, for looking after our planet.

Oldway Harvest Festival

We were absolutely astounded by the incredible amount of food donated for our Harvest Festival this year.

A huge thank you to all of our Oldway families for your kindness and generosity. The children thoroughly enjoyed our Harvest celebrations, and it was wonderful to see our whole school community come together to support Paignton Larder and local families in need.

After the celebrations, our School Council, Head Prefects and Student Leaders rolled up their sleeves and helped to load the mountain of donations into the van, ready for their journey to Paignton Larder.

We are incredibly proud of our pupils and so grateful to our families for once again demonstrating our Oldway values of Aspiration, Responsibility and Kindness.







OSF Halloween Disco

We raised a fabulous total of £1,800 from the recent OSF halloween disco. Thanks to all of the amazing OSF team and everyone who attended and supported the disco.
Phase 1 of the new play equipment is complete and we'll share photos soon. Phase 2 should be completed before Christmas.
What an amazing facility for our pupils!! This wouldn't be possible without the incredible fundraising within our school community.

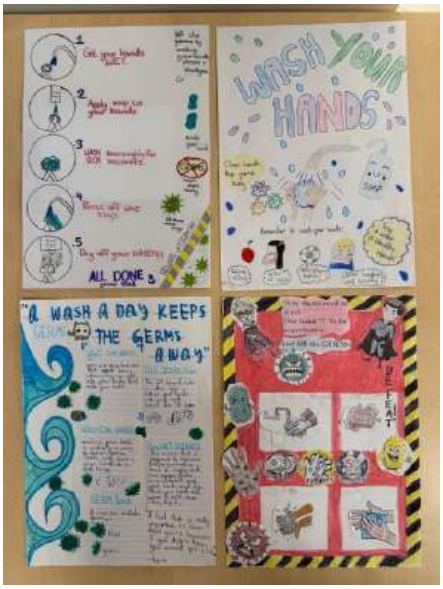


Super Soap Heroes

We were absolutely delighted to receive so many brilliant entries for the Torbay Council Handwashing Poster Competition. A huge thank you to all of our pupils who spent time creating such colourful, creative and informative posters, and to our parents and carers for supporting them at home. Here are just a few of the fantastic entries we received.







Hot Chocolate with the Head

Well done to these pupils who were chosen by their teachers to enjoy our latest 'Hot Chocolate with the Head'. We are so proud of these pupils for all of their hard work and effort.











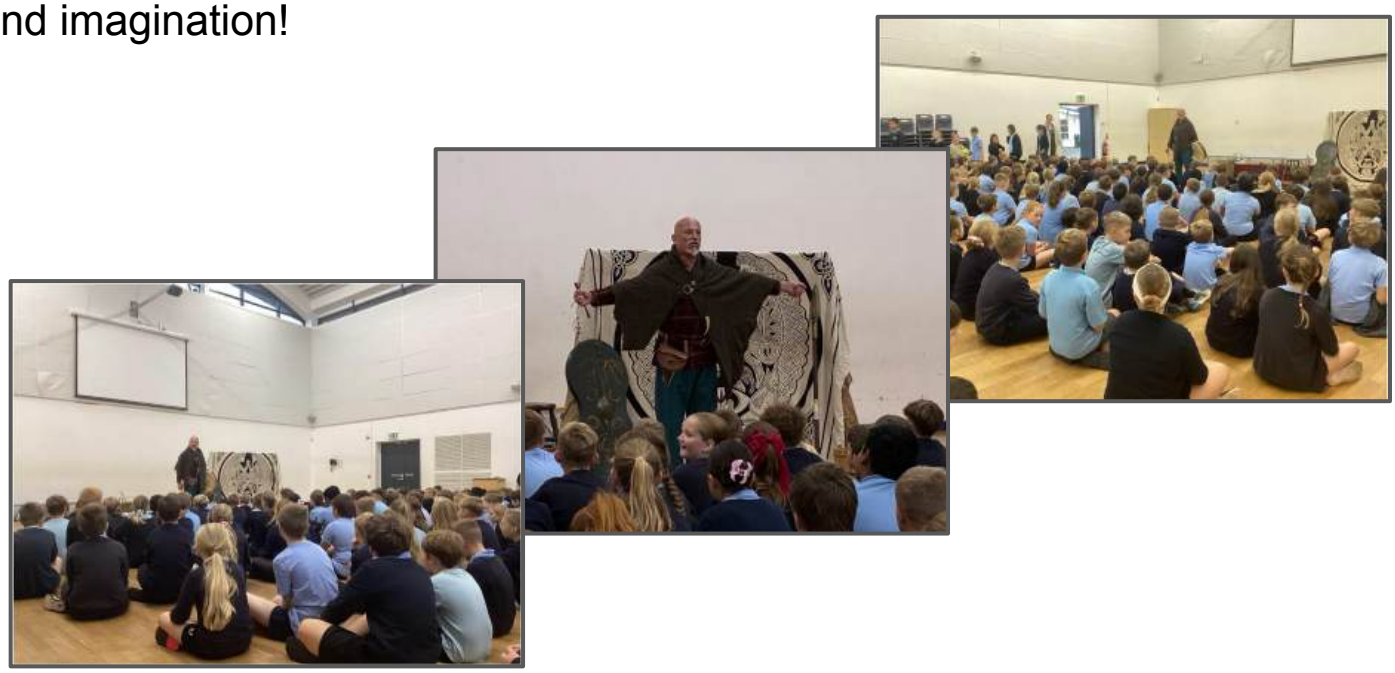
Trim Trail Outdoor Play Equipment



Phase 1 of our brand-new Trim Trail Outdoor Play Equipment is officially complete, and our pupils couldn't be more thrilled. HUGE and heartfelt thank you to our incredible Oldway School Fundraisers (OSF)! Thanks to their tireless fundraising efforts, they have contributed an amazing figure of over £8,000 towards both Phase 1 and Phase 2 of this project.

Clive Pig Workshop

Last week, we were thrilled to welcome the fantastic children's author and storyteller, Clive Pig, to Oldway. He brought history to life by stepping into character to deliver an incredible Roman workshop. Our pupils were captivated as he shared fascinating (and funny!) stories about daily life as a Celt in Roman Britain. Thank you, Clive, for an unforgettable day of learning and imagination!



Year 3/4 Boys' Football

On Monday, the 3/4 boys played their first game with two friendly matches against White Rock Primary School!

White Rock were fantastic hosts and even provided us with oranges at half time!

Both teams played brilliantly. A big well done to all of the players who displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship. Also a huge thank you to the family and friends who came to support us.

Oldway Blue

White Rock 0 - 5 Oldway (Mason, Jesse, Cody, Felix and Albie)
White Rock 0 - 9 Oldway (Mason x3, Jesse x3, Cody x2 and Albie)

Oldway Yellow

White Rock 0 - 0 Oldway (Mason, Jesse, Cody, Felix and Albie)
White Rock 2 - 1 Oldway (Theo)





Players of the matches: Mason and Theo

Year 6 Boys' Football

Last Friday, two Y6 boys' teams played two friendly matches against White Rock Primary School.

White Rock were, once again, amazing hosts - welcoming us with smiles, being fantastic opponents and their customary (and much appreciated) oranges at half time.

It was great to enjoy two good games of football - all of our players represented Team Oldway with pride and we are looking forward to more matches against White Rock in the near future. Well done to all of the players that played, to all at White Rock for hosting us and a special thank you to the family and friends who came to support us.

Jamie and Freddie both scored a fantastic goal and it was a joy to see them celebrate with their team mates.





Players of the matches: Davyd and Freddie

Paignton Zoo Sculpture

A group of Year 6 pupils have been working hard to create a sculpture to be shown at Paignton Zoo this half term. All pupils will receive a voucher to visit the zoo this half term where they can see the sculptures and then vote for their favourite to win a box of books for their school.

he sculptures were based around the idea of fantasy creatures within stories and bringing their own creatures to life. The final piece looks amazing - well done for working so hard!



WANTED!

New Governors to join our Local Standards Board

Oldway's Local Standards Board (LSB) is made up of Governors from all walks of life with a range of different backgrounds, skills and experiences. They are all volunteers who work together for the benefit of the school and are an important link between the school and the community it serves.



Why become a school governor?

- You will work with other members of our community who are committed to making Oldway the best school it can be.
- You will share and apply skills and knowledge you already have, and learn new ones.
- You will have the opportunity to 'give back' to the school and the community it serves.

Who we're looking for

The most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and education of the children it serves and a willingness to play an active part in the LSB's work. You may be someone who has:

- an interest in the performance of the school;
- a desire to contribute to and represent the community;
- an open and enquiring mind;
- the ability to look at issues objectively;
- the confidence to ask questions and join in debate;
- a willingness to listen and make informed judgements.

Time commitment

Time to spare for evening meetings (3 per year) and visits during the school day (min 3 per year) with some associated tasks between meetings.

How do I apply?

Please download and complete the volunteer application form from the governors' section of the school website then post or email it for the attention of the Headteacher, Mrs Emma Bamber.

If you wish to ask any questions or discuss the nature of the role informally, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Emma Bamber (Headteacher) or Addison Tailford (Chair of LSB: clerk@rivieraet.co.uk)

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Riviera Education Trust

OLDWAY GARDENS GROUP HALLOWEEN TRAIL

Are the Oldway crows on a special diet?

COME AND FIND OUT!

MONDAY 26TH OCTOBER – SATURDAY 31ST OCTOBER
EVERYDAY 10AM– 3PM
(LAST TRAIL SHEET AT 2:15PM)

PLEASE NOTE: There is very limited parking at Oldway due to the building work. Parking is avaliable in side roads the following carparks:
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Churchward Road, TQ3 3BA
Colin Road, TQ3 2NR

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0 to 19 TORBAY for you

School Nursing Service Parent and Carer Drop in

A member of the school nurse team will be attending your child's school on:

Date: Tuesday 24th November 202(

Time: 9 - 10.30 am

We will be able to offer support and advice for:

- Bowel and bladder
- Diet and nutrition
- Sleep
- Emotional wellbeing
- Behaviour (if there is an associated health need)

No booking needed, just turn up!



Contact Us

T: 0300 333 5352 (Monday - Friday 9am to 5pm)
E: tsdft.0to19torbay@nhs.net
A: 0 to 19 Torbay, St. Edmunds, Victoria Park Rd, Torquay TQ1 3QH
W: torbayfamilyhub.org.uk
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Single Sessions focus on what you want help with and together consider **your next steps** to beginning to improve your family wellbeing.

BEST START IN LIFE FAMILY HUBS

Family hub TORBAY

Where, When & Who?

The group meets at the Windmill Centre on Tuesdays and The Beehive on Fridays, alternating each week.
Call Leigh Williams on **07989144148**

Our Single Session options are inspired by the partnership between **Action for Children** and **Normal Magic.**



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LOCATION OLDWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

DAY WEDNESDAYS | NOVEMBER 4TH - DECEMBER 16TH

TIME 3.15 - 4.15PM

YEAR GROUPS KS2

PRICE £30

Plymouth Argyle FC in the community trust is delighted to be holding a weekly football after school club in your child's school.

The sessions focus on fun, game-based activities and small-sided matches, giving children of all abilities the chance to develop skills.

numbers are limited to 18 places so we advise booking early to secure a place.



BOOK NOW!

For more info email Ben.Thompson@pafc.co.uk

Oldway Primary School

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

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 (unathorised 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 (unathorised 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.

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

Riviera Education Trust

Diary Dates Autumn 2026

Half term 1	Half term 2
School Tours for prospective pupils - Thursdays at 9:15am from 10th September onwards	
September 3rd/4th - Non-pupil days 7th - School year begins **7th/8th - Pupils return to school: Personal Development Days** 7th, 8th and 9th - Nursery 2 year old stay and play sessions 8th - Welcome meetings: Years 1 & 2 9th - Welcome meetings: Years 3 & 4 10th - Welcome meetings: Years 5 & 6 w/c 14th - School Council elections 18th - Inaugural School Council 18th - Curriculum Plans to parents 18th - Agatha Christie Writing Festival for Maidencombe Beach 21st - Road Safety workshop with Taleblazers Y5 22nd - Caterlink Knife and Fork sessions with Reception - Year 2 classes 22nd - Stay and Play coffee morning (9am) 30th - Reception INSITE morning - Preston Sands **October** Black history month 1st - National Poetry Day: Theme - wonder 1st - Autumn census date 1st - Reception INSITE morning - Goodrington Sands 6th - Stay and Play coffee morning (9am) 13th - Flu Vaccinations (Reception - Year 6) (optional) 13th (TUESDAY) - OSF Halloween Discos KS1 hall 3:15 - 4:15 - Year 1 and 2 4:30 - 5:30 - Year 3 and 4 5:45 - 6:45 - Year 5 and 6 14th - Harvest festival at Christchurch (pupils only) 15th - Year 6 Roman Day 15th - Clive Pig author visiting Year 6 20th, 21st and 22nd - Year 1 INSITE mornings: (need to check which class for each day) Tuesday 20th - Hollicombe Beach Wednesday 21st - Torre Abbey Sands Thursday 22nd - Livermead Sands 19th - 23rd - Year 6 residential at Heatree House 23rd - Non uniform charity fundraiser - details to follow 23rd - Last day before half term **Autumn Half Term**	**November** 2nd - Non-pupil day **Tuesday 3rd - Pupils return to school: Personal Development Day** 4th and 5th - Individual and sibling photos 4th - Parents' Evening (3:30 - 6:30pm) 9th - Parents' Evening (3:30 - 6:30pm) 10th - Stay and Play coffee morning (9am) 11th - Remembrance day 12th - Year 1 and 2 film festival cinema trip 13th - Children in need (fundraiser) W/C 16th - Anti-bullying week (odd socks) 16th - Odd sock day for anti-bullying (not a fundraiser) 17th - Year 4 INSITE morning 18th - Year 3 INSITE morning 18th - SEND Parents' Evening (3:30 - 5:15pm) 24th - Stay and Play coffee morning (9am) 24th - Year 3 and 4 film festival cinema trip Year 5 and 6 film festival cinema trip Week beginning 30th - KS1 performance dress rehearsals **December** 1st - Nursery INSITE and Christmas Carols 2:00pm 3rd - Nursery INSITE and Christmas Carols 2:00pm 7th and 8th - KS1 Christmas performances 4:00pm 8th - Stay and Play coffee morning (9am) 9th - Christmas Music Concert in the drama hall (time TBC) 11th - Christmas lunch/ Christmas jumper day/Rowcroft Rudolph Run 14th - Reception Nativity 10:00am and 2:10pm 15th (pm) - Nursery party in the Nursery 15th - Year 3/4 Carol Service: Christchurch 2:00pm (parents invited) 16th - Year 5/6 Carol Service: Christchurch 2:00pm (parents invited) 16th (pm) - Year 3 and 4 party 16th (pm) - Year 1 and 2 party 17th (pm) - Reception party 17th (pm) - Year 5 and 6 party 17th (pm) - Nursery party in the Nursery 18th - Last day before Christmas break Oldway Primary School

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

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.**

