



# Oldway Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025

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## Weekly Attendance

**Whole School 96.11%**

### Top Class Attendance

1st - Preston Sands - 98.80%

2nd - Babbacombe - 98.77%

3rd - Beacon Cove - 98.39%

Shells - 94.82%

Broadsands - 96.50%

Goodrington Sands - 96.25%

Livermead Sands - 96.77%

Torre Abbey - 95.49%

Fairy Cove - 94.22%

Oyster Cove - 96.55%

Saltern Cove - 97.53%

Meadfoot Beach - 98.27%

Oddicombe Beach - 97.66%

Maidencombe Beach - 91.40%

Ansteys Cove - 96.77%

Hope Cove - 97.15%

Berry Head - 93.33%

Breakwater Beach - 83.76%

Churston Cove - 95.72%

Elberry Cove - 97.98%

Fishcombe Cove - 94.09%

St Mary's Bay - 96.45%

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 fantastic start to the school year! The children have settled brilliantly, learning is in full flow and we have so much to celebrate. Our school values - Aspiration, Responsibility and Kindness - shape our school and we can see them in evidence every day. Many children have already received 'Golden Phone calls' or 'Hot Chocolate with the Head'; these regular rewards are a highlight of my week!

Small changes are making a noticeable difference: there has been really positive feedback around the changes to the start of the school day; Nursery swimming has been enjoyed by some of our children with their parents; our SEND hub classes have received amazing feedback - we have much to celebrate. Student voice is very important at Oldway and we're delighted that our School Council has been elected and are meeting regularly with Mr Hallett. The children are very proud to represent Oldway in this way. We're very much looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

Kind regards,  
Emma Bamber  
(Head of School)



## School Opening Times

The school gates are 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 - 3:30.

# Oldway Shells Nursery

Our Nursery children are loving 'Stay and Splash' with their parents.



## Looking for childcare that fits around your family?

At The Shells Nursery, we've got you covered with care from 7:45am - 5:30pm! We currently have limited spaces available for 3-year-olds with immediate starts (term-time only, 38 weeks).

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

### Come and see for yourself!

Call us today on 01803 557190 to book your visit - we'd love to meet you!



# Reception 'New Starters' Survey

During the year, we collect pupil, parent and staff voice through surveys. We are delighted with the response to our 'New Starters' survey from our Reception Parents.

- My child has settled in well - 97%
- My child's experience of school is very good/ good - 97%
- My child is safe at school - 97%
- The information I received before my child started school was helpful - 97%
- It's easy to contact the school - 97%



And we love to hear such positive feedback!

*'The transition from nursery to reception has been smooth. He really seems to have settled and is happy to go in.'*

*'We are so grateful for you. As a school you're kind, organised and I know my children are safe and cared for as they learn in the most amazing environment and surroundings. Thank you.'*

*'We love the school, the staff are always polite and friendly and they do a wonderful job teaching and caring for our children in all aspects of their day.'*

*'We love you Oldway!!! No better school for both of my girls! It was great when I attended 23 years ago and even better now for my kids!'*

# Classroom Excellence

At Oldway, our vision is that every child has the best experience possible. We work hard to improve every element of school life.

We have recently launched an initiative called 'Classroom Excellence' based on the principles of Doug Lemov's 'Teach like a Champion'. The aim is to use evidence informed research to make teaching and learning as effective as possible. Our teachers meet each week to explore the research and think about how this can be adapted into teaching and learning at Oldway for our children. The main focus is 'harnessing attention' - how can we reduce 'cognitive load' to allow children to focus on their learning.

At Oldway, we use a 'Stop Sign' to secure children's attention. This reduces the amount of teacher talk required.



In KS2, our desks face forwards to create a single focal point. When all students face the board/teacher, everyone shares the same visual anchor, reducing distractions.



Our pupils have individual learning packs with their own resources to ensure that they can access everything they need immediately.



We have a 'Turn and talk' routines to develop oral communication and support active listening.



# Parking around Oldway



## Parking and Safety Reminder

To keep everyone safe during drop-off and pick-up, please note the following:

- **Stay on the Pavement when you using the main entrance:** Parents and children must remain on the pavement at all times—please do not cut across the car park.
- **Drive Slowly and Patiently:** The school car park is available for your convenience when collecting from clubs, but it can become very busy. Please show patience and courtesy to other drivers and pedestrians.
- **Park a Little Further Away:** Roads closest to the school are extremely busy. If possible, park a short distance away and walk.
- **Safety Is Our Top Priority:** We have had too many near misses recently. Your cooperation is vital to protect our children and to keep everyone safe. We need to work together as a community to keep everyone safe.
- **Police and Council Support:** We have contacted the local police and council to assist with monitoring the issues on nearby roads. We appreciate the struggles, especially now that the car park at Oldway Mansion is closed.

**Thank you for helping to keep our community safe.**



## We Need Your Support!

Reception & KS1 families –  
you can make a big difference!

# Census Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October

We need YOUR help to make it a success!

### Why it matters:

The number of children enjoying a school meal on this day decides how much government funding our school receives for meals.

### What you can do:

Encourage your child to have a school dinner on Census Day – even if they usually bring a packed lunch.

What's on the menu (jackets & baguettes available as normal):

Spaghetti Bolognese

or

Chef's special chickpea curry with rice

Jelly & ice cream to finish!



### Bonus:

If your child prefers to bring their own lunch, we can still offer them a taster of the menu on the day - just order a meal through ParentPay!  
Meals for pupils in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are FREE!

Together, we can make sure our school gets the funding it needs – thank you for your support!



# Oldway School Fundraisers

## Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 17th  
December - 6pm

The Princess Theatre  
Torquay

Look out for our email with details on how to book



Oldway Primary School  
Fundraisers

**HALLOWEEN DISCO**

TUESDAY 14th OCTOBER

Years 3 & 4 4.15-5.15pm  
Years 5 & 6 5.30-6.30pm

KS1 Hall £3.00 entry on the door  
Tuck shop on the evening selling goodies

Fancy Dress optional

The poster features a large white ghost in the center, a full moon, a black cat, a jack-o'-lantern, and a vampire character at the bottom right. There are also smaller cartoon characters at the bottom left.

These events are always popular and raise funds for our pupils at Oldway. Please support our OSF (Oldway School Fundraisers) in any way you can. We're grateful for the support OSF provides!



# Oldway School Kitchen

Our kitchen had an inspection from environmental health this week. We are pleased to report that our kitchen is in very good working order and we were awarded a 5 by the inspector. Thank you to our kitchen team for all of their hard work.



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## FOOD HYGIENE RATING

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VERY GOOD



# TORBAY

BATON  
OF  
HOPE



## TOUR 2025

#BringHope2TheBay



## Baton of Hope

In the coming weeks, you may spot Mr Hallett on social media or even in the local news as he takes part in the **Baton of Hope**, a nationwide campaign that shines a light on mental-health awareness and support.

On **Tuesday 30th September 2025**, the Baton reaches Torbay and we're delighted to share that **Mr Hallett has the honour of being the very first Baton bearer of the day!**

While we won't be discussing the topic of suicide with younger children, we will be celebrating the **positive message of caring for our mental health**. Our newly appointed **Year 6 Mental-Health Ambassadors** are excited to help champion wellbeing across the school, encouraging kindness, resilience, and looking after ourselves and each other.

Mr Hallett has already raised over **£1,000** for Baton of Hope UK and has shared a short video and a fundraising link below for anyone who would like to watch or support. **There is absolutely no expectation to donate**, simply sharing the message and cheering him on means the world.

As always, it's entirely up to parents and carers whether to share this story with their children at home.

Let's join together in celebrating Mr Hallett's story and the positive conversation about mental wellbeing it brings to our community!

[Mr Hallett's story](#)

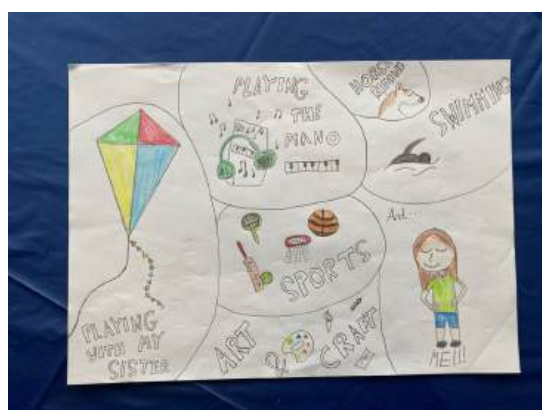
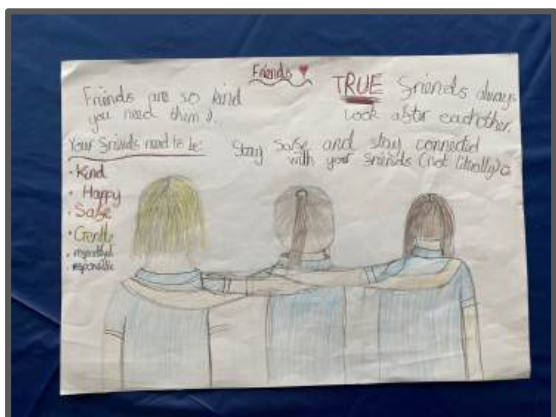
[Mr Hallett's JustGiving page](#)

# Baton of Hope

Well done to everyone who entered the Baton of Hope Art Competition. We are thrilled to share that Lulabelle came in first place with her entry entitled '5 Ways, Connecting to Nature'. All 3 judges agreed this piece of art was exceptional and a joy to judge. It had a very strong design with lots of interest. Well done to Lulabelle.

Congratulations to Elodie, Ivy, Lowenna, Clarke, Phoebe and Kayleigh who were all runners up in this competition.

The first place prize is tickets to Kents Cavern and an annual family membership to Torbay Park Tennis. All the runners up will receive a £20 National Book Token Voucher.



# 'Hot Chocolate with the Head'

Congratulations to these pupils who were nominated by their teachers for our first two 'Hot Chocolate with the Head' of the school year. It was great to hear them share their reasons why they had been chosen. They are all superstars!



## Environmentalist of the Year

Wow! One of our amazing pupils, Esme, has won this award during Children's Week. Everyone at Oldway is very proud of this achievement. Esmé is excited to see what she can do this coming year for the planet!



## Racing Success

Congratulations to Izabella and Obi who took part in races while abroad with their family. Obi got 2nd place in the 60m and 1st place in 100m. Iza did 60m and got a 3rd place. We are very proud of their achievements.

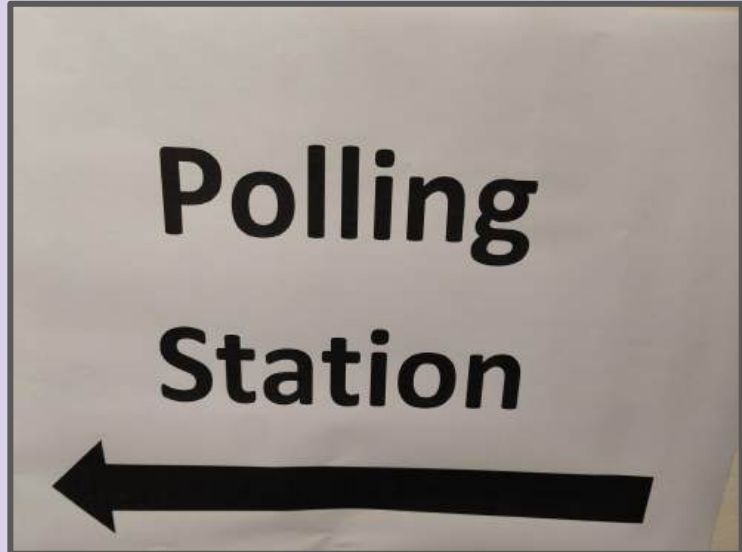


# New School Council

The pupils in each class were able to vote for their School Council representative and on Friday 12th September we held our first School Council meeting!

It was a very productive meeting, attended by the school councilors (from Reception to Year 6) and the Year 6 Play Leaders. The Student Leaders (who led the KS2 Celebration Assembly last Friday) co-chaired the session alongside Mr Hallett.

The children were all very excited and eager to get going. They shared their thoughts about how break and lunchtimes were going (sharing some of their ideas for further improvement) and made some decisions regarding our school routines for sports and also improvements to our house system. They were all great ambassadors for the school and did a fantastic job!



# Sunshine Club

Sunshine Cub had a great first session last week. They enjoyed playing lots of parachute games and are looking forward to the next sessions!!



## Year 2 'Finding their Way'

Year 2 have been enjoying their Geography learning. They have been learning how to use maps and use a compass to find north, south, east and west.



# Clive Pig

Clive Pig, International Storyteller and Children's Author, came to retell some fantastic myths to launch our Ancient Greek topic in Y5/6. We love to welcome visitors to Oldway to inspire our learning.



# Onam Celebration

We recently hired Gibson Hall for an Onam celebration. Onam is the biggest cultural festival of Kerala, a state in South India. It is a harvest festival that usually falls in August or September, and it brings together people of all backgrounds to celebrate with traditional food, music, dance, and games. The festival also has a legend behind it – it honors the return of King Mahabali, a beloved ruler whose spirit is believed to visit Kerala during Onam. During the celebration, people decorate with flower carpets (pookalam), wear traditional clothes, enjoy a grand vegetarian feast (onasadya), and showcase cultural performances. It is a joyful festival that highlights unity, sharing, and community spirit.



# Reception OWL (Oldway Wild Learning)

Reception have explored the OWL (Oldway Wild Learning) area for the first time this year. Our first session was about the rules but, due to the power of learning through play, we learnt so much more! We had a conker hunt, built a campfire, made potions and spotted lots of mini beasts!



**We're hiring!**



**Level 2 Teaching Assistant**

18 hours per week (Weds - Fri,  
08:45 - 15:15)

Fixed term until 31<sup>st</sup> Aug 2026

Start: 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

**Apply by: 6<sup>th</sup> Oct, 09:00**

For more information, visit  
[www.rivieratrust.co.uk](http://www.rivieratrust.co.uk)





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**Fancy  
Dress  
optional**

# New To You

FREE CHILDREN'S CLOTHES  
& TOY SWAP

SATURDAY 4TH OCT | 10AM-12PM  
BAY CHURCH, SANDS ROAD, TQ4 6HA

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THEM AND GO AWAY WITH SOMETHING NEW TO YOU!

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9AM-5PM



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**12-2pm Monday – Thursday REFERRAL ONLY**

**We kindly ask for donations of:**

<b>Baked Beans</b>	<b>Soups</b>	<b>Pasta/Rice</b>
<b>Tinned Meat/Hot Dogs</b>	<b>Tinned Fish</b>	<b>Tinned Fruit</b>
<b>Rice Pudding</b>	<b>Pot Noodles</b>	<b>Cereals</b>
<b>Biscuits</b>	<b>Pasta Sauce</b>	<b>Toiletries</b>
<b>Tinned Meals</b>	<b>Gluten Free Items</b>	<b>Tinned Veg/Potatoes</b>
<b>UHT Milk</b>	<b>Tea / Coffee</b>	<b>Jam</b>

**Thankyou for your support!**

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 Paignton  
 TQ3 2SH  
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continue postnatal education and have fun.

**Every Monday 9.30 – 11.30am**

During term time

**At Christ Church**

Torquay Rd, Paignton TQ3 2AA



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All Welcome



ESTABLISHED 2020



Come, make friends. relax, continue Postnatal education and have fun!

### During term time

**Every Monday 9.30 -11.30am**

At Christ Church, Torquay Rd, Paignton TQ3 2AA

**Every Monday Afternoon 12.30 -2.00pm**

Teen Parents

**Every Tuesday 9.30 -11.30am**

At Saint Martin's Church, Barton Hill, Rd, Torquay TQ2 8JA

**Every Wednesday 9.30 -11.30am**

At Preston Baptist Church, 62 Old Torquay Rd, TQ3 2RB

**Every Thursday 9.30 -11.30am**

At St Mary's Church Hall, St Marys Square, Milton St, Brixham TQ5 0BU

**Every Friday 9.30-11.30am**

At St Matthias Church, Wellswood, Babbacombe Rd, Torquay TQ1 1HW

**For further details call - Lena Fearnley on 0790 337 6340**



# TORQUAY GIRL grammar school

OPEN evening 7 OCTOBER

The evening will commence with a  
Welcome Speech at **6.30pm**  
from Ms Forster, Headteacher  
site open for families to look around  
the evening closes at **8.30PM**

\* booking required \*

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[www.tggsacademy.org/openevening](http://www.tggsacademy.org/openevening)



# 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.

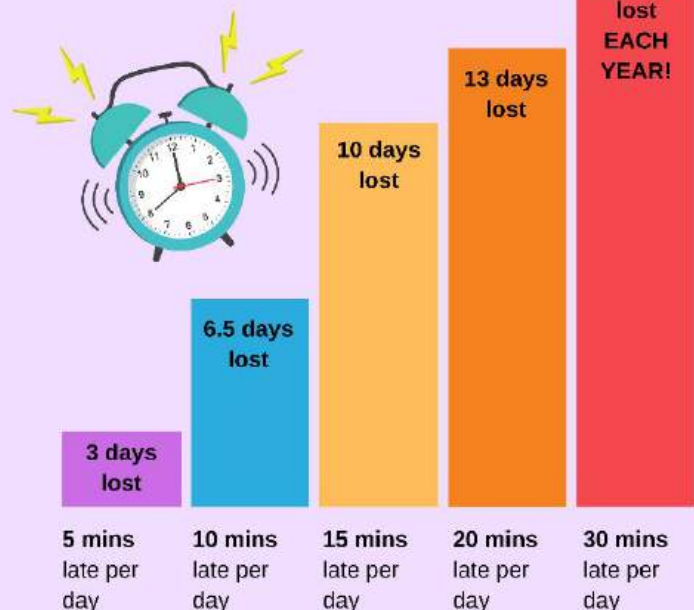
**What if there's a traffic jam or something else that's not my fault?** The school usually can't change the rules for one person, but if there's a big problem, like heavy snow causing delays for many people, they can make allowances.

**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)

# 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Navy V-neck jumper/sweatshirt/ cardigan</li><li>● Charcoal grey or black trousers/ skirt/ pinafore dress</li><li>● Light blue short sleeved polo shirt</li></ul>
Summer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Navy V-neck jumper/sweatshirt/ cardigan</li><li>● Charcoal grey or black trousers/ shorts or skirt/ pinafore dress</li><li>● Light blue short sleeved polo shirt</li><li>● Blue gingham dress</li></ul>
Sports kit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● Light blue PE shirt available</li><li>● Navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms/leggings</li><li>● Trainers (not plimsolls)</li></ul> <p><b>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.</b></p>



<b>Autumn Term 2024</b>	Non-Pupil Day	Thursday 5th September 2024
	Non-Pupil Day	Friday 6th September 2024
	First day	Monday 9th September 2024
	Half Term	Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2024
	Last day	Friday 20th December 2024
	Christmas holidays	Monday 23rd December 2024 - Tuesday 7th January 2025 inclusive

<b>Spring Term 2025</b>	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 6th January 2025
	First Day	Tuesday 7th January 2025
	Half Term	Monday 17th - Friday 21st February 2025
	Last day	Friday 4th April 2025
	Easter holidays	Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April 2025

<b>Summer Term 2025</b>	First day	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
	Bank Holiday	Monday 5th May 2025
	Half term	Monday 26th May - Monday 2nd June 2025 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 2nd June 2025
	Last day	Thursday 24th July 2025
	Non-Pupil Day	Friday 25th July 2025
	Summer holidays	Friday 25th July 2025 - Wednesday 3rd September 2025 inclusive