

# Riviera News

Autumn 1

October 2025



*Our very own Mr Hallett, Deputy Head at Oldway, had the honour of carrying the Baton of Hope on its first journey through Torbay. Oldway's pupil Mental Health Ambassadors & school choir were there to support - more photos [INSIDE](#)*

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## It's back!



**Roselands'  
Fireworks Night  
Friday 7<sup>th</sup> November**

Find out more [HERE](#)



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## Message from the CEO



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our first newsletter of the academic year. It's hard to believe we have already completed the first half of the autumn term, and what a busy and productive one it has been across all our schools. It is always a pleasure to see our classrooms and playgrounds buzzing with activity and our children so engaged in their learning and embracing new opportunities.

We've seen some truly memorable moments already.

It was a great source of pride for the whole trust to see Oldway's Mr Hallett carrying the Baton of Hope, wonderfully supported by the school choir and Mental Health Ambassadors. Shiphay pupils have broadened their horizons with fantastic trips, from Year 6 drawing inspiration at the Agatha Christie Festival to Year 5 exploring the historic landmarks of London. Meanwhile, Roselands has demonstrated its strong community spirit, with pupils excelling at the tag rugby festival and generously donating their homegrown produce to the local food bank.

These fantastic achievements are a testament to the hard work of our staff and pupils, but they are only made possible through your incredible support. Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our recent surveys; your feedback is invaluable as we continually strive to improve. Your engagement in school life and your encouragement from home create the positive partnership that allows our children to thrive.

I hope you all have a restful half-term break. We look forward to another exciting half-term, kicking off with the much-anticipated Roselands' Fireworks Night.

Best wishes

**Stewart Biddles**  
CEO



***Year 6 pupils at Shiphay took part in the International Agatha Christie Festival, visiting Torre Abbey and using the grounds and Abbey to inspire their creative writing.***

## Parent Surveys

Thank you to those of you who took the time to complete our **Reception Settling in Survey** and/or our **Years 1 -6 Back to School Survey**. Your views are very important to us and we're pleased that we received some very positive feedback from parents across the trust.

Individual schools will be taking account of your views and will feedback to you on a '**You Said, We Did**' basis throughout the year so you can see that we do listen and want to make changes for the better.

Below are the overall scores from across all the schools in the trust:

### Reception - Settling in Survey

98%

of you **Agreed** that the information you received before your child started school was helpful

97%

of you **Agreed** that your child has settled in well and that overall, your child's experience of the school is **Very good** or **Good**

89%

of you **Agreed** that your child is safe at school

97%

of you **Agreed** that it's easy to contact the school and that you can find the information that you need on the school's website

### School Meals (Reception) - we asked whether your child enjoys their meals?

Parents generally reported positive sentiments regarding school dinners. Most children enjoy the meals, particularly the roast dinners and puddings, while some express slight reservations about specific items. Overall, the feedback suggests a balance of satisfaction, with a few indicating a preference for packed lunches.

### Years 1 - 6 Back to School Survey

96%

of you **Agreed** that you know who to contact at the school if you have any concerns

86%

of you **Strongly agreed** or **Agreed** that your child has settled back into school well after the summer holidays

84%

of you **Agreed** that overall, your child's experience of the school is **Very good** or **Good**

### School Dinners (Years 1 - 6) - we asked whether your child enjoys their meals?

Some parents expressed concerns regarding the management of catering, particularly for children with allergies and there were some complaints about lunch quality.

**more on the next page ...**

## Parent Surveys cont...

### School meals - Caterlink

As you will be aware, Caterlink is the new school meals contractor in trust schools having started at the beginning of this school year. We are meeting regularly with them to pass on your feedback and are working with them to make improvements.

### Action on feedback from the last survey

#### At Roselands ....

- **Timekeeping:** We are ensuring that the gates are open and that clubs finish on time.
- **Reception PE:** Sharing information earlier about the move to two PE days in Year 1.
- **Catering:** We are working with Caterlink to address concerns and improve provision.
- **Term Dates calendar:** This has been changed to a more visual format.

#### At Shiphay ....

- **Toilet cleaning:** We've increased toilet cleaning as some concerns have been raised about this.
- **Homework:** We are reviewing homework across the school to re-launch the policy after half term.

#### At Oldway ....

- **Use of Seesaw is inconsistent:** We have asked all teachers to do a weekly Seesaw update as a minimum.
- **Use of reading diaries is inconsistent:** We have asked all teachers to check reading diaries weekly.
- **Drop-off in Year 2 is confusing:** We discussed this with the Year 2 team and will alter drop-off routines and communicate this to parents.

### What you wanted us to know ....

“ 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. ”

“ Parents really appreciate how you make our children feel like individuals in your school. You cater to their needs well. ”

“ Shiphay is a very nurturing school especially for the ones who have additional needs. ”

“ We remain very impressed with Oldway. The termly plans and curriculum information help us support our child at home. ”

“ The staff go above and beyond, it is a wonderful school and we are so pleased with the provision in place for our child. Thank you to everybody at Roselands! ”

“ My son is new to the school in year 6 and he feels he has been very welcomed by the other children in his class. ”



Year 6 pupils at Shiphay had a fabulous week at PGL Osmington Bay challenging themselves and taking a part in a huge range of activities.



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## Trust schools in the community

Roselands welcomed their amazing community to a coffee morning and a chance to create some collaborative Christmas artwork.

This art will be part of a Christmas exhibition in Paignton soon!



Oldway's Mental Health Ambassadors and talented school choir represented the school at the Baton of Hope event in Torquay. This important event shines a light on mental health and wellbeing.



Reception children at Shiphay loved meeting work experience students from Torquay Boys' Grammar School who were quickly drawn into the children's learning.



Roselands' Year 3/4 gardeners filled two boxes of freshly grown produce to give to Roselands Nursery to add to their food bank and one for the school kitchen so that everyone could enjoy some home-grown produce!



Paignton Heritage Society and children from Oldway Primary School  
History of Paignton Book



Former Year 6 pupils at Oldway involved in the production of child-friendly history book about Paignton, were featured in a case study about the Heritage Grants on [YouTube](#).



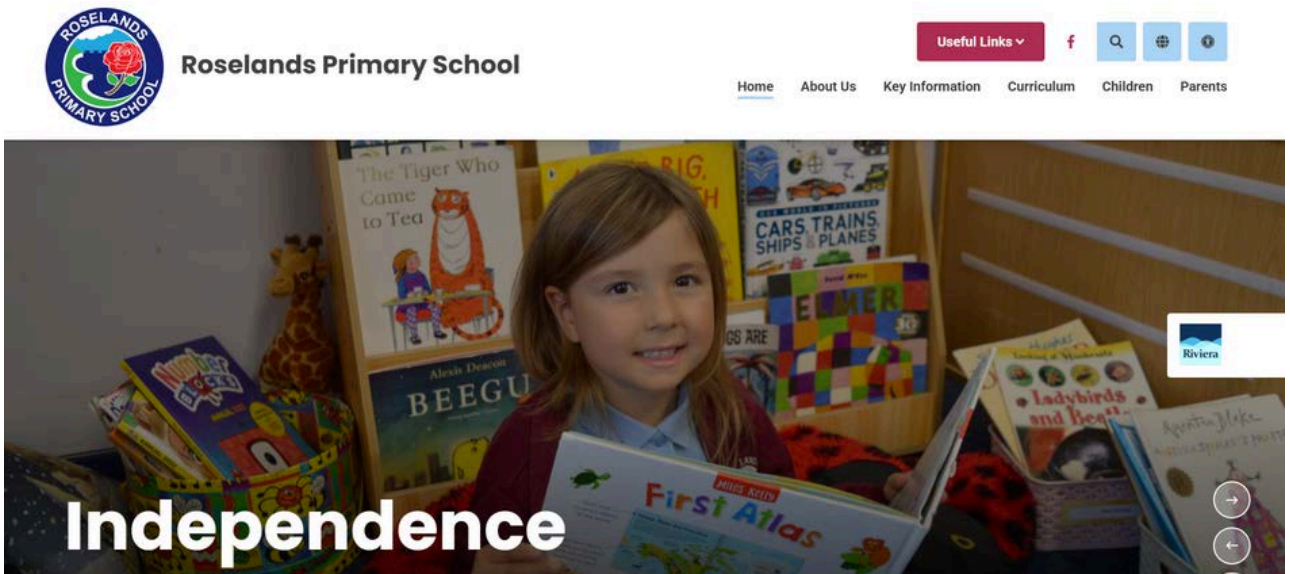
St Andrew's Church welcomed Shiphay pupils for a Harvest Festival assembly. The community will be thankful to parents for their generous donations.

## New trust and school websites

We've been working hard over the summer to transition to new website platforms for the trust and its schools and these will go live shortly after half term. The address URLs will remain the same, so you don't need to do anything. We hope that you will like the new format and find it easier to navigate on your mobile devices. We'll be asking for your views on our websites and your social media preferences in a survey shortly. In the meantime, here's a sneak peek ....



The screenshot shows the website for Oldway Primary School. At the top left is the school's logo, which features a stylized figure with arms raised and four stars above it, with the text "Oldway Primary School" next to it. To the right of the logo is the school's name "Oldway Primary School". Further right is a navigation menu with a "Useful Links" dropdown and icons for Facebook, search, a globe, and a person. Below the navigation is a horizontal menu with links for "Home", "About Us", "Key Information", "Curriculum", "Children", and "Parents". The main content area features a large photograph of a teacher in a light blue shirt and sunglasses sitting on the steps with a group of children in school uniforms, all holding and eating yellow ice cream sticks. The word "Aspiration" is overlaid in large white text at the bottom left of the photo. A small "Riviera" logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the photo area.



The screenshot shows the website for Roselands Primary School. At the top left is the school's logo, which features a red rose inside a circular emblem with the text "ROSELANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL". To the right of the logo is the school's name "Roselands Primary School". Further right is a navigation menu with a "Useful Links" dropdown and icons for Facebook, search, a globe, and a person. Below the navigation is a horizontal menu with links for "Home", "About Us", "Key Information", "Curriculum", "Children", and "Parents". The main content area features a large photograph of a young girl in a school uniform smiling and holding a book titled "First Atlas". She is surrounded by other books on shelves, including "The Tiger Who Came to Tea" and "Cars, Trains, Ships & Planes". The word "Independence" is overlaid in large white text at the bottom left of the photo. A small "Riviera" logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the photo area.



The screenshot shows the website for Shiphay Learning Academy. At the top left is the school's logo, which features a stylized sailboat with the text "SHIPHAY LEARNING ACADEMY" below it. To the right of the logo is the school's name "Shiphay Learning Academy". Further right is a navigation menu with a "Useful Links" dropdown and icons for Facebook, search, a globe, and a person. Below the navigation is a horizontal menu with links for "Home", "About Us", "Key Information", "Curriculum", "Children", and "Parents". The main content area features a large photograph of a group of children in red school uniforms sitting around a blue table, looking at books and papers. The word "Contribute" is overlaid in large white text at the bottom left of the photo. A small "Riviera" logo is visible in the bottom right corner of the photo area.



# Support Our Schools, Enrich Their Future

With growing financial pressures on education, our ability to fund experiences and resources beyond the core curriculum is becoming increasingly difficult.

That's why we've launched our **Voluntary Donation Scheme** – a simple but powerful way for families and friends of Riviera Education Trust schools to help us go beyond the basics and create exceptional opportunities for our children.

Every donation – big or small – directly benefits the children of our schools.



## WHY not consider setting up a regular standing order to the school?

Just £1 per month from parents could raise over £7,000 for Oldway, over £5,000 for Shiphay and over £4,000 for Roselands over the course of a year.

Just imagine how many books, iPads, and special activities that would pay for!

## What Your Donation Supports:

- Enhanced classroom supplies
- Upgraded tech for interactive learning
- Enrichment programmes & extracurricular activities
- Playground improvements
- Creative classroom decorations & projects
- Visits from inspiring experts like authors & artists



## How to donate:



### Oldway

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Oldway Donations

Account Number: 45681068

Sort Code: 30-88-04

### Roselands

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Roselands Donations

Account Number: 45681760

Sort Code: 30-88-04

### Shiphay

Bank: Lloyds Bank

Account Name: Shiphay Donations

Account Number: 45682160

Sort Code: 30-88-04

**All donations will go directly to your school of choice, to be used for the children at that school.**

Your contribution is entirely voluntary, and all support is deeply appreciated. If you're unable to donate at this time, your involvement in our community remains invaluable.

*Thank you for helping us build a better tomorrow – one inspired child at a time.*



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# Half Term Holiday Fun

Click on the images for more information



Kids' Halloween Discos at Ocombe Farm

## SHIPHAY SCARECROW TRAIL

Follow the clues to find scarecrows around Shiphay and uncover the hidden word.

Get your clue sheets from the Devon Dumpling (open 12pm- late) - £1.50 (cash only), give your trail sheets in at the end for a small prize.

The trail is running 25/10 - 03/11.

Scarecrows made by pupils of Shiphay Learning Academy. Fundraising for playground development.

Thank you for getting involved and we hope you enjoy - Friends of Shiphay School.

An illustration of a scarecrow in a red shirt and green hat, standing in a field with pumpkins and autumn trees.

Help Shiphay Learning Academy raise funds for playground development

## THE ABBEY AFTER DARK

Trails | Lights | Games | Illusions | Projections

29 OCTOBER TO 1 NOVEMBER  
4.30PM TO 8PM

A promotional graphic for 'The Abbey After Dark' featuring a large black silhouette of a skull with glowing eyes and bats flying around it.

Torre Abbey

## A VERY BATTY HALF TERM

KENTS CAVERN  
PREHISTORIC CAVES

A promotional graphic for 'A Very Batty Half Term' showing a cave interior with a woman and a man, and a large white bat silhouette.

Kents Cavern

Libraries Unlimited

October half term

PAIGNTON LIBRARY

## Autumn crossword trail

Suitable for ages 5+, donations welcome!

A promotional graphic for 'Autumn crossword trail' featuring pumpkins and a pink banner.

Paignton Library

## 25-31 OCTOBER

# PAIGNTON BOO!

A promotional graphic for 'Paignton Boo!' featuring a sign with the text '25-31 OCTOBER PAIGNTON BOO!' and a large black silhouette of a skull.

Halloween at Paignton Zoo: Paignton Boo!

FRIDAY 7th NOVEMBER  
GATES 5pm  
PROFESSIONAL DISPLAY  
7pm-7.30pm



Roselands Primary School

# Firework Night

BAR PIZZA  
BURGERS & HOT DOGS  
LOADED HASHBROWNS  
DONUTS CARIBBEAN FOOD  
FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

SCAN CODE TO PURCHASE  
TICKETS OR VISIT



**FREE SCHOOL MEALS -  
are you getting  
your entitlement?**

FREE MEALS

**Universal Infant FSM:** All children in reception, year 1 and year 2 in state-funded schools in England receive free school meals.

The aim is to improve academic attainment and save families money.

However, if you qualify for **Free School Meals** using the criteria below, **your school will receive additional funding** that can support your child for the remainder of their time in primary school and on into secondary education.

**Your child may be able to get Free School Meals if you get any of the following:**

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household earnings must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

# Want to get cheaper residential and school trips for your child?

Apply for free schools meals (FSM) and if eligible, your school will receive Pupil Premium Grant funding that will benefit your child and the school.

## Did you know?

- Even if your child receives Universal FSM (because they are in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2), it's still important to register to get the extra benefits from Pupil Premium funding. Children who are registered for free school meals **don't have to eat them** if you prefer them to have packed lunches  
**BUT registering them is still important because for every child registered for free school meals, the school gets an extra £1,480 through Pupil Premium funding.**
- If your child is in receipt of Pupil Premium (PP) funding, the trust will **subsidise the cost** of non-residential trips for your child **by 50%**! In addition, **PP funded pupils are exempt from the board and lodgings cost** of residential trips, **a significant saving!**
- Your child would also be entitled to a **50% subsidy** towards the cost of **music lessons**

Applying is easy... <https://www.torbay.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals>

- If you receive benefits, then your child could be eligible for free school meals
- **Apply just once!** The 'Ever 6' scheme means that you don't have to apply each academic year, even if your financial situation changes
- You can **pick and choose when your child has a hot dinner** and when they can bring in their own from home
- **You don't need to give any financial details** when you apply - just your name, address, date of birth, National Insurance Number, phone number and email plus the names of any children you receive benefit for, their date of birth and which school they go to - **it shouldn't take more than 10 minutes!**
- If you're entitled, Torbay will let you and the school know, usually within 5 - 10 school days

**APPLY NOW**

## Need some help?

You can apply online using a computer or mobile device such as a phone, but if you need some help, please let the school office know and they can arrange some support for you.

**CONFIDENTIAL**

*All our schools have confidentiality procedures and you can be sure that if your child is eligible for FSM, they will not stand out amongst others whose parents pay for meals*



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Flippers at  
Oldway Primary School

# SWIMMING LESSONS

## SATURDAYS

- 1pm 4-6 yrs
- 1:30pm 3-4 yrs
- 2pm 1-2 yrs
- 2:30pm 4-5 yrs

## SUNDAYS

- 10am 4-5 yrs
- 10:30am 3-4 years
- 11am 18 - 24 mths
- 11:30am 2-3 yrs

**FREE TRIAL**

[flipperstorquay@gmail.com](mailto:flipperstorquay@gmail.com)



## MERMAIDS & BUBBLES MERMAID SWIM SCHOOL

Join our mermaid swim school and  
learn to swim like a mermaid!

Sundays from 5pm  
Oldway Primary School

Choose your session at:

<https://bookwhen.com/mermaids-and-bubbles>

Spaces each week are limited so book early!



[@mermaidsandbubblesdevon](https://www.instagram.com/mermaidsandbubblesdevon)

*Always be yourself! Unless you can be a mermaid.  
Then always be a mermaid!*

## 2025-26 Term Dates

<b>Autumn Term 2025</b>	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025</b>
	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025</b>
	First Day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
	Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October - Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025 inclusive
	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025</b>
	Last Day	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
	Christmas holidays	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2025 – Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2026 inclusive
<b>Spring Term 2026</b>	First Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
	Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
	Last day	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 2026
	Easter holidays	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
<b>Summer 2026</b>	First day	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
	Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026
	Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 inclusive
	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>
	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2026</b>
	Last day	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026
	<b>Non-Pupil Day</b>	<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2026</b>
	Summer holidays	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July - 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 inclusive



**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November is a Non-Pupil Day - pupils return on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2025.**

# Schools half-termly round-up

## Oldway

- Nursery children enjoyed their first 'Stay and Splash with their parents in the Oldway swimming pool
- New Reception and Nursery children enjoyed exploring the Oldway Wild Learning (OWL) area
- Year 4 learnt about the work of Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama and sculpted their own pumpkins from clay
- Year 4 visited the peace garden to try out their classification of plants during science
- Art Club practised observational drawing and painting inspired by macro botanical photography
- Y5/6 boys' football club started positively with over 40 boys attending
- Mr Hallett was the lead baton bearer in the Torbay Baton of Hope tour and Mental Health Ambassadors & the school choir represented Oldway at the event in Torquay
- Reception parents enjoyed INSITE mornings with their children
- Y5/6 were coached in rugby skills by a rugby player from Paignton Ladies
- OSF ran a successful Halloween Disco for KS2 children
- The first coffee event of the year was supported by Neuronavigators who were on hand to offer 1:1 advice about any neurodivergent needs
- Oldway pupils featured in a video case study about the Heritage Grants on You Tube
- Pupils across the school celebrated National Poetry Day and met up with their buddy classes to perform poems together
- A new School Council, Student Leaders and Play Leaders were democratically elected

## Shiphay

- Year 3 scientists have been busy observing, making predictions and testing their ideas as they learn about different types of rocks
- Year 1/2 pupils have been learning about compass points during their Geography lessons
- Year 4 artists have been researching key facts about the Victorian artist John Tenniel who is famous for his Alice in Wonderland illustrations
- Year 6 scientists have begun their electricity learning by refreshing their essential information on building circuits
- Year 4 writers enjoyed a fantastic creative writing workshop with Clive Pig
- The Arbor App and Parent Portal was launched
- Year 5 pupils enjoyed a visit to London visiting the Houses of Parliament for a workshop, the Natural History Museum and a walking tour that took in The London Eye, Horse Guards parade, Downing Street, Westminster Abbey and Buckingham Palace.
- Year 6 pupils had a fabulous week at PGL Osmington Bay, challenging themselves with a huge range of activities and supporting each other and working as a team.
- Friends of Shiphay School created a 'Scarecrow Trail' for the community to enjoy over the half term break

## Roselands

- New House Captains and School Council members were democratically elected
- Year 3/4 gardeners have been busy filling food boxes with freshly grown produce for the Roselands Nursery's food bank
- Year 2 went on a locality walk as part of their Geography lesson
- Year 5 & 6 pupils explored the incredible flower artwork of Leonardo da Vinci and created their own observational drawings of real flowers
- Y5/6 pupils enjoyed the tag rugby festival putting their skills into action in some exciting games against other schools
- Parents were thanked for their generous donations towards Harvest Festival, donated to Paignton Community Larder and the Roselands Nursery
- Goodrington House captains presented cheques to Children's Hospice South West
- Around the Clock Club ran a successful Halloween Party
- Shelley from Churston Library took part in an assembly celebrating all the pupils at Roselands who took part in the Summer Reading Challenge
- A community coffee morning gave the chance for pupils to work together with the community to create some collaborative Christmas artwork
- The PSA organised a fantastic school disco to raise funds for the school
- 'Robots and Rockstars Day' brought staff and children out in some incredible outfits to celebrate Maths in style

