

Riviera News

Summer 1

May 2025



Pupils at Roselands had a fun-filled day 'breaking the rules' with talent shows, extra playtime, creative activities, and soaking Mr Wearing in a hilarious, unforgettable celebration.

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Message from the CEO



Dear Parents and Carers

As we move through the summer term, it's a pleasure to reflect on the energy and achievement that have defined the past few weeks across our trust.

From football finals filled with determination and sportsmanship to pupils venturing into the wild at Forest School or Bellever, our schools continue to offer experiences that go far beyond the classroom. The vibrant involvement of families and local groups—whether through

legacy projects, shared learning, or simply having fun in the pool—reminds us that education is a community endeavour.

It's also been wonderful to see our youngest learners thriving in our nurseries and our older pupils engaging in creative, sporting and historical activities with real curiosity and enthusiasm. Moments like the “Snooze at the Zoo” or the publication of *Wartime Paignton* highlight the breadth of opportunity we strive to provide.

As always, thank you for the support you give to your children and to our schools. We know that strong partnerships between home and school are key to a successful and enriching education.

Best wishes

Stewart Biddles
CEO



Paignton Schools Football League Finals

Finals Night at Stoke Gabriel was a showcase of passion, resilience, and determination from both Roselands and Oldway schools.

Roselands' Year 5/6 boys gave a spirited performance in the Plate Final but were edged out on penalties in a heartbreaking finish. The Year 5/6 girls also displayed remarkable grit but narrowly lost in the Cup Final to a strong Kings Ash team. However, the evening ended on a high note for Roselands, as their Year 3/4 team clinched a superb 4-2 victory over Oldway, lifting the trophy in style.



Over at Oldway, the night was equally eventful. All three of their teams qualified for their respective semi-finals and left the stadium with silverware. The Year 3/4 team reached the Cup Final and took home the runners-up trophy, while the Year 5/6 girls secured the Plate Final win with a determined performance. The Year 5/6 boys capped off the night by claiming the Cup Final trophy, overcoming two years of penalty shootout disappointments to emerge victorious.



Overall, it was a memorable night of football for both schools, with thrilling matches, impressive displays of sportsmanship, and plenty of silverware to celebrate.

Saints Southwest Doel Cup

Oldway clinched the plate competition in the Saints Southwest Doel Cup, securing their second trophy of the season with a thrilling win in the final, while Roselands showcased strong teamwork and resilience throughout the tournament.



Trust schools and the community



Torbay Council UNICEF

Pupil council representatives from Shiphay and Oldway took part in the "Child Friendly Discovery Day" as part of Torbay's drive to make Torbay a more child-friendly community. They are doing a fantastic job of representing the views of the Shiphay community.



Residents from the local community enjoyed helping Year 6 with their legacy project at Roselands' community coffee morning. This year, Year 6 are making a patchwork-style wall hanging for display in school made of applique style squares and the residents helped to sew them together.

Local group 'Mummy & Me' were invited to use the pool at Oldway for the morning. We welcomed lots of parents and babies who enjoyed splashing around in our fantastic pool. Some of Oldway's School Council were on hand to play with the babies in the pool too.



Year 6 historians went to Paignton Library for the launch of the book 'Wartime Paignton' – the second part of the collaboration between Oldway and Paignton Heritage Society. The book draws upon Oldway's headteacher log books from the 1940s, to explain what life was like for children during World War 2.

The pupils listened to extracts read by the authors, had a Q and A with local resident Heather Reed and picked up signed copies of the book as a reward for their efforts.



The Oldway Garden Volunteers prepared some flower beds close to the school entrance for the younger School Council children to plant seeds. Thank you for all of your hard work keeping the gardens looking beautiful.



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Snooze at the Zoo

Have you ever wanted to 'Snooze at the Zoo'? Year 4 pupils at Oldway had the opportunity to do just that on their residential to Dartmoor Zoo!

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Anyone for cricket?



Pupils from across the trust attended a sports festival at Paignton Academy where they had fun developing their cricket skills!



Bellever Residential

Year 3 pupils at Shiphay enjoyed a week in the sunshine on their residential to Bellever on Dartmoor National Park.



Forest School



Year 1 children at Roselands had a magical start to Forest School with the sun shining! The children immersed themselves in a range of hands-on, nature-inspired activities, including creating beautiful leaf pictures, exploring the area for hidden dragon eggs, and whipping up a "dragon picnic" in the ever-popular mud kitchen.



Spotlight on trust nurseries:

The Shells Nursery at Oldway and The Orchard Nursery at Shiphay



The Shells Nursery at Oldway is open during school hours, term-time only. Children can start in the September after they have turned 3 years of age. Providing there is space, we can also admit children at other points in the year.



If you have a child who would like to start at The Shells Nursery in September 2025, please complete an Expression of Interest form, available on our website [HERE](#). Please contact Mrs Cole on 01803 925851 for more details.



The Orchard Nursery is open to children from the age of 3 years with up to 15 or 30 funded hours available per week from the term after their third birthday. Additional sessions can also be paid for in addition to funded ones.

We can also consider applications from families that are in receipt of 2-year-old funding so their child can start nursery with funded sessions, once they turn three. For families not in receipt of 2-year-old funding, we can also consider applications for a child as soon as they turn three (according to availability), but these sessions will be charged until the term after their 3rd birthday when funding will commence.

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If you have a child who would like to start at The Orchard Nursery in September 2025, please complete an initial request Nursery Place Application form, available on our website [HERE](#)

FREE! Book now!

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TORBAY FESTIVAL OF LEARNING

Monday 2nd – Friday 6th June

Oldway Primary School Adult Learning Centre, Higher Polsham Road, Paignton, TQ3 2SY

Scan the QR code or [CLICK HERE](#) to book your place.

A week-long Continuing Professional Development (CPD) experience designed for parents, carers, and the broader Torbay community. The festival will offer a range of insightful sessions aimed at giving you the knowledge and practical strategies to support children's education and wellbeing.



Date	9.30 – 11.00am	1.30 – 3.00pm
Monday 2nd June	<p>Supporting your Child with their Phonics Development</p> <p>A workshop to explore activities, hints and tips to support your child at home with their phonics and language development.</p> <p>(Teacher: Jane Eeles)</p>	<p>Supporting You to Manage Behaviour</p> <p>A workshop designed to look at behaviour as a form of communication, and a range of behaviour management approaches to support you as a parent.</p> <p>(Teacher: Jane Eeles)</p>
Tuesday 3rd June	<p>Story Boxes</p> <p>A workshop based on story boxes to support literacy and communication with your child. This has been developed using creative skills, inspiring resources, and educational craft activities, which can be used to support learning at home. This will be a hands-on workshop.</p> <p>(Teacher: Rachael Huxley)</p>	<p>Children and Young People Mental Health Awareness</p> <p>A workshop to develop awareness of children and young people's mental health, exploring current issues, recognising signs and symptoms, and signposting available support.</p> <p>(Teacher: Jane Eeles)</p>
Wednesday 4th June	<p>Supporting your Child with Maths Skills</p> <p>A workshop exploring fun and practical ways to help your child develop confidence in numeracy and making maths a part of everyday life.</p> <p>(Teacher: Susan Cook)</p>	<p>SEND Awareness</p> <p>A workshop designed to support you to understand different types of additional learning needs children may have, and when to seek additional support.</p> <p>(Teacher: Sally Squires)</p>
Thursday 5th June	<p>Managing Behaviour Through Restorative and Relational Practice</p> <p>A workshop to explore what restorative and relational practice is, and how you can use this to strengthen your relationship with your child and develop positive behaviours.</p> <p>(Teachers: Jess Tucker and Luke Peakman)</p>	<p>Supporting your Child with Speech and Language</p> <p>A workshop designed to provide you with practical tools to support your child's communication skills, improving outcomes for both their learning and wellbeing.</p> <p>(Teacher: Sally Squires)</p>
Friday 6th June	<p>Supporting your Child with English Skills</p> <p>A workshop designed to support you to bring English skills into everyday life to make learning fun for your child.</p> <p>(Teacher: Susan Cook)</p>	<p>Supporting Children with Autism Spectrum Condition</p> <p>A workshop designed to support you as a parent to support a child with ASC to get the best from their learning.</p> <p>(Teacher: Sally Squires)</p>

YOUR EXPERTS



Jane Eeles

Training Facilitator Professional and Community Education

I have been teaching for several years, with a background in Early Years and Social Science. I am passionate about education and child development. I am originally from London but love living in Devon, where I enjoy the beautiful surroundings.

Outside of teaching, I enjoy walking on Dartmoor, immersing myself in nature. I also love reading, whether for relaxation or expanding my knowledge. Most importantly, I cherish spending time with my family and friends, creating meaningful memories together.



Sally Squires

Lecturer Society and Education

I have been fortunate to work within multiple organisations in education, starting in Early Years managing a chain of children's day nurseries throughout the South West, and more recently within Secondary, Further and Higher Education, at South Devon High School, South Devon College and University Centre South Devon.

My passion for inclusion and supporting children and young people has derived from parenting my own children, both of which have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities. I love working with families, who like mine, may have additional challenges to face. Every workshop I deliver is a chance for us to grow and learn together.



Susan Cook

Essential Skills and Family Learning Lecturer

I have been working within the Family Learning team for almost 10 years, delivering courses to parents to help support their children with literacy and numeracy.

Before joining Family Learning, I attended some of the courses as a parent and was then fortunate enough to join the team.

My approach is to make learning fun, accessible and relevant, making sure everyone feels included and supported. I aim to help parents and carers boost their own confidence in literacy and numeracy to enable them to support their children at home and in the wider environment.



Rachael Huxley

Adult Skills and Lifelong Learning Trainer Facilitator- Community Engagement

I specialise in family learning and community engagement, using craft-based literacy activities to inspire learning. Through interactive story boxes and hands-on creative projects, I help families connect with stories in meaningful ways. Passionate about lifelong learning, I create inclusive spaces where families can be creative together.



Jess Tucker

I have worked with young people for the last 18 years. I am passionate about careers education and personal development learning that helps empower and move young people forward, recognising their own potential. Having been indoctrinated into ways of working relationally and restoratively only in recent years, I have already seen the positive impact of changing my own behaviours to help meet the needs of those I work with and changed my way of thinking about my relationship with my own children.

I also love to do anything creative and spend much of my free time crocheting, painting, drawing and making.



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



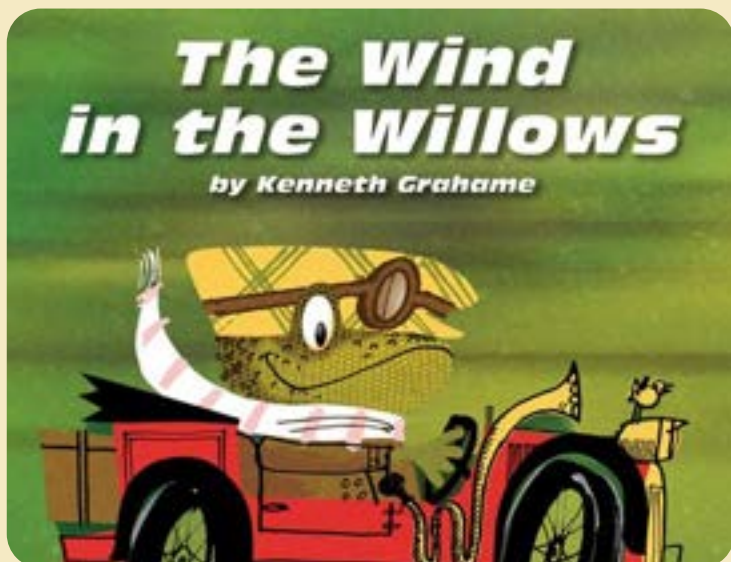
English Riviera Airshow - Friday 30th May - Sunday 1st June



English Riviera Airshow
Pyrotechnic Display (Paignton
Green) and Fireworks at 10
pm, 30th May



Phizz-whizzing performance, Paignton Library



Illyria Theatre at Cockington Court

English Riviera



Geopark Festival 23rd - 30th May



LEARN TO RIDE SESSIONS AT TORBAY VELOPARK

PENWILL WAY, PAIGNTON, TQ4 5JR

During the May half term holidays on Thursday 29th May, Torbay Cycling Services will be running **Learn to Ride** sessions at Torbay Velopark for children in Years 3-6, who can't ride a bike without stabilisers.

A Learn to Ride session at Torbay Velopark is two hours long with 1 instructor to 3 children.

The cost is £10 (plus booking fee).

As this is subsidised by Torbay Council, we can only accept children from the Torbay area. **The fee is non-refundable.**

Bikes and helmets will be provided for any children that need them.

Although we can't guarantee that your child will be riding independently by the end of the session, we have an extremely high success rate.

Please ensure that your child wants to learn to ride before signing them up for a session.

To book, click [HERE](#)



Universal 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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COME AND CHAT WITH STEVE DARLING MP

Let's Talk About SEND

WHERE? TORQUAY LIBRARY
WHEN? TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025
TIME? 10:30 – 11:30

DURING THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR STORY & CRAFT SESSION

Steve will be at Torquay Library to listen to your views and experiences on SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) in Torbay.

This is a friendly, informal chance to:

- ✓ Raise concerns
- ✓ Share ideas and experiences
- ✓ Help shape better local SEND support

Families attending the session or dropping in are welcome.

FOSS Summer Fair

Friday 4th July



Roselands PSA Big Bash

Friday 20th June



SAVE THE DATE

OLDWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL'S
SUMMER FAIR

Friday 27th June 2025

3.00pm - 6.30pm

Organised by  Oldway School Fundraisers

If you can help to make this years Summer Fair another great success please get in touch by emailing osfchair@oldwayschool.co.uk or via our facebook page.

To Book A Stall Please Email osfsecretary@oldwayschool.co.uk

Y6 PARENTS/CARERS

You are invited to an online workshop:
**SUPPORTING A SUCCESSFUL
SECONDARY SCHOOL
TRANSITION**

DATE - MONDAY 23RD JUNE 2025

TIME - 15:45 - 16:45

ONLINE VIA TEAMS (joining code below)

Discuss the common secondary transition concerns.

Helpful tips to support your child's mental health during the transition.

Explore signs and reasons for worries about change.

Microsoft Teams
Meeting ID: 367 593 566 991
Passcode: 9g2a8U6j

Join us online

2024-25 Term Dates



Summer 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



Monday 2nd June is a Non-Pupil Day - pupils return on Tuesday 3rd June

Schools half-termly round-up

(a short half -term but we still packed a lot in!)

Roselands

- The whole school took part in 'Breaking the Rules' Day
- Roselands PSA ran the 'Smarties challenge' where all children were given a tube of smarties and then challenged to fill the empty tube with loose change
- Year 2 children took part in an online poetry workshop with poet Joshua Seigal
- Year 5 pupils took part in a tag rugby festival alongside other schools in the Bay
- A group of Year 5 and 6 children have received training from the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) for their role as Roselands Mental Health Ambassadors. Their role is to consider and promote the positive wellbeing of the children in school.
- Personal Development day was held with the new theme of 'Relationships'
- Torbay Tigers have been teaching basketball to Y3/4 and Y5/6
- Year 1 started their Forest School sessions

Shiphay

- Year 2 parents and the team from South Devon College were welcomed into school for the launch of the Multiply Family Numeracy Programme
- Pupil Council representatives took part in the 'Child Friendly Discovery Day held by Torbay Council
- Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic road safety workshop led by Taleblazers
- Children experienced a special assembly to learn about VE Day but also to reflect on the themes of courage and hope
- A new Friends Of Shiphay School (FOSS) committee met

Oldway

- Year 1 welcomed Mrs Edworthy's guinea pigs into class
- Year 5 attended the School Games Summer Tag Rugby Festival at Torbay Leisure Centre
- Some Year 4 children attended an able & talented workshop at Torquay Boys' Grammar
- Year 6 historians went to Paignton Library for the launch of the book 'Wartime Paignton'
- KS2 children joined an online poetry workshop with poet Joshua Seigal
- Babbacombe Beach class in Year 3 were the first 'attendance champions' and enjoyed a special celebratory attendance breakfast
- Year 4 Beacon Cove class had a great time at a cricket festival showing off their amazing batting, fielding and bowling skills
- 'Eat them to defeat them' peas challenge
- Children took part in the 'Growing to Love' programme, funded by Torbay Public Health to teach children about the importance of vegetables by engaging them in the process of growing their own tomatoes
- Pupils in the after-school Radio Club created their own jingles and presented group shows with Ocean Youth Radio and Sound Communities

