

# Riviera News

Spring 1

February 2026

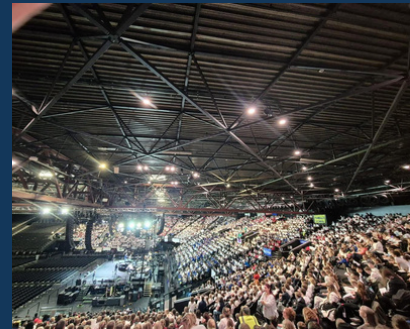


*Pupils from Roselands and Shiphay visited the Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) in Exeter to experience the 'Time Odyssey' interactive programme that uses augmented reality technology on tablets. Oldway pupils will get a chance to visit in the second part of this term.*

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## Young Voices



Performing Arts pupils from across the trust were part of **Young Voices**, the largest children's choir concert in the world!

## Amelia's Birthday Card Challenge

Help Amelia receive 8,000 cards on her birthday!

Find out more [HERE](#)



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## Message from the CEO



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Spring 1 edition of Riviera News! It has been a joy to see such a vibrant and positive start to 2026 across all our trust schools.

Our pupils have truly embraced our "Riviera 70" initiative this term, participating in life-enhancing experiences that range from singing with thousands at the spectacular Young Voices concert in Birmingham to enjoying an inspiring performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra.

I was also incredibly impressed by the creativity and mathematical enthusiasm shown during our NSPCC Number Day celebrations.

As we look forward to World Book Day I am inspired by Amelia Kolpa and her aim to reach a record-breaking birthday card goal. Her resilience is a reminder to us all of how the human spirit endures in the most difficult of circumstances.

I want to thank you for your ongoing support. I wish you all a restful and happy half-term break.

Warm regards

**Stewart Biddles**  
CEO



**Royal Albert Memorial Museum (RAMM) in Exeter**

## Music across the trust ...



Pupils from across the trust have been experiencing some pretty amazing musical events this half term.

Performing Arts pupils from across all three schools travelled to bp pulse LIVE Birmingham to sing with over 6,000 children in the biggest children's choir in the world! They were excellent ambassadors for Oldway, Roselands and Shiphay and took part with huge enthusiasm.

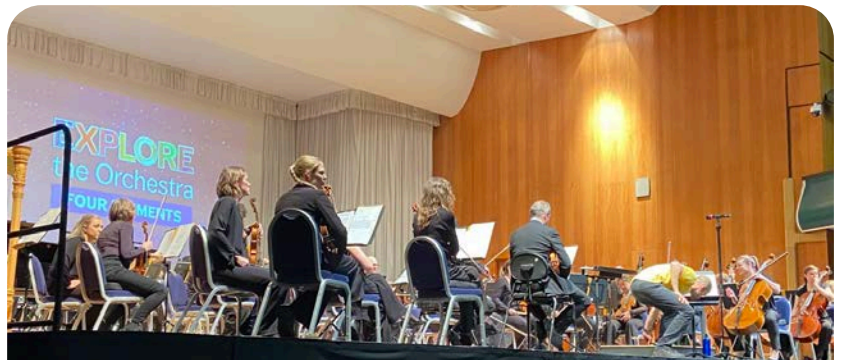
2026 is the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary year for YOUNG VOICES. In Birmingham, the massive choir was joined on stage by the Young Voices Orchestra, the Urban Strides dance crew, and special guest artists including Connie Talbot who some of you may remember as a 6-year-old on Britain's Got Talent, 11 years ago!

The children performed a diverse setlist, including the "Pop Medley 2026," a "Wicked Medley," and the soul classic "Something Inside So Strong."



Year 3 pupils from Roselands, alongside Year 4 pupils from Oldway and Shiphay, recently enjoyed an inspiring performance by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra at Exeter University's Great Hall. During their music lessons, the children had been busy mastering body percussion and lyrics, allowing them to participate fully in the performance.

We are proud to provide these opportunities through our **Riviera 70** initiative - a series of 70 life-enhancing experiences we strive to provide for every child in our trust.



World Book Day gives children a chance to benefit from the life-changing superpower of reading. It's all about encouraging children to read their way, to find the fun and enjoyment it brings.

World Book Day tokens will be distributed to children in school and can then be exchanged for one of the 12 titles specially chosen for this year, or £1 off a full price book.

Here's the brilliant line-up of BRAND NEW £1 books for 2026. Use your World Book Day £1 token to get one of these brilliant reads for free between 12 February and 15 March 2026.

Take a sneak peek at the books available this year, listed by reading ability:

### **BEGINNING**

#### ***Peppa Pig: One Big Family***

Published by Penguin Random House UK

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/peppa-pig-one-big-family/>

#### ***The Big Bang***

by Rose Ayling-Ellis. Written in collaboration with Katie Blackburn. Illustrated by Paddy Donnelly

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/the-big-bang/>

### **EARLY**

#### ***Unicorn Academy: My Secret Unicorn Diary***

Published by Nosy Crow

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/unicorn-academy-my-secret-unicorn-diary/>

#### ***Funny FACTopia!***

By Christopher Lloyd & Kate Olesin. Illustrated by Andy Smith

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/funny-factopia/>

#### ***Pablo and Splash: The Castle Quest***

By Sheena Dempsey

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/pablo-and-splash-the-castle-quest/>

#### ***Pia's Pet Club: Iguana Escape***

Written by Serena Patel. Illustrated by Emma McCann

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/pias-pet-club-iguana-escape/>

### **FLUENT**

#### ***Bear Rescue***

Written by Hannah Gold. Illustrated by Levi Pinfold

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/bear-rescue/>

#### ***Bunny vs Monkey: Total Chaos!***

By Jamie Smart

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/bunny-vs-monkey-total-chaos/>

#### ***Skandar and the Secret Element***

Written by A.F. Steadman

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/skandar-and-the-secret-element/>

#### ***Chaos at the Chocolate Factory***

Written by Sibéal Pounder. Illustrated by Emily Jones

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/chaos-at-the-chocolate-factory/>

#### ***The Most Amazing World Cup Stories You Never Knew***

Written by Matt Oldfield. Illustrated by Ollie Mann

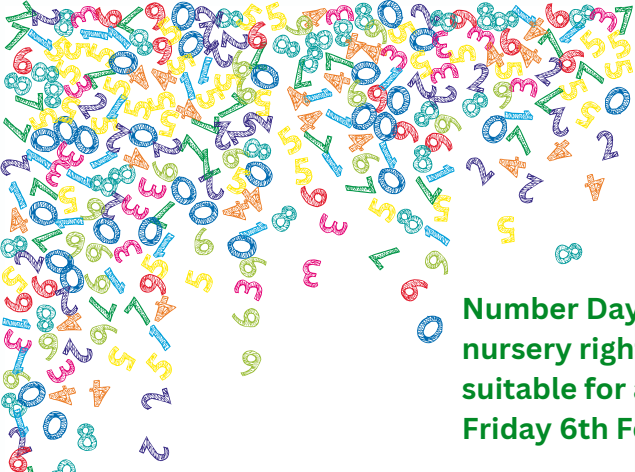
<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/unbelievable-football-the-most-amazing-world-cup-stories-you-never-knew/>

### **INDEPENDENT**

#### ***Against All Odds***

Written by Nathanael Lessore

<https://www.worldbookday.com/books/against-all-odds/>



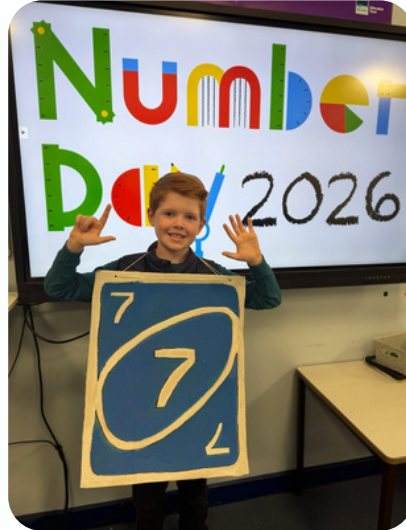
# NSPCC

# Number Day 2026

Number Day is an inclusive maths-inspired fundraising day for children in nursery right through to secondary school, with free downloadable activities suitable for all ages and abilities. Here's how our trust schools celebrated on Friday 6th February ...

At Oldway, many children arrived in very creative number costumes, there were TTRS battles, number games were enjoyed, some children had a maths themed PE lesson and number stories were read and enjoyed.

A great day was had by all - from our youngest Nursery pupils to our oldest pupils.



At Roselands, pupils celebrated Numbers Day with a fantastic 'Dressed Up for Digits' theme!

We were so impressed by the creativity of the number-themed outfits, and the children had a brilliant time taking part in fun, hands-on number activities during their maths lessons.

A great day of learning and laughter all round!

At Shiphay, pupils experienced an assembly during which they learnt about the NSPCC and Childline. Miss Farmer also challenged the children with 3 tricky problems. Can you find the answer to the one below?

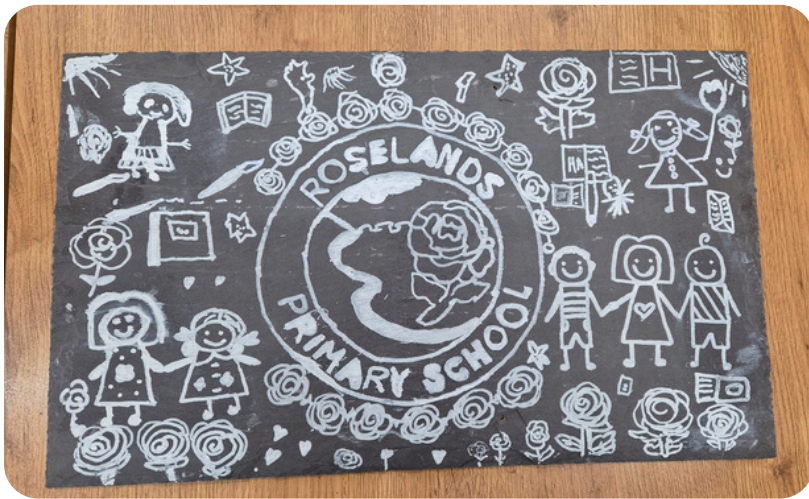
**MATCHSTICK PUZZLE**

Move 2 Matchsticks to Turn 999 into 100

**PUZZLE ADDA**



## The trust in the community ...



**Oldway's** student leaders presented Rowcroft Hospice with a cheque for over £2,000 raised during the December Rudolph Run.



We are incredibly proud of the pupils at **Roselands** for their contribution to the Stories Under the Slates project.

During their recent Winter Art Exhibition, students designed a unique slate that will be permanently installed on the roof of the Paignton Picture House early this year.

Seeing our students' work become a literal part of the town's architecture is a wonderful example of our trust's commitment to community and heritage.

When the Picture House reopens, there will be a permanent photo book on display featuring all the slates - including Roselands' - so we can always look back on the part they played in saving this local treasure.

A huge thank you to the staff, families, and pupils who made this magical collaboration possible!



Year 5 pupils at **Shiphay** had a visit from South West Water and learnt all about the water cycle and how our water is filtered and cleaned.



**INSITE** events at **Shiphay** and **Roselands** saw parents and carers completing cave paintings and constructing erupting volcanoes!



**Oldway's** School Council welcomed local MP Steve Darling and his guide dog Jennie for a tour of the school.

## Football successes ...

Oldway's Year 5/6 boys showcased impressive skill and determination during the second round of league fixtures at Paignton Academy.

Competing on a high-quality surface against tough local opposition, Team 1 secured two victories, while Team 2 earned a hard-fought win and a draw. Coaches praised the high standard of play and the players' competitive spirit.



The Oldway Year 5/6 girls continued their dominant unbeaten run at Paignton Academy, securing two emphatic victories. The team displayed a masterclass in link-up play and tenacity, defeating Preston 6-0 and King's Ash 8-1.



The Roselands Year 5/6 boys enjoyed a flawless evening at the latest league fixtures, securing three wins from three matches without conceding a single goal. The team defeated Sacred Heart, Preston, and Marldon through a combination of tireless work rates and impressive resilience. Beyond the scorelines, Mr. Wearing highlighted the players' exceptional sportsmanship and their commitment to working for one another until the final whistle.



The Roselands Year 5/6 girls continued their winning streak with two impressive victories in their latest league round. They showed great persistence in a tight 1-0 win over Curledge Street, before following it up with a dominant 4-1 victory against Preston. Coaches praised the squad's determination and skill.

# Help Amelia Break

**We have a very special mission for all our amazing pupils!** **a UK Record!** 

Meet Amelia Kolpa, a brave 7-year-old from Rowley Regis who has been fighting Neuroblastoma since she was just a toddler.

Amelia turns 8 on

March 3rd, and she has one big, bold wish: to break the UK record for the most birthday cards received!

She originally aimed for 5,000 cards, but with a smile, she told her family: "I can get 8,000."



## **Let's show her she's right!**

 Grab your craft kit and get making!  
Even cards from your pets count! 

**DROP OFF AT:** The school office

**BY: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2026**

**SHIPHAY LEARNING ACADEMY**

# **CAREERS DAY!**

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2026**



**Can you record a short video explaining your job role and the most exciting parts of this for our younger pupils?**

**Can you run a stall at our Careers Fair for our older pupils?**

**Please email [khartnell@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:khartnell@rivieraet.co.uk) if you can help.**



# Half Term Holiday Fun

Click on the images for more information



Unlimited FREE Returns to Pennywell Farm this Feb Half Term! Re-opens 14<sup>th</sup> February



Kents Cavern



Half term family activities for families, RAMM Exeter

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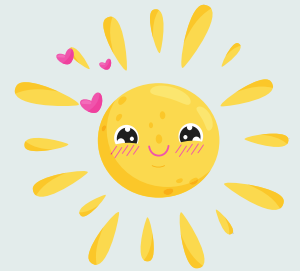
**Free Family ART Drop In**  
The Learning Lab, TORRE ABBEY  
10am - 2pm

[www.clairejoharmer.co.uk](http://www.clairejoharmer.co.uk)  
[@cabbagetreestudio](https://twitter.com/cabbagetreestudio)

14<sup>th</sup> February, 10.00am - 2.00pm



Room on the Broom trail at Haldon Forest Park



**PAIGNTON**  
**National Brick Events**  
February 15, 2026  
Torbay Leisure Centre

**BUY TICKETS**



Arena Torquay, 18<sup>th</sup> February



LEGO workshop at Newton Abbot Museum 20<sup>th</sup> February

## ✨ February Half Term Holiday Camp !

This February Half Term, keep children active and smiling at our Multi Sports Camp! Packed with fun sports, team games, and new friendships, it's the perfect way to enjoy the holidays.

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February

Early Drop 08:00am - 10:00am

Full Day 10:00am - 4:00pm

Late Collection 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Oldway Primary School, Paignton  
Abbey School, Torquay

Spaces are limited, so please book early to secure your child's place.  
[www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk](http://www.kineticsportsgroup.co.uk)



01803 424577

[info@kineticsportsgroup.co.uk](mailto:info@kineticsportsgroup.co.uk)

## Funding opportunities for young musicians in Devon

Struggling with the costs of tuition?  
Need help to further your musical talent?  
Household income of less than £37,500?

There could be financial support available.

For more info  
Email: [hannah.stephenson@devon.gov.uk](mailto:hannah.stephenson@devon.gov.uk)  
or scan the QR code and complete the contact form



Young Sounds UK  
**Connect**

Devon Music Education Hub

Supported using public funding by  
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ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND



## Zumba Dance Fitness Classes with Leanne

Get fit and have fun



£5  
a session

Mondays | 7 - 8 pm  
Roselands Primary School

Book now | Email [leanne.dance.fitness@gmail.com](mailto:leanne.dance.fitness@gmail.com)



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# FREE SCHOOL MEALS – are you getting your entitlement?



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)



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## Hardship Fund

The Trust recognises that there are families that might need support from time to time during their child's education.

The aim of the Fund is to help students who have difficulties in paying for:

- Curriculum trips, visits, year group residential courses and other activities
- Uniform, shoes or sports kit
- Other materials or equipment to assist in academic studies
- Other necessary expenses

If you are a parent/carer of a pupil at one of our schools, you can find further information on the **Family Support page** under the **Parents menu** of your school website.

## TORBAY COUNCIL

### Holiday Activities and Food Programme (HAF) this half term

HAF places are available for children and young people who are eligible for benefits related free school meals, aged 4 to 16.

**Please book your HAF space by using the EEQU booking system.**

# 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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# WANTED!

## New Governors to join our Local Standards Board in our trust schools

We are looking for school governors to join our Local Standards Boards across all 3 schools within the trust - Oldway Primary School, Roselands Primary School and Shiphay Learning Academy.

- Do you have an interest in monitoring the standards within our schools and ensuring our children have access to the very best education?
- Do you have the skills to be able to challenge written information in a supportive and positive way?
- Do you have 9 hours per term to commit to carrying out the role of a governor on our Local Standards Board?

If you can answer yes to these questions, please get in touch with our Governance Professional, Faye Steele: [clerk@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:clerk@rivieraet.co.uk)

### Time commitment

- 3 meetings per year – 2 hours after 5pm.
- 3 Monitoring visits per year – 2.5/ 3 hours. You will be required to come into school for 2 mornings (09.00 - 12.30pm) and 1 afternoon (12.30 - 3.00pm) across the academic year. These 3 monitoring visits include visiting classrooms, observing lessons, speaking to children and meeting the Head of School to discuss findings during the visits.
- Link Governor role contact 3 times per year – 1 hour. Each governor is allocated a Link role, you will be required to reach out/email your nominated teacher (Safeguarding, SEND, IT, Curriculum) and produce a termly update to be circulated at each meeting (bullet point format, no larger than 1 page of A4).
- Preparation and reading – 2 hours per term. Governors will be required to access online agendas and supporting documents and you will be required to read the Head report and supporting documentation prior to each meeting.
- Confidential and sensitive information – from time to time you will have access to confidential and sensitive information, you will be required to adhere to our confidentiality policy, covering all social media platforms.

### Interested?

Please get in touch with our Governance Professional, Faye Steele for more information – email: [clerk@rivieraet.co.uk](mailto:clerk@rivieraet.co.uk)

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<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



**Pupils return after the half term break  
on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

# Schools half-termly round-up

## Shiphay

- The children had an informative visit from *Open Wide and Step Inside* where they learnt all about teeth cleaning
- FOSS organised Glow in the Dark Dodgeball sessions for the children
- The school welcomed parents and carers for INSITE sessions with their children
- There was a School Nurse drop-in /parent coffee morning
- Y6 pupils visited the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter to take part in their 'Time Odyssey' initiative
- Performing Arts students took part in Young Voices in Birmingham
- Year 4 enjoyed a fantastic experience in Exeter when they saw and performed with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
- The children took part in the NSPCC Number Day, learning about NSPCC and Childline and tackling some tricky maths puzzles
- FOSS arranged some KS2 discos for the children to enjoy
- South West Water supported Year 5's Geography learning by showing how water is filtered and cleaned
- Children were welcomed back into school for a very special bedtime stories session

## Oldway

- Reception pupils made bird feeders and ice globes in their OWL sessions
- School Council welcomed the local MP, Steve Darling and gave him a tour of the school
- Year 5/6 boys and girls teams competed in the second round of football league fixtures
- The English Hub Phonics Audit said the school's journey was "remarkable".
- Performing Arts pupils travelled to Birmingham to take part in Young Voices
- The Oldway Litter Crew were in action picking up litter and tidying the school grounds
- Parents and toddlers from 'Mummy and Me' enjoyed a great time in Oldway's swimming pool
- Oldway's student leaders presented Rowcroft Hospice with a cheque for over £2,000 raised during the December Rudolph Run
- The school took part in the NSPCC Number Day with pupils dressing up as digits
- Sporty Stars ran Glow in the Dark Dodgeball sessions that were great fun
- Several successful Stay and Play Coffee Mornings were run for parents/carers by Mrs Bateman & Miss Chalk

## Roselands

- Year 6 pupils took part in RadioAhead where they've been learning to plan, record and present their own radio show
- Some Roselands reps decorated their own slate that will be installed directly onto the roof of the Paignton Picture House
- Y3/4 parents attended a brilliant Geography INSITE event constructing erupting volcanoes
- Children came back to school in their pyjamas for a magical bedtime stories event
- Y1 & 2 pupils had a roaring good time at Paignton Zoo learning about different habitats and animal facts
- Y6 pupils visited the Royal Albert Memorial Museum in Exeter for a day of discovery and learning
- Performing Arts pupils travelled to Birmingham to take part in Young Voices
- Pearl class visited Paignton Academy to take part in a Handball Festival and did an amazing job representing the school
- The Mental Health Support Team held a session for parents on 'Understanding your child's mental health'
- Parents & carers were invited into school to read and share stories with their children as part of National Storytelling Week

