

Riviera News



Spring 2

March 2026



Roselands' pupils helped plant a 'Miyawaki Forest' to help combat flooding and boost diversity. Read more about the project [HERE](#)

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**We're
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2-year-
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**Education
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Message from the CEO



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Spring 2 edition of Riviera News! It has been an incredibly busy and rewarding term across the Riviera Education Trust.

This issue is packed with wonderful highlights, from the creative costumes of World Book Day to the hands-on investigations of British Science Week. I was particularly proud to see our schools come together for the 7th annual Trust Swimming Gala, showcasing fantastic determination and spirit.

Would you like to contribute to the ongoing success of our schools? Find out how you could become a governor and what this entails later in this issue.

We also have some very exciting news regarding the growth of our community. From September 2026, we will be welcoming two-year-olds into our nurseries at Oldway and Shiphay, providing even more little ones with a nurturing start to their education.

I want to thank our dedicated staff for their hard work and our families for your continued support. I hope you enjoy reading about the brilliant achievements of our pupils.

Best wishes

**Stewart Biddles
CEO**



**WORLD
BOOK
DAY**
5 MARCH 2026

Pupils across the trust had a fabulous World Book Day!



Oldway marked World Book Day with a vibrant celebration of reading enjoyed by pupils across the school. Children shared stories with their book buddies, dressed up in creative costumes, and showcased an impressive range of book-inspired models.



The school was delighted to welcome children's author Clare Helen Welsh, who led an engaging storytelling session. Younger pupils each received a free book to take home, while older children took part in a live lesson—earning the school a mention on the BBC website.



The School Council also explored the "Authormobile," featuring books donated by the National Literacy Trust. With even a Gruffalo spotted in the lunch hall, it was a joyful and memorable day for all involved.

Roselands transformed into a dynamic hub of literary celebration for World Book Day.

The festivities began with an impressive "Vocabulary Parade," where children showcased incredible innovation through their creative costumes.



Throughout the day, students immersed themselves in a variety of engaging activities, from a busy Book Swap and an inspired art session with Mrs Chapman to a lively "Guess the Staff Member" competition and shared storytime sessions with their buddy classes.



The celebrations concluded with a high-energy World Book Day Disco, providing a wonderful opportunity for the children to celebrate their shared love of stories.





World Book Day was a resounding success at **Shiphay**, with the school buzzing with literary excitement.

The festivities began with a special assembly centered on the book ***The Bridges*** by Tom Percival. Inspired by the poignant theme that "a book isn't just a story... a book is a bridge," pupils engaged in imaginative workshops where they constructed their own bridges, designed fantastical settings, and crafted descriptive writing based on the text.



The day was filled with collaborative spirit as students took part in a variety of book-themed activities. A particular highlight was the cross-year story sessions, where Reception pupils enjoyed sharing books with their "older friends" from different classes.

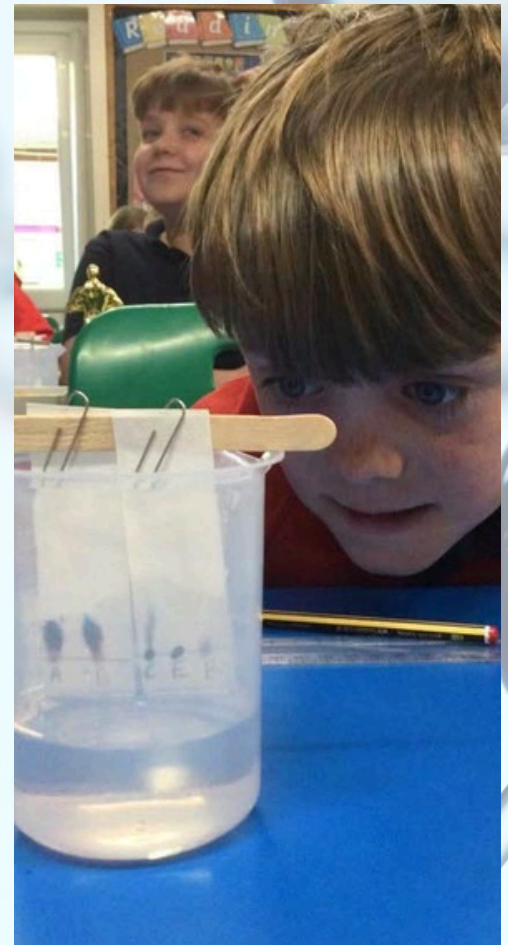
From the wonderful array of creative costumes to the high level of engagement in every classroom, it was a fantastic day dedicated to fostering a lifelong love of reading across the entire school community.



See you again next year!



British Science Week across the trust



Shiphay students celebrated British Science Week 2026 with a school-wide focus on "Curiosity," kicked off by an explosive assembly with Professor Nutbeam. Children across all year groups engaged in hands-on investigations and expert-led workshops:

- Reception & The Burrow: Explored physical reactions through "volcano" eruptions, shadow puppetry, and the chemistry of making slime.
- Years 1 & 2: Practiced collaborative inquiry with "dancing raisins" and marshmallow slime experiments.
- Year 3: Investigated electrical circuits, buoyancy, and color mixing through a series of "awe and wonder" challenges.
- Year 4: Explored the physics of sound, using vibrations to make "oobleck" and sprinkles dance.
- Year 5: Tackled forensic science with a chromatography "whodunnit" workshop supported by Torquay Boys' Grammar School.
- Year 6: Conducted a detailed heart dissection with Mrs. Kittow from Torquay Girls' Grammar School to study the circulatory system.

Roselands celebrated an action-packed Science Day, where students across all year groups stepped into the shoes of real scientists. Under the guidance of Mr Dore, the school explored the theme of "Curiosity and Questioning" through a series of hands-on investigations:

- Reception made ice cream and explored forces by "rescuing" animals from ice.
- Years 1 & 2 tested engineering skills, building boats that held over 100 marbles.
- Years 3 & 4 investigated aerodynamics and the classic "butter-side down" toast myth.
- Years 5 & 6 participated in a biology workshop with Mrs Wojak and Mr Paddon, studying heart and lung functions.





Oldway Year 5's Wonderstruck Science trip was an exciting exploration of science. The day began with an immersive science show, where pupils experienced powerful air blasts and watched in amazement as Mr Harman attempted to break a concrete slab on Peter's chest while he lay on a bed of nails.

The children thoroughly enjoyed the thrilling demonstrations, and Jaxon was the lucky volunteer who confidently controlled Peter's rocket car.

Afterwards, they put their skills to the test by designing and launching rockets, aiming carefully to hit a target. It was a fun-filled, inspiring and unforgettable science day!



Our nurseries are expanding!



We're delighted to share some exciting news!
Starting September 2026
The Shells Nursery will be expanding
to welcome 2-year-olds

We are busy preparing a nurturing and stimulating environment where your little ones can begin their educational journey in the heart of our school community.

Stay in the Loop

We know you'll have questions about hours, fees, and facilities. While we are still finalising the finer details, you can ensure you're the first to hear the latest updates.

Sign up for our digital mailing list to receive:

- Notification as soon as admissions open
- Updates on our new toddler-friendly spaces
- Information regarding open days and tours

Scan this QR code to join our digital mailing list



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We are thrilled to announce that starting
September 2026,
we will be expanding our family to welcome
2-year-olds into our nursery community!

We know how important those early years are, and we can't wait to provide a nurturing, playful, and safe environment for your little ones to sprout and thrive.

Want to be the first to know?

While we are still finalising the finer details, you can stay ahead of the curve. Join our digital mailing list today to receive:

- Priority updates on registration dates
- Information regarding settling-in sessions
- Sneak peeks at our dedicated spaces for toddlers

Scan the QR code below to join our mailing list



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[The Orchard Nursery at Shiphay Learning Academy](#)



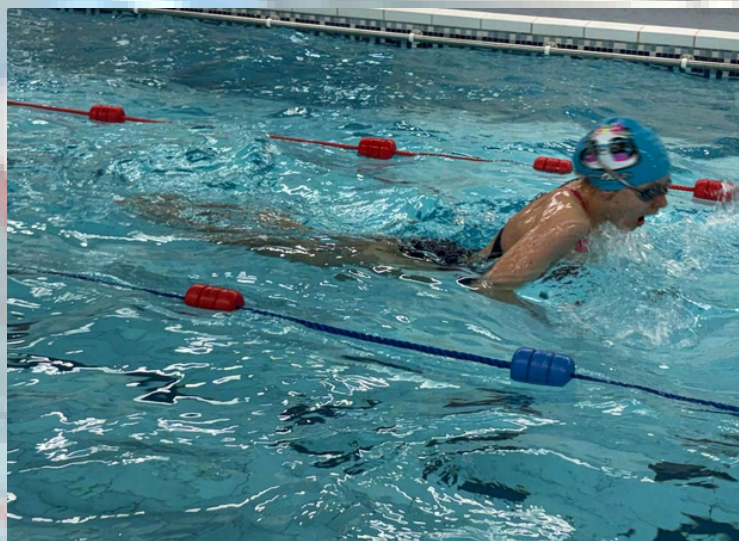
Trust Swimming Gala

We welcomed teams from all 3 schools to participate in our longest-standing inter-trust competition at Oldway Primary School. This was our 7th year and the quality of swimming was excellent, with so much determination, resilience and competitive spirit on display.

Each school was represented by a mixed Y3/4 team and a mixed Y5/6 team.



Oldway



Shiphay



Roselands



Year 5 Digital Leaders at **Oldway** got the chance to meet Lee Parkinson MBE (aka Mr P from 'ICT with Mr P' fame). Mr P was delivering a training course for local teachers at Oldway, so this was an opportunity too good to miss!

Digital Leaders have recently been busy working on a project to build and code miniature traffic lights with LEDs.



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Some **Roselands** children enjoyed a visit to the Mare and Foal Sanctuary to learn all about equine rescue and rehabilitation.



Children in The Burrow at **Shiphay** had an amazing trip to Dartmoor Zoo



Year 4 explorers at **Shiphay** had a fantastic opportunity to build on their Geography learning during a trip to the Eden Project. They all became Rainforest Rangers, explored the biomes and even ventured to the top platform!



Roselands plants ‘tiny but powerful’ Miyawaki Forest!

Pupils at Roselands have been getting hands-on with nature this half term, planting a ‘Miyawaki Forest’ on the school grounds as part of an exciting climate resilience project.

Funded through a national flood innovation programme, the project will transform a tennis-court-sized area into a dense, fast-growing woodland designed to help reduce flooding, boost biodiversity, and create a new outdoor learning space.

Roselands is one of only two schools involved in this pioneering initiative, led locally by Torbay Council.



Using the Miyawaki method, children planted a variety of native trees - including holly, crab apple, and English oak - closely together so they grow faster and support one another, forming a thriving mini-ecosystem in just a few decades. The pupils described their work as creating a “tiny but powerful woodland” that will make the community greener, healthier, and more wildlife-friendly. Headteacher Pippa Bastock praised the project as a “living laboratory,” giving children a meaningful opportunity to connect with nature while contributing to the fight against climate change.



Saving Paignton Monastery – Can You Help?

The much-loved Paignton Monastery has been at the heart of the community for decades. Once home to a day centre, nursery, social groups and events, it provided a vital space for families and residents to connect.

After closing in the late 2000s and facing the threat of sale, local people have come together to protect this historic building and bring it back into community use.

Plans include creating a welcoming “village hall” style hub with a café, youth centre, parent and toddler groups, wellbeing support, and activities for all ages.

There is strong local support—and a growing team of skilled volunteers - but more help is needed to make this vision a reality.

Could you get involved?

The newly formed **Paignton Monastery CIC** is looking for volunteers of all kinds, including:

- Tradespeople and practical helpers
- Café, events, and group support
- Admin, fundraising, and community organisers
- Anyone with time, ideas, or enthusiasm

This is a chance to help create a safe, welcoming space for children, families, and the wider community—right on your doorstep!



Interested in volunteering or learning more?

Get in touch and be part of bringing the Monastery back to life for future generations!

Email info@paigntonmonastery.co.uk or visit [Friends of Paignton Monastery CIC](#) on Facebook.

Heritage Pop-up!

Where:

The Projection Room, Torbay Road, Paignton
(*opposite the Paignton Picture House*)

When:

Wednesday 15th April, 11am - 4pm. Drop-in
between these times - no booking required!

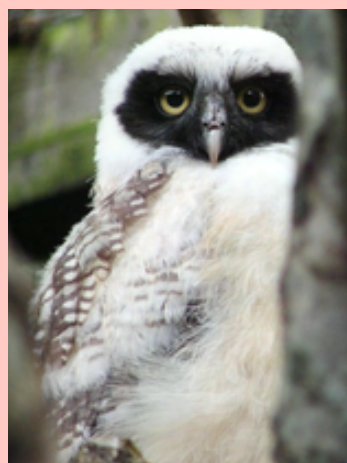
Come and find out AND tell us what you love about Paignton's amazing heritage, with pictures and ideas for where to find the weird and wonderful in your town.

Easter Holiday Fun

Click on the images for more information



Babbacombe Model Village Easter Egg Trail and Illuminations

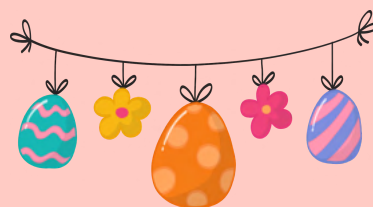


Hatch and Seek at Paignton Zoo



Easter Egg-Stravaganza at Pennywell Farm

EASTER



SPRING SUMMER MENU 2026

		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MENU KEY:
WEEK ONE w/c 20/4/26 11/5/26 1/6/26 22/6/26 13/7/26	Main Option	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausage Roll with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spaghetti Bolognese (Beef)	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein
	Veggie Option	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Roasted Quorn, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Bean Burger with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips & Tomato Sauce	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	NEW Banana Mousse	Orange Drizzle Cake	Fruit Platter	Apple Flapjack	Strawberry Jelly with Mandarins	
WEEK TWO w/c 27/4/26 18/5/26 8/6/26 29/6/26 20/7/26	Main Option	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Summer Mixed Salad	Beef Chilli with Rice & Sweetcorn & Cucumber Salsa	Roasted Pork Sausage, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Greek Chicken Pitta with Herby Rice & Salad	Battered Fish with Chips or Salmon Fish Fingers with Tomato sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein
	Veggie Option	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Spaghetti & Plant Meatballs in a Tomato Sauce	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese Whirl with Herby Rice, Tzatziki & Salad	NEW Cheesy Broccoli Frittata with Chips	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	Peaches & Ice Cream	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad	Jam Sponge	Oaty Cookie	
WEEK THREE w/c 4/5/26 25/5/26 15/6/26 6/7/26	Main Option	Tomato Pasta	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges & Rainbow Slaw	Roast of the Day, Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken Curry with Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Whole grain Plant based Added plant protein
	Veggie Option	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	Mexican Bean Roll with New Potatoes & Rainbow Slaw	Vegetable Loaf with Stuffing, Potatoes & Gravy	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast	Cowboy Sausage and Bean Hotpot	
	Sides	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	
	Dessert	Pineapple Upside Down Cake	Chocolate Brownie	Fruit Medley	Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Vanilla Shortbread	
AVAILABLE DAILY: Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings, Baguette with Ham, Cheese or Tuna Mayo, Salad Bar, Freshly Baked Bread, Fresh Fruit, Yoghurt							

If you would like to know about particular allergens in foods, please ask a member of the catering team for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of allergen cross contact.

Slice of Success: Year 3 and 4 Pizza Workshop

Just before the half-term break, Year 3 and 4 pupils at Roselands took part in a hands-on culinary workshop led by Donna from Caterlink. The session provided a fantastic opportunity for students to develop new kitchen skills while exploring their "culinary creativity."

During the workshop, the children:

- Mastered Techniques: Learned the art of crafting and shaping the perfect pizza dough.
- Experimented with Flavours: Selected and arranged a variety of toppings to create their own "unique masterpieces."
- Added Artistic Flair: Designed and decorated custom pizza boxes to carry their creations home.

A huge thank you to Donna and the Caterlink team for providing such a memorable and delicious learning experience!



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

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

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Kinetic Easter Holiday Camp at Oldway Primary



BOOK:
kineticsportsgroup.co.uk/multi-sports-camps

✨ Easter Holiday Camps ✨

This Easter, 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.

Tuesday 7th - Friday 10th April
Monday 13th - Friday 17th April

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



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Holiday Activity and Food programme (HAF)

If you're a parent or carer of a 4 to 16-year-old who receives benefits-related free school meals, or who is electively home-educated, your child can take part in the **free Easter holiday club** programme known as Healthy Holidays.

Healthy Holidays clubs involve helping young people learn new skills – everything from sport, music and dance, to art, cooking and gardening. The clubs are also a great way to have fun with friends old and new.

The HAF programme provides free holiday clubs during Easter, Summer and Christmas. Participating children and young people (CYP) enjoy:

- A minimum of one nutritious meal per day
- A variety of physical and enrichment activities
- Opportunities to socialise with peers for a minimum of 4 hours per day

For further information or assistance, contact:

- Email: hafapplications@torbay.gov.uk
- Telephone: [0800 328 5974](tel:08003285974)

To find out what sessions are available, please go to the booking system [HERE](#)

TORBAY HAF

FREE TO THOSE ELIGIBLE FOR
BENEFIT-RELATED FREE SCHOOL MEALS
EASTER 2026 - 3-19 APRIL

Supporting children to eat more healthily and be more active over the school holidays (ages 5-14)

Old Mill Road, Torquay
Roselands Primary School,
Paignton

Activities include football, dodgeball, tag rugby, basketball, cricket, racket sports, invasion games, archery, arts & crafts & enrichment visits.

BOOK NOW!



ARGYLE
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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.

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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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2025-26 Term Dates



	Easter holidays	Friday 3 rd – Friday 17 th April 2026
Summer 2026	First day	Monday 20 th April 2026
	Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May 2026
	Half term	Monday 25 th May - Monday 1 st June 2026 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 1 st June 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Tuesday 2 nd June 2026
	Last day	Tuesday 21 st July 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Wednesday 22 nd July 2026
	Summer holidays	Thursday 23 rd July - 4 th September 2026 inclusive



Pupils return after the Easter break
on Monday 20th April

Schools half-termly round-up

Roselands

- Year 5/6 pupils had a fantastic start to their new science topic with the Space Odyssey Dome in school
- The first Stay and Play session was launched, where families with little ones can come and chat
- Pupils and staff dressed up for World Book Day
- Some Year 5 pupils visited Churston Ferrers Grammar School where they took part in a range of exciting lessons
- Green-fingered students helped plant our very own Miyawaki Forest at school
- Plymouth Argyle led an exciting assembly with mascot 'Pilgrim Pete' to tell children about the Easter HAF programme they are running at Roselands
- Roselands families took part in the 'Big Walk and Wheel' initiative, getting active on the way to school
- Year 5/6 netballers represented the school at the Netball Bee at Paignton Academy
- The Spring Community Coffee Morning was held with lots of crafts enjoyed by all
- Some of the children enjoyed a visit to the Mare and Foal Sanctuary to learn all about equine rescue and rehabilitation

Shiphay

- Year 4 had a fabulous time at Torquay Boys' exploring Fibonacci through maths, drama and science
- Year 3 learnt about AI and how this can be positive and a negative tool during national Online Safety Day
- Year 5 completed their first Decider Skills workshop with the MHST Team
- Children in The Burrow had an amazing trip to Dartmoor Zoo
- Year 4 explorers had a fantastic opportunity to build on their Geography learning during a trip to the Eden Project
- The whole school focused on financial education for Personal development day.
- Connect Build challenged Year 5 pupils to build miniature houses as part of their DT project
- Year 4 had a fantastic time at the Dodgeball Tournament, hosted by St Cuthbert Mayne School
- The girls' football team put in a fantastic performance in the Devon FA tournament and came 2nd overall
- Shiphay families took part in the 'Big Walk and Wheel' initiative, getting active on the way to school
- Year 6 had a fantastic visit to Dartmoor this week supporting the Dartmoor Heritage Pony Trust
- Year 5 had the opportunity to visit Torquay Academy to watch a performance of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
- Year 3 pupils had a fabulous time at the RAMM museum learning all about mummification

Oldway

- Year 5 pupils visited Brixham College to take part in Wonderstruck Science
- Stay & Play Coffee Mornings were enjoyed by families with little ones
- The 'Eat them to Defeat them' initiative returned with pupils eating veg in a fun way
- Y5 Digital Leaders built & coded working traffic lights with LEDs
- 25% of Oldway Year 6 pupils gained a place at Grammar School
- Oldway joined 'The Big Plastic Count', counting every piece of plastic thrown away
- Parents enjoyed free 'Stay and Splash' session for Nursery children and toddlers in the swimming pool
- Shells Nursery had a super first reading afternoon with parents and carers
- Pupils and staff dressed up for World Book Day
- Oldway families took part in the 'Big Walk and Wheel' initiative, getting active on the way to school
- Pupils took part in a non-uniform Red Nose Day raising funds for Comic Relief
- Oldway hosted training for teachers by Lee Parkinson MBE (aka ICT with Mr P) and Digital Leaders got the chance to meet him!
- Pastoral Team ran a Toy Sale to help raise funds for pastoral resources
- Reception classes had a lovely time plant shopping at the Oldway Gardens Volunteers plant stall and enjoyed planting them in the school allotment.

