

# Riviera News

Summer 1

May 2026



*EYFS at Roselands enjoyed lots of Farmyard Fun at the Rare Breeds Farm. The children enjoyed a non-stop, wonderful adventure meeting various animals - they fed goats, cuddled guinea pigs, befriended pigs, and spotted birds and reptiles as "nature detectives."*

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## Paignton Heritage Society

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WHEN: The last Saturday of every month  
TIME: 10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON  
LAUNCH DATE: Saturday 30th May 2026

**JOIN THE EXPEDITION**  
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## Junior Explorers

## Places kids eat free/£1 this half term

See [inside](#)



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## Message from the CEO



Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to our Summer 1 newsletter! As we head into the half-term break, I want to share my immense pride in everything our children have achieved across the Riviera Education Trust over these past few weeks.

This half term has been packed with unforgettable learning and outdoor adventure. Our Year 5 pupils showcased incredible teamwork and resilience during

their residential trip to Potheridge House, while our younger explorers have been busy beachcombing in Brixham and discovering the woodlands at Slapton Ley. From the high-spirited "Break the Rules Day" at Roselands to delightful animal encounters at the Rare Breeds Farm and a sleepover at Dartmoor Zoo, our schools have been alive with joy and curiosity.

Looking ahead, we are absolutely thrilled to share that starting September 2026, both The Shells Nursery at Oldway and The Orchard Nursery at Shiphay will be expanding to welcome two-year-olds into our early years families!

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. I hope you and your families enjoy a wonderful, restful half-term holiday, perhaps catching the Geopark Festival or the spectacular English Riviera Airshow.

Best wishes

**Stewart Biddles**  
CEO



# BREAK THE RULES DAY!

Today we're breaking the rules!

1. Non-school uniform
2. Draw with Rob for Early Morning work
3. Choose your own learning partner
4. Children choose the order of some lessons
5. Extra creative lesson
6. Children take...
7. Mr Wearing and Mr Lowther in the stocks!
8. On the field for lunch play (weather permitting)
9. Eat pudding first at lunchtime (if you wish!)
10. Classroom swap for part of the day
11. 'Roselands Has Got Talent' - Showcase of children's skills
12. ...time

***Pudding for lunch, talent shows, and teachers in the stocks – Break the Rules Day 2026 at Roselands was an absolute blast and raised valuable funds for the school!***

# 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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**Please share our news .....**

**with friends & family!**



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





The Burrow children at **Shiphay** had a wonderful time during their visit to Slapton Ley Nature Reserve. They loved the freedom of exploring the woods and going on a big hunt. Their excitement continued on the beach where they made the surprising discovery that not all beaches have sand!



Breakwater Beach Class at **Oldway** had a fantastic trip to Brixham, visiting their namesake beach for beachcombing and spotting seals at the lighthouse. From exploring pirate ships to enjoying ice creams and kind gifts, the children gathered plenty of inspiration for their persuasive writing on why everyone should visit this seaside town!



Year 5 pupils at **Roselands** recently returned from an unforgettable two-night residential at Potheridge House, where they tackled exciting challenges like abseiling, raft building, and crate stacking.

The trip was a wonderful display of the school's values in action, as the children showed remarkable resilience and teamwork while embracing their first major experience away from home.



# The trust in the community

## Torbay Malayali Association's 'Spring of Unity 2026'

All of our trust schools offer facilities to hire, mostly out of school time in the evenings, weekends and during holiday times. Oldway was pleased to welcome the Torbay Malayali Association for their event celebrating Easter, Vishu & Eid.

If you're interested in hiring school facilities on a regular or one-off basis, please complete the form on our trust website here:

<https://www.rivieratrust.co.uk/facilities-for-hire>



## Community Connections: Stay & Play at Roselands and Oldway

Local families with children under five are invited to join the popular Stay & Play sessions hosted at Oldway and Roselands Primary Schools. These sessions offer a vibrant space for little ones to explore and parents to connect.

- At Roselands Primary: These sessions have been a huge hit, especially with babies! Families can expect a variety of sensory play and creative stations designed for tiny hands, all while parents enjoy a fresh tea or coffee and a friendly chat in a safe, engaging environment.
- At Oldway Primary: Hosted by Mrs. Bateman (SENDSCO) & Miss Chalk (Family Support Worker) this coffee morning provides a welcoming space to play and socialise. Beyond the free refreshments, parents can access the School Uniform Shop and find helpful information regarding local family services.

Whether you're looking for sensory fun or a supportive community chat, both schools are delighted to welcome new and familiar faces alike!



## Have your say on Old Paignton

Tell us what you think **by 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026**;  
fill in a paper questionnaire, or go online:

[qrco.de/camptorbay](http://qrco.de/camptorbay)

SCAN ME!



For a paper copy/  
more details,  
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Stronger together

Working in collaboration with

**TORBAY**  
COUNCIL



## Torquay Museum - Volunteers wanted!

Thanks to grant funding from [AIM](#), Torquay Museum is starting a project to clean and repack some of its collections. They are currently looking for volunteers to help them with this. If you are interested in learning how to work with museum collections why not apply to join their friendly team?

Full training will be provided and sessions will take place during museum opening hours on weekdays.

For more information or to apply please contact:  
[enquiries@torquaymuseum.org](mailto:enquiries@torquaymuseum.org)



## Hooray for Heritage!

**Saturday 23rd May, 11am to 2pm**

Children's Area, Paignton Library  
Great Western Road, Paignton TQ4 5AG

A FREE family event, where children and adults can get creative with local artist Zoe Curley, to reimagine a street full of some of Paignton's most interesting and beautiful buildings.

Community Builder Leah Witcher will be hosting 'Make a Stained-Glass Window', taking inspiration from some of the real stained glasswork that can be found in our town.

**Contact Leah for more details:**

Phone: 07703 715235

Email: [leahwhitcher@torbaycdt.org.uk](mailto:leahwhitcher@torbaycdt.org.uk)

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**Ready to start exploring?**

For more information, please contact  
Iris Butler: [irisbutler48@gmail.com](mailto:irisbutler48@gmail.com)



## Half Term Holiday Fun

Click on the images for more information



English Riviera Airshow 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May



Pennywell Farm  
16<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> May



English Riviera UNESCO Global Geopark Festival  
23<sup>rd</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> May 2026



FREE admission to Royal Albert Memorial  
Museum, Exeter

# May Half Term Holiday Camps

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 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May

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)

## Kinetic May Half-term Holiday Camp at Oldway Primary



BOOK:

[kineticsportsgroup.co.uk/multi-sports-camps](http://kineticsportsgroup.co.uk/multi-sports-camps)

# OLDWAY

*Schedule*



AT  
OLDWAY  
POOL  
TQ3 2SY

AUTUMN TERM :

27 SEP - 22 NOV

SAT/SUN

SESSION 1 : TBC

SESSION 2 : TBC

AGES 8+ FOR  
MONOFIN CLASSES

\*EMAIL US TO GET ON THE LIST EARLY &  
SECURE YOUR SPOT FOR AUTUMN 2026\*

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Click on the  
images for more  
info

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## COMMUNITY FOOTBALL



**MONDAY:** TORQUAY BOYS GRAMMAR SCHOOL (TQ1 7EL)  
MINI GULLS: 6:00-7:00PM (MUGA PITCH)

**TUESDAY:** SPIRES COLLEGE (TQ1 3PE)  
YOUTH GULLS: 6:00-7:00PM (MUGA PITCH)  
ACORN CENTRE (TQ2 8ET)  
GIRLS WILDCATS: 5:00-6:00PM (SPORTS HALL)

**WEDNESDAY:** DEVON FA, COACH ROAD (TQ12 1EJ)  
GIRLS WILDCATS: 5:00-6:00PM (3G Pitch)  
PAIGNTON ACADEMY, WATERLEAT RD (TQ3 3WA)  
MALE WALKING FOOTBALL: 5:30-6:30 (3G Pitch)  
FEMALE WALKING FOOTBALL: 5:30-6:30 (3G Pitch)

**THURSDAY:** PAIGNTON ACADEMY, WATERLEAT RD (TQ3 3WA)  
MINI GULLS: 5:30-6:30PM (SPORTS HALL)  
GIRLS WILDCATS: 5:30-6:30PM (3G Pitch)  
TEENAGE GULLS: 5:30-7:00PM (3G Pitch)  
FUTURE STARS DEVELOPMENT SESSION (Year 1-3): 5:00-6:00pm (3G Pitch)  
FUTURE STARS DEVELOPMENT SESSION (Year 4-6): 6:00-7:00pm (3G Pitch)

BOOK HERE:  
<https://torquay-united-cst.classforkids.io>



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Email  
[admin@tucst.co.uk](mailto:admin@tucst.co.uk)  
for more  
information!

# 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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# 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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# PLACES KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1) MAY HALF TERM 2026

[moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free](https://moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free)



## **ANGUS STEAKHOUSE**

Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm

## **ASDA**

Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend

## **ASK ITALIAN**

2 Kids eat free 27th March - 19th April 2026

## **BELLA ITALIA**

Children eat free Sunday - Thursday

## **BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE**

2 Kids Eat Free Breakfast with 1 paying adult

## **BILLS**

Kids eat free Mon 25th - Fri 29th May 2026

## **BREWDOG**

Kids eat free 23rd - 31st May 2026

## **CAFE ROUGE**

Kids Eat FREE 12-4pm every day of the week

## **CHIQUITO**

Kids eat free during all school holidays

## **COCONUT TREE**

Kids eat free during half terms

## **DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES**

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal purchase

## **FARMHOUSE INNS**

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

## **FLAMING GRILL PUBS**

Kids eat FREE from 25th - 29th May 2026

## **FRANKIE & BENNY'S**

Kids eat FREE during school holidays

## **FRANCO MANCIA**

Kids eat FREE school holidays Mon-Thurs

## **FUTURE INNS**

Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal

## **GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS**

Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day

## **HUNGRY HORSE**

Kids eat for £1 from 25th to 29th May 2026.

## **IKEA**

Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

## **LAS IGUANAS**

Kids under 12 eat FREE via the App

## **MARCO PIERRE WHITE**

Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend

## **MORRISONS**

Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend

## **PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM**

Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend all day

## **PIZZA HUT**

Kids Eat Free Every Day after 3pm

## **PREMIER INN**

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

## **PRETO**

Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult

## **PREZZO**

Kids up to age 12 eat for £1 during half terms

## **PUREZZA**

Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal

## **SA BRAINS PUBS**

Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays

## **SIZZLING PUBS**

Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm

## **TABLE TABLE**

2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult

## **TESCO**

Kids eat free May half term with any adult spend

## **TGI FRIDAYS**

Kids Eat Free Mon 11th - Sun 31st May (Via App)

## **THE REAL GREEK**

Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend

## **TRAVELODGE**

2 kids eat for free with 1 adult breakfast

## **TURTLE BAY**

Kids eat free with every £15 adult spend via app

## **VILLAGE HOTELS**

Kids eat free weekdays via the village app

## **WHITBREAD INNS**

2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast

## **YO! SUSHI**

Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays

## **ZIZZI**

Kids eat free via app during school holidays

# 2025-26 Term Dates



Summer 2026	Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May - Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026
	Last day	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2026
	Non-Pupil Day	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2026
	Summer holidays	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July - 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 inclusive



**Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd June are Non-Pupil days.**  
**Pupils return after the half-term break**  
**on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

# Schools half-termly round-up

## Oldway

- Pupils celebrated Earth Day by thinking about the small things that can make a difference to the future of our planet
- Beach School launched with Reception pupils learning how to create channels
- Some classes were busy at the school allotment, trimming back and preparing beds for planting a variety of fruit and vegetables
- Breakwater Beach class had a fantastic day in Brixham where they enjoyed beachcombing, spotted a pirate ship and came back with lots of ideas for their persuasive writing work
- Reception pupils showed how they could be responsible citizens, litter picking in the school grounds
- Year 5/6 Girls football team won their league with a 100% win record
- Year 6 children completed their SATS Week

## Roselands

- Stay & Play sessions have been very successful, welcoming those looking for a friendly chat or a place for their little ones to explore
- Year 1 explorers kicked off their first Forest School session, gathering around the fire pit and toasting bread rolls
- Pearl and Moonstone classes participated in cricket-based sports festivals hosted at Paignton Academy
- The youngest learners in Reception and The Bay have been monitoring the rapid growth of our tiny classroom caterpillars
- Year 3 and 4 geologists embarked on a hands-on journey deep into the Earth's crust to explore the fascinating world of rocks
- Year 6 children completed their SATS Week
- Reception classes had a fantastic time exploring the Rare Breeds Farm
- Pupils took part in 'Break the Rules Day'

## Shiphay

- As part of their Personal Development learning the children had a look at why first aid is important and what to do in an emergency
- The Burrow had a wonderful time during their visit to Slapton Ley where they explored the woods and the beach
- Year 6 children completed their SATS Week
- Year 4 had a fantastic 'I like to Move it, Groove it' workshop at Torquay Boys' Grammar School
- KS2 held a very special outdoor assembly to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday
- Year 4 went on a virtual visit to the Natural History Museum, learning about where earthquakes happen creating their own seismographs and understanding the damage that earthquakes can cause.
- Year 5 were lucky to try out the brand-new climbing wall at Torquay Boys' Grammar School
- Year 5 took part in their second mini police workshop exploring what bullying is
- Year 1/2 had a super INSITE session with their parents & carers to complete the final "make" part of their DT project.
- Year 4 Careers Week took place with a construction theme

