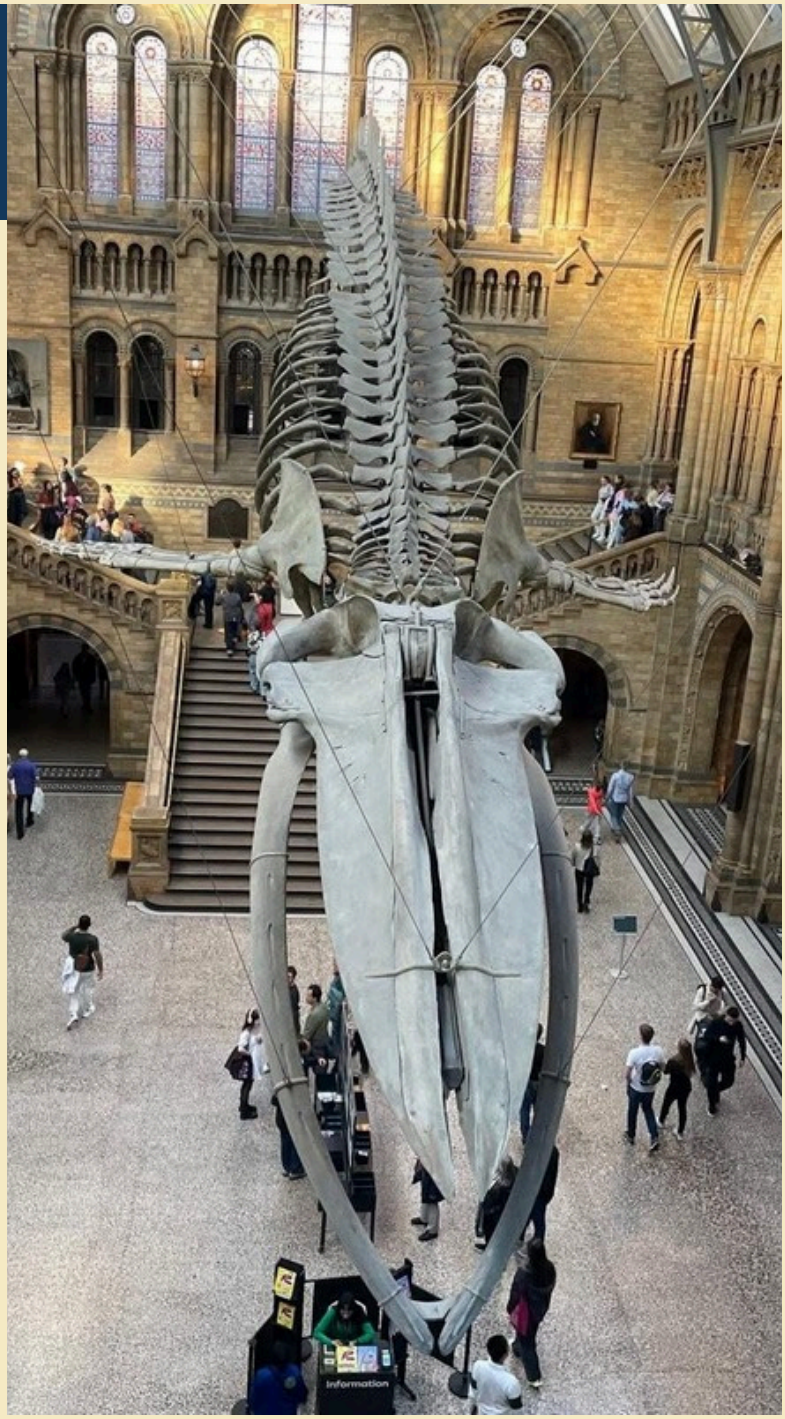
Riviera News

Autumn 1 October 2026



Year 5 pupils at Shiphay were lucky enough to visit the Natural History Musuem as part of their trip to London. See more about the activities Riviera 70 offers our pupils HERE

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Interested?

Want to give back to your local community? We're looking for volunteer Governors across our schools. Click HERE

Riviera Education Trust

Message from the CEO



Dear Parents and Carers

As we reach the end of our first half term, thank you for helping us make such a positive start to the year. It has been a joy to see our children settle so well, including our newest Reception pupils.

This issue is packed with highlights. Through Riviera 70, pupils have explored Kents Cavern, toured the Houses of Parliament and enjoyed visits from inspiring authors and experts. Our schools have also been busy in the local community, from harvest donations to scarecrow trails.

Thank you to everyone who completed our parent surveys. Your feedback was overwhelmingly positive, and we will keep acting on what you tell us. My thanks also go to our Premises Team for the improvements they delivered across our schools over the summer.

If you would like to play a bigger part in school life, please consider becoming a governor or supporting our Voluntary Donation Scheme.

Please remember that Monday 2nd November is a Non-Pupil Day, and children return on Tuesday 3rd November.

Wishing you all a safe and happy half term.

Best wishes

Stewart Biddles
CEO





More Riviera 70 in action! Year 2/3 pupils from Shiphay had an incredible day exploring Kents Cavern, stepping back in time to uncover fascinating facts about the Stone Age.

Parent Surveys

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

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

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

Reception - Settling in Survey



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



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



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



of you **Agreed** that it's easy to contact the school



Years 1 - 6 Back to School Survey



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



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



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

more on the next page ...

Parent Surveys cont...

Action on feedback from the last survey

At Roselands ....

- **Clubs & Activities** - We have reviewed our full club offer for this year to ensure variety and engagement - we now offer many more clubs with a mixture of free school run clubs and paid for external clubs.
- **School Meals** - We have passed the comments to Caterlink. They came into school for our open evening in the summer term and offered food tasting to families. They will do the same for the Autumn parents evening this term.
- **School Costs** - We have merged our House Days with other days, such as 'Harvest' so that parents/carers aren't having to pay towards two different events.
- **Site Access** - We reminded all staff to ensure gates are opened and children are dismissed promptly at the designated times. This is something that has come up from a couple of parents this term again - so we have reminded staff again!

At Shiphay ....

- **Toilets** - parents and pupils raised concerns about toilets - the toilets in the main corridor have been completely renovated. Other toilets have been redecorated and plans are in place for improvements.
- **Playground equipment and facilities** - FOSS are on board with supporting this. New resources have been purchased to encourage active playtimes and these will be introduced on the playground after half term. The process for developing the playground is underway and we are at the stage of getting quotes from companies. We have a £2k grant and a significant investment from FOSS.
- **Concerns about menu and food provided by Caterlink** - children were involved in feeding back to Caterlink (through pupil council) and this information has gone into developing the new menu.

At Oldway ....

- **Communication** - We have worked very hard to ensure communication is improved with 'Next Week at Oldway'; a review of Seesaw; a team who do gate duty both morning and evening; an increase in coffee mornings to allow parents to meet; high profile social media posts and regular newsletters.

What you wanted us to know this time ...

"I am super impressed with everything that is available to the children and even though it's only been 2 weeks my child has loved every day and was sad it was the weekend because there was no school."

"My son is absolutely loving school. He loves talking about everything he did and learnt at school."

"My child has settled in well and showing enjoyment in all the learning. Enjoys coming home and showing and telling me what she has learnt."

"So happy with how the school communicates to its parents. My children feel safe and enjoy school."

"The teachers are incredible. Thank you for all of your support of the children."

"... lots of school trips and clubs. A lot more than other schools and we appreciate the opportunity children get."



Celebrating the work of our Trust Premises Team

A huge thank you to our Trust Premises Team for the fantastic work completed across our schools over the summer!

The summer break is always an incredibly busy period, with projects carefully planned and delivered within a short window to minimise disruption and ensure our schools are ready for the new academic year. This summer has seen a fantastic range of improvements across the Trust, delivered through a combination of the hard work of our Premises Team and trusted external contractors.

At Oldway ...

At Oldway, there was the expansion of the nursery provision, including a new nursery space and corridor, funded through the School-Based Nursery Grant, creating additional provision for our youngest children and a welcoming, purposeful environment in which they can learn and develop.

A new fence and astro-turf area was installed for the two-year-old nursery provision, which opened in September. This provides the children with a safe and engaging outdoor space to play and explore.

In addition, the Premises Team painted the outside of the KS2 block, giving the building a fresh, clean appearance and helping to improve the overall look of the school site.







At Roselands ...

At Roselands, 27 new fire doors were installed throughout the school, funded through a School Condition Improvement Grant. This was a substantial project involving work across the school and represents an important investment in the safety and condition of the building.









At Shiphay ...

At Shiphay, there has been the installation of new toilets for Years 3 and 4, providing improved facilities for pupils and enhancing the school environment.

The team also installed a new fence outside the school, with particular thanks to Andy and Simon, who put the fence together themselves. Their hard work and practical expertise have made a real difference to the appearance and security of the school site.

These projects are a great example of the breadth of work undertaken by our Trust Premises Team. In addition to these significant projects, the team also completed a number of smaller and just as important projects across each of the schools. Much of what they do happens behind the scenes, but the impact is seen and felt every day by our pupils and staff.







Year 4 pupils at Shiphay had a fantastic **Animal Encounters** session as part of their geography learning, meeting a three banded armadillo, rainbow boa constrictor, skink, Pygmy owl, red knee tarantula, witchetty grubs and sun beetles!





Year 5 and 6 at Oldway enjoyed a fantastic story telling morning with the brilliant author **Clive Pig**. As always they were throughly entertained by Clive's amazing Roman tales linked to their current history learning.



KS1 & 2 children at Roselands enjoyed exciting **Spanish assemblies** with Patty from **Kidslingo**. The children discovered that Spanish is spoken by over 360 million people worldwide and is the first language of 21 countries.



Riviera 70



Year 5 pupils at Shiphay had a fantastic visit to the Houses of Parliament, visiting The Commons and The Lords and learning all about how Parliament works. Following their visit they went on a sightseeing walk of key London sights including Westminster Abbey, Buckingham Palace and Downing Street.



They topped off their day with a visit to the Natural History Museum. what an amazing opportunity for them all!



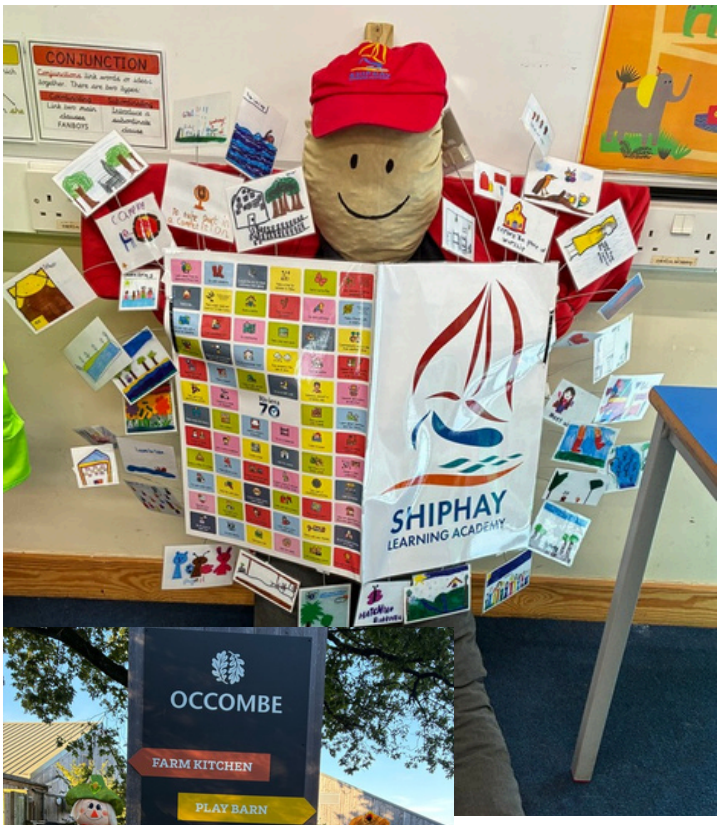
Trust schools in the community

Year 3 and 4 children at Roselands have been busy harvesting the vegetables they have grown in their garden.

The children were delighted to donate their freshly harvested vegetables to the **Roselands Nursery Foodbank**, helping to support local families in our community.









Shiphay's Eco Council helped make a scarecrow as part of **Occombe Farm's October Scarecrow trail**.



Children at Oldway thoroughly enjoyed the **Harvest celebrations** - a mountain of food was generously donated by kind families to support **Paignton Larder and local families in need.**





Parents of under 5's have been welcomed to Oldway and Roselands schools for **Stay and Play Coffee Mornings**. Little ones can play and parents can connect with other local parents and enjoy a hot cup of tea or coffee. The schools' SENDCOs and Family Support Workers are on hand to welcome and support.

Upcoming events can be found on the Calendar under the Parents menu on the each school website.



A group of Year 6 pupils at Oldway have been working hard to create a sculpture to be shown along with others, at **Paignton Zoo** this half term. If their sculpture is voted favourite, we could win a box of books for school! The sculptures were based around the idea of fantasy creatures within stories.

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:

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Account Number: 45681068
Sort Code: 30-88-04

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Shiphay
Bank: Lloyds Bank
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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.

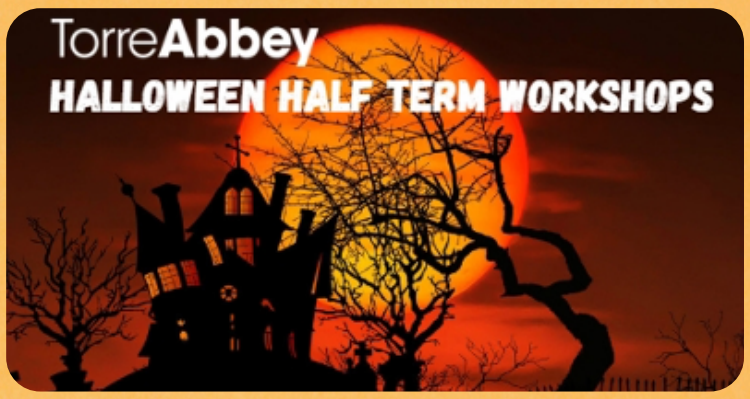
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Half Term Holiday Fun

Click on the images for more information



Kents Cavern



Torre Abbey



Seaton Tramway



Oldway Gardens Volunteers



Fright lights at Babacombe Model Village





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2026 - 27 Term Dates

Autumn Term 2026	**Non-Pupil Day**	**Thursday 3rd September 2026**
	Non-Pupil Day	**Friday 4th September 2026**
	First Day	Monday 7th September 2025
	Half Term	Monday 26th October - Monday 2nd November 2026 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	**Monday 2nd November 2026**
	Last Day	Friday 18th December 2026
	Christmas holidays	Monday 21st December 2026 - Monday 4th January 2027 inclusive
Spring Term 2027	**Non-Pupil Day**	**Monday 4th January 2027**
	First Day	Tuesday 5th January 2027
	Half Term	Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027
	Last day	Thursday 25th March 2027
	Easter holidays	Friday 26th March - Friday 9th April 2027
Summer Term 2027	First day	Monday 12th April 2027
	Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May 2027
	Half term	Monday 31st May - Tuesday 7th June 2027 inclusive
	Non-Pupil Day	**Monday 7th June 2027**
	Last Day	Friday 23rd July 2027
	Summer holidays	Monday 26th July - Friday 3rd September 2027 inclusive



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Schools half-termly round-up

Roselands

- KS1 & 2 pupils enjoyed exciting Spanish assemblies;
- Year 3 and 4 children have been busy harvesting the vegetables they have grown in their garden to donate to the Roselands Nursery Foodbank;
- The school hosted its first Cosmic Yoga Club with soft music, gentle stretches and guide relaxation;
- There was democracy in action as pupils voted for their class representatives;
- Children submitted thoughtful and inspiring letters to be considered for the Senior School Council and as House Captains;
- The school held its first PSA meeting of the year and there was a great turnout;
- Children in Years 1 – 6 have been encouraged to take part in the BBC's 500 words story-writing competition;

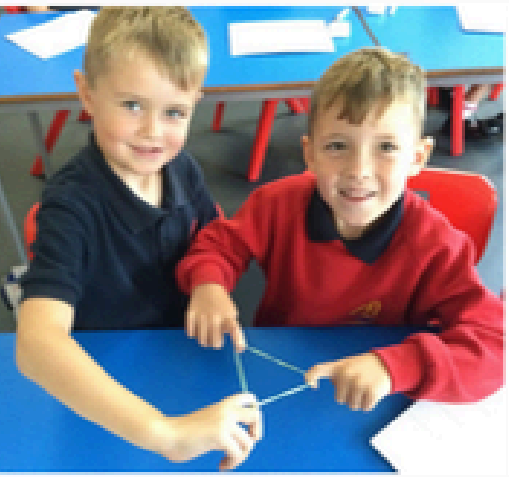
Shiphay

- Pupils prepared for the election of Eco Council and Pupil Council representatives;
- Year 1 pupils explored their creative skills making self-portraits;
- Reception pupils were joined by pupils from Torquay Boys' Grammar who helped the children in their phonics lessons;
- The newly elected Eco Council made a fabulous start to the year setting up the school's gardening area ready to begin planting their own vegetables;
- As part of Riviera 70, Year 6 pupils took part in the Agatha Christie Festival with a fabulous creating writing workshop at Torre Abbey;
- Year 4 pupils had a fantastic Animal Encounters session as part of their geography learning, meeting a three banded armadillo, rainbow boa constrictor, skink, Pygmy owl, red knee tarantula, witchetty grubs and sun beetles;
- Years 2 – 6 enjoyed a fabulous disco, run by FOSS;
- Year 2/3 had an incredible day exploring Kents Cavern, stepping back in time to uncover Stone Age facts!
- Year 5 visited London for a tour of the Houses of Parliament, The Natural History Museum and the sights of London;
- Year 6 enjoyed an exciting residential at Heatree House

Oldway

- Parent Welcome Meetings were held for each key phase;
- The school celebrated the publication of the summer's fantastic academic results;
- Pupils voted to elect their School Councillors for the year;
- Stay & Play Coffee Mornings welcomed the Oldway School community;
- Year 5/6 boys' football got off to a flying start winning two friendly matches against White Rock Primary;
- Children from Reception up to Year 6 took part in Torbay Public Health's 'Super Soap Heroes' handwashing poster competition;
- Year 6 Prefect applications opened;
- Children enjoyed the Harvest celebration at Christ Church;
- OSF ran spookily fun Halloween Discos for Years 1 – 6 pupils;
- Year 6 pupils enjoyed an entertaining visit from author Clive Pig
- Year 6 enjoyed an exciting residential at Heatree House
- A group of Year 6 pupils worked hard to create a sculpture to be shown at Paignton Zoo during half term.


Parts of Parliament



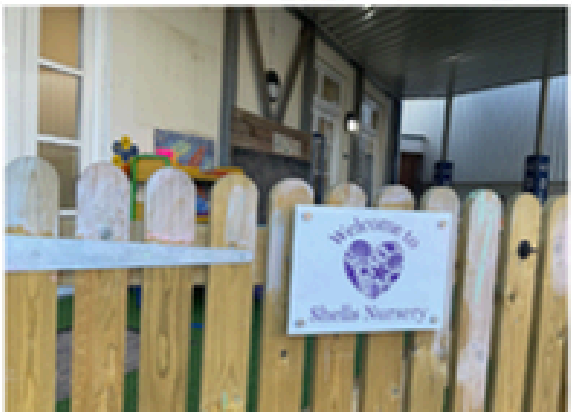







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Welcome to
Shells Nursery

